



SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JULY 20, 2006

Selectboard Members Present: Shaun Bryer; Chair, Brian Kellogg, David Yacovone
Todd Yando, Steve Bousquet

Moderator: David Polow

Department Heads: David Crawford, Mary Ann Wilson,

Morristown "Friends of the Taxpayers" Group Members: Paul Griswold, Richard
"Buckwheat" Lowe, Sondra Sanborn, David Sanborn, Adrian West,
Tina Tomlinson, Frank Lamphere,

Guests: Amy Noyes, John Bauer, Lisa McCormack, Betsy Bernhart, Carl Jaborek,
Karen Lynch, Ed Dubor,

Chair Shaun Bryer called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM at the conference room above Hilary's.

Shaun gave overview of meeting goals and introduced Dave Polow as Moderator for the meeting.

Paul Griswold: Requested the Selectboard expand on "site available which is time sensitive" and also asked they elaborate on Town Hall ideas and thoughts in order to get discussion started.

Shaun Bryer: Responded with space options currently available to the Town for purchase or rental.

Paul Griswold: Asked if any sites had been evaluated yet.

Shaun: Responded saying the Selectboard wanted to hold this meeting before evaluating any space available.

The group discussed the use of local contractors and where the contracts with Dore & Whittier and Pizzagalli currently stood.

Paul Griswold asked the Selectboard in what ways the Taxpayers Group could have helped or harmed the votes that came up this past year.

Shaun: Stated that nobody from the Taxpayers Group went to any of the informational meetings and that the calling of the Board "unethical" was very harmful.

Todd Yando: Agreed with Shaun and also gave his thoughts on the need for space.

Brian Kellogg: Agreed with Shaun as well and noted that he is not the Board to raise his own taxes.

Steve Bousquet: Stated that accusatory tones and negative press were harmful, also stated that he is trying to do the best job he can do and wants for the negativity to stop.

David Yacovone: Grateful for the opportunity of being on the Board and is excited to be moving forward.

Adrian West: Addressed the Selectboard with his concerns.

Paul Griswold and Buckwheat Lowe: Gave preliminary information regarding the Graded School as an option. Paul noted he has meeting arranged with School Board Chair for next week.

Discussion held over Taxpayers belief of Board comment "throw it at the taxpayers and see what happens".

Shared sources of agitation between the two groups were discussed. David Yacovone asked the "Friends" group if they were ready to move on and put things behind them.

Discussion over "Facilities Committee" was held and the outcome of the proposal that was made by the committee.

Sondra Sanborn requested a list by the Selectboard of priorities for the community in order of need and funding. She also discussed Union Carbide as still being a viable option.

David Yacovone: Wondered of the framework for going forward might be to ask the community what is needed and what do they feel they can afford. Dave also agreed with Sondra regarding a priority list.

Carl Jaborek: Asked the both Boards what they see happening 10, 20 or even 30 years down the road? Discussed the population and how it is dropping.

Adrian West: Spoke of past Selectmen and how the Town Meeting should be changed to Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings instead of one day.

Dave Polow: Responded that statistically the date or time change would not add more people to attend to Town Meeting but that is it definitely worth a try. He also said he feels more people should attend Town Meeting.

Shaun: Expressed interest in the Tegu Building as option for Town Hall and stated his reasons for support without having done any research yet.

Paul continued to speak on the Graded Building option.

Ed Dubor: Expressed his agreement in researching what the community thinks they can afford. Spoke about technology being cost effective and saving money as well as the Town addressing other issues besides the Town office building.

Paul asked that the "Friends" group go off and come up with a presentation of the ideas they have and that the Selectboard do the same and meet again to compare and discuss in 7-10 days. Stated they could have theirs ready for next Thursday (7/27).

Shaun stated that also he would be interested in holding a Community Chicken Pie Supper or Pot Luck and having a non-binding vote to get a sense of where the Town is in their thinking.

Paul suggested a telephone survey. Shaun agreed with that idea and said he would like to see things get moving and not sit on this for a long period of time. Stated that the Town has been waiting a long time already.

Discussion held over current Town Office not being up to code or handicapped accessible. It was agreed that something will have to be done.

Carl Jaborek: Agreed with the Pot Luck idea.

Paul: Thanked the Selectboard for taking the time to meet with the "Friends of the Taxpayers" group and for listening to what they had to say.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Todd Yando the Board adjourned their meeting at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 24th day of July, 2006.

Lisa Laughlin; Administrative Assistant

Minutes Approved

Date