

SELECT BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2021 5:30PM

Quorum noted

A. 5:30 PM: Meeting called to order by Chairperson Donhauser.

B. Roll Call: Mr. Donhauser, Mr. Orestis, Mr. McPherson, and Mr. Widi.

Absent: Mr. Lytle.

C. Public Comment/Requests:

5:31 PM 1) Janice Cerabona – Citizen's Option Meeting

Ms. Cerabona said that I've been to the Citizen's Option Meeting (COM) before. I've supported the Library before. I was at that meeting to make a motion for the Library, which I did, and then needed to get home. Thursday evening I received a phone call and he was very upset that I hijacked the Town Meeting; that it was my fault that there was no longer a quorum, etc. I know, because I've been there before, that I followed the process that we have in place for a COM. The COM is to give another opinion and to have people support that, or not support that, so that it can appear on the Town Ballot where we hopefully have more and more people voting, which is the purpose behind the COM. I lived here for more than 70 years and been involved in the Town in a lot of different ways. My job helped me rely on whether people got up and voted when I was doing pre-k when it first came to the Town. For eight years it was a single item on the budget that was voted up or down, depending on the number of people who showed up and voted for that particular issue. That happened until, in 1985, the Town took it over as part of the school budget. I know there are a lot of things and I know that people put up their best interests as to what they feel is important when they speak. What I'm upset about is the fact that that is the option we have. That is the process we set up. Once that's set up, if I'm following the rules for that set-up, I shouldn't be called out as disrupting and hijacking a Town Meeting when I followed the process that's in place. If there is a problem, the process needs to be fixed, not coming down on me for something I did, which was supposed to be done. I'm very upset about what happened and I really feel that I had to let you know.

5:33 PM Mr. Donhauser said thank you for coming and telling us about your problem. There are, I guess, questions I've seen in recent emails are questions about the process. But you were following the protocol and the meeting went as it was supposed to go.

Ms. Cerabona said that that would have been fine but the people in charge did not defend the fact that I did that. They allowed people to say and never explained to them that I did not hijack anything. It shouldn't have been allowed for people to

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make those comments at the meeting without anyone explaining to them that I did not do that. The person who called me told me what was said at the meeting.

5:34 PM Mr. Donhauser said that you have to understand that at a meeting there is freedom of speech.

Ms. Cerabona said that I get freedom of speech. That's not my problem. Someone should have said that it is then the process, not the people who use the process. And I think you need to know that because then people leave thinking we did something we shouldn't have done and we did not. We followed the process that you have in place at this time. If you need to change the process, that's up to you. I'm upset about the fact that people were allowed to believe I did something wrong when I did not. I followed your rules.

Mr. Donhauser said that I don't disagree with that. You did the right thing. I don't have a problem with what you did at the meeting. He asked if any Board member, or other individual, had a comment to make.

Ms. Rawski said that that process is driven by the Town Meeting Referendum Ordinance, not Charter, so it's an order driven by that method. There was no intent by anyone there, I believe, to not defend what you did. That process is something we've down now for a number of years and the people that are participating should understand that process. It's an ordinance that's posted within our Code. It's posted on our website, as well, so it should be something that people are well-aware of. I agree with you. You did not hijack the meeting. It is a process that you were allowed to do so I understand your concerns. We spoke about this at the last SB meeting that there had been some feedback on that and to look at options for potentially amending that ordinance to make it better all the way around for all citizens. But it clearly allows what happened to happen; that you didn't do anything wrong and you shouldn't be held accountable for that. I've had a lot of explaining over the past week since that occurred, talking with people about that process. I have legal opinions from our attorneys. It's not the first time this has happened. It is a process and I've spoken with the SB that we need to do something to make it better.

5:37 PM Ms. Cerabona said that that is my main purpose in coming. I know I didn't do anything wrong but, regardless of what we like to think, it is very difficult to communicate with the general public; that that is the reason all these things occur in the first place. Not everyone gets the same message. Not everyone attends the meetings and they aren't all well-informed so they don't know how it really works. I was able to speak to this gentleman and explain what happened. He was new to Town and didn't know the process or the history behind it. He didn't like it and I'm not upset with someone not liking a particular situation. I just want to make sure that everybody understands that the whole purpose behind it is to give

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the most number of people to voice their opinion and it's very difficult to get that to happen.

5:38 PM Mr. Widi said that you didn't do anything wrong. I heard from people, as well, and I think part of it that I think would solve the perception of hijacking the meeting is if we amend the ordinance so that you'd still need the 67 votes to make it a Citizen's Option but not based on that number being in attendance. What happens is that the people that are in opposition are incentivized not to show up. For example, a good number of the Budget Committee didn't show up. I'm sure they would have been happy to be there and speak their opinion because they feel strongly the other way. So, if we made the amendment that you need 67 'yea' votes to get it on the ballot, then I think that would be an appropriate way of doing it in the future. Obviously, we have more of these conversations to go but that would stop the perception that you hijacked the meeting. You didn't do anything wrong. You did it 100% right. If I had been in your shoes, I would have done it exactly the same way. So, if anyone has an issue, have them watch the first few minutes of this but I think that, if we made that small amendment, it would really solve a lot of those problems.

Ms. Cerabona said but wait a minute. When everything was said and done, nobody asked a question. We had all kinds of material available to support any questions and I don't understand why anyone would think by not showing up, they would have given the other side a chance.

5:40 PM Mr. Widi said that, by not showing up, they participated in you getting to 67. If you had 66 people there and they don't show up, then they automatically win without showing up. That's the point I'm trying to make. A few years ago the library was one or two votes short; if they don't show up they are incentivized to not show up. If we have a way that they can show up, speak their mind, they could still lose but that doesn't look like you are hijacking the meeting. I don't want to spend all night on this but you did everything 100% right.

Ms. Cerabona said that my main purpose is that something needs to be fixed.

Mr. (Jim) Tessier said that I think we might be missing the point that there were a lot of other people at the meeting that might have wanted to talk about something other than the library. Because that whole group got up and left, the people that were there that might have wanted to talk about some of the other warrant articles, didn't have that opportunity. Like Ms. Cerabona said, the whole purpose of that meeting is to get more people involved in the budget process and having the COM is an opportunity for the residents to show up and discuss warrant articles and potentially add a different number to the warrant article. Yes, the Library was very successful in what they wanted to do but none of the other residents got an

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opportunity to adjust any of the other warrant articles because the whole group got up and left right after that vote.

5:42 PM Mr. Donhauser said that anybody had an opportunity to ask questions about each article. Those individuals leaving didn't preclude them from asking questions. I actually spoke about every article individually.

Mr. Tessier said that they had an opportunity to discuss the warrant articles but they did not the opportunity to add a different number to the warrant if they felt a different number was a better number. That's the whole purpose of the meeting.

Ms. Cerabona said that I'm trying to make the same point. People who really wanted to have something to talk about all should have been there, anyway. It shouldn't just have been the people from the Library to get the number up. It's trying to get more people to have a discussion, which is why in the first place, we went this way because the Town Meeting was just a few people coming and making all the decisions.

Ms. Rawski said that I think an important point for everyone to remember is why are we waiting to get to the point of the COM for the citizens to speak in opposition, or in favor of, some budget item. We have a very long budget process, with putting that budget together, and several meetings between the SB and Budget Committee, then independent meetings by the Budget Committee and the SB. So we have to remember that there are plenty of opportunities for the residents and voters to get involved, engaged, speak their piece on these budget articles before we even get to the COM; that maybe there would be more ideas going into that and the budgets might be different if there was more discussion before we got to the point of COM. There are a lot of budget meetings for citizens to participate in and I just want to remind everyone of that. Those are open meetings for everyone to go to and speak at.

5:44 PM Mr. McPherson said that I think people were caught off-guard because there were people who hadn't been there before. They were caught off-guard because the article did get moved up. Clearly, when the article got moved up, the intention was to vote on that article and then that crowd was going to leave. I think there were some people there that didn't realize what was going to happen. The article got moved from 24th to 3rd. There was no doubt in mind that it was going to get voted on and that library group was going to leave. They were then caught off-guard by it and we didn't have a quorum anymore so, basically, you have a public hearing. I think there was some irritation with people because the library group that was there had one intention and that was it.

Ms. Cerabona said that, however, that is the third time that has happened. The first time they didn't have enough people there. The second time they learned they

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had to have more people there. The third time, as well, they knew they needed the numbers because that's what it's all about. But I think there should be enough numbers so that the COM can stay in place regardless of the ones who have an interest.

5:46 PM Mr. McPherson said that I did have somebody make a comment to me that all these people only care about is the Library. They got up and walked out. They didn't care about all the other issues. Those were the comments made to me.

Ms. Cerabona said that last year we wanted to advocate for the fireworks and I was going to use the COM for the same reason. The SB put in the money because of all the changes that were made knowing that, if we couldn't have Eliot Festival Day, then people certainly weren't going to vote for the fireworks. I think all of that worked out the way it should have worked out. I went through that budget and saw how close the Budget Committee and SB were on most items so I didn't have any concern for those items. The concern I had was about the Library. That's all.

Mr. Donhauser suggested we should consider this more in a future SB meeting. Perhaps have a quick workshop on this to make it more transparent and fair type of arrangement.

5:48 PM Mr. Tessier said that I agree that having a workshop would be a good idea because we do need to fix the ordinance. The message being sent is, if you're not part of the Library, you're not going to have any input into the COM. That's too bad, as it's sending a negative message. And, yes, there should have been more people there, I guess. And yes, they do have opportunities during the budget review process. But that was specifically why the ordinance was set up and the COM was established to try to get more people involved in the process. I think we need to figure out a way to continue to encourage the residents to be part of the process and come to the COM. We need their input, thoughts, and ideas because there could be things the SB and Budget Committee are overlooking or some other need in the Town. I want to encourage people to be there to support the ordinance as designed.

Mr. Donhauser said that I think we will have a workshop on this topic.

Ms. Cerabona thanked the SB for listening to her

5:49 PM **2) Letter from Kenneth & Carolyn McGee**

Mr. Donhauser said that we have a letter from the McGee's suggesting and strongly encouraging that Ms. Rawski be considered for the position of Town Manager. You actually responded to the SB before.

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Ms. Rawski said that they were very kind words and I appreciate them very much.

Mr. Donhauser said that I think many, many people feel like the McGee's do.
You do a very good job for the Town.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

5:50 PM Motion by Mr. Donhauser, second by Mr. Orestis, to approve the minutes of the Special Select Board Meeting of March 18, 2021, as written.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Donhauser – Yes

Mr. Orestis – Yes

Mr. McPherson - Yes

Mr. Widi – Yes

Unanimous vote to approve motion.

E. Department Head/Committee Reports

5:51 PM 1) KACTS – Capital Projects

Ms. Rawski said that Mr. Brubaker, our Planner, is here and he is going to provide you with an update.

Mr. Brubaker shared his screen PowerPoint. The background on this is to seek SB input on some upcoming transportation and other capital project funding opportunities. One of those is the 2024 Capital Improvement Allocation and that is from the SMPDC, which staffs the Kittery Area Comprehensive Transportation System (KACTS). These are the regional agencies that help us and, specifically, fund transportation-related projects. The other opportunity is one that has come up recently – the Federal Community Funding Project for FY 2022, and that's through the office of Congresswoman Pingree. You can see a letters and emails from Stephanie Carver (KACTS) in your packet. The first opportunity is for transportation projects. Because it's a pretty quick turn-around (April 19th), that's why we wanted to get on this meeting to see if you had any input on that. What we're talking about is a bit over \$600,000 of federal funding for calendar year 2024. Like most federal projects, they would be 80% federally funded. There would be a 10% State match and locals would have to come up with a 10% match. Project site visits would occur in April/early May and then funding decisions would be made at the May KACTS Meeting. The second opportunity is through the US House of Representatives. Each member of Congress will submit lists of projects to the House Appropriations Committee for consideration in FY

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2022 federal budget. Eligible recipients are local government or non-profits, with a deadline of April 19th. There are some real challenges with this funding. There are a limited number of projects for the whole congressional district and, once those are submitted, those would compete with projects across the country. There was a webinar, today, on this funding and they emphasize that a lot of really good projects would get turned down just because of the limited number of projects they can fund. They would need to be shovel-ready in FY 2022. They would need to demonstrate community support and we would need to let them about any projects we would want to submit by April 19th. And it's subject to Senate action. We may not know the results until October 1st, which is the start of the federal fiscal year. Regarding benefits, I was surprised on the webinar today. There are a whole bunch of federal funding sources where you could seek funding from. So, there's a lot of different colors of money, as they say. But you'd have to meet the eligibility criteria for that funding source. It's not only transportation-related funding but there's some USDA agriculture funding sources, rural broadband, Department of Housing and Urban Development, a whole bunch of federal funding sources that you could draw from for this program. The SMPDC is a resource for us; that they have been working hard researching this funding and can help us if we have any priorities to share with them. As I said, this is more than transportation. It could be water and sewer-related or housing-related. We may be able to partner with neighboring jurisdictions or offer letters of support for projects that are regional in nature or they might be in a neighboring jurisdiction but there still might be some benefits for us. So, for the purposes of discussion, I wanted to list some projects that a lot of you are familiar with. We, of course, have the all-important Route 236 TIF-funded Water & Sewer Project and based on the current schedule from Underwood Engineers, all phases of that would be expected to start in or around the federal fiscal year 2022. The idea is that Maine DOT would do an overlay of Route 236 after the TIF-funded Water & Sewer Project. Then we have these Route 236 Traffic & Safety Studies that SMPDC has helped us with. Phase I was finished in 2019 (Stevenson Road in Kittery to Beech Road) and Phase II is the draft in progress. You may recall that, a few months ago, you looked at one particular draft recommendation, which was a round-about concept at Depot Road. The general recommendation in these studies is to add center turn lanes and medians along Route 236, depending on whether there is a driveway. Intersection improvements, driveway consolidation. Closing or shortening some driveways, and signage and stripping improvements. I have certainly heard a lot about the Bolt Hill Road intersection. The study recommends turn lanes, it says that the intersection doesn't quite meet warrants for a traffic signal but I believe that could change in the next few years. It does recommend a curb extension and a one-way-in at Fernald Road across from Aroma Joe's. On Depot Road, based on the input we received from you and the PB, the round-about got mixed reviews. We talked with SMPDC about that and they said it could stay an option in the study but it would not be shown as a preferred alternative. For State Road, the study recommends just a new southbound right

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turn lane and using pavement marking upgrades to “T” that intersection at Route 236. Dover/Goodwin Road is the highest crash intersection in the study so the draft study is proposing intersection improvements, such as left turn storage, added or improved traffic islands between turn lanes, signal improvements that replace the span wire with a mast arm, pedestrian improvements, including a side path for the Eastern Trail, which goes through that intersection. These are all conceptual or draft at this point, and are not shovel ready, with more design needed. I just wanted to note that there has been some interest recently exploring some corridors for active transportation – walking, bicycling, and jogging. The idea would be to seek more input from residents, stakeholders, and the SB on corridors to prioritize then work with SMPDC to bring those into the design phase. This isn’t necessarily tied to these two quick turn-around funding opportunities but is just something to think about. I have gotten some input from various folks on Main Street by the Boat Basin, connecting Main Street to the existing sidewalk by the elementary school with a new sidewalk then, also, Old Road connecting the existing sidewalk by the Library to Frost Tufts Park to have a continuous active transportation corridor there and access to more destinations. But I’ve also heard priorities on other roads; that a resident recently told me he’s interested in at least wide shoulders, if not a sidewalk, on Beech Road between State Road and Route 236. I also have some possible motions and/or directions if you are wondering what we might need from you tonight. At the end of April/early May we may see a final draft of Phase II of the Route 236 study. With that, I would be happy to answer any questions you have.

6:01 PM

Mr. Orestis said that that it seems, based on what you just said, that there is really only one project that would potentially fit into the timeframe you just discussed – the sewer project.

Mr. Brubaker said that, for that particular funding source (2022), I think that’s clearly our most shovel ready project. For the 2024 capital allocation, I think there’s enough lead time in there to think about other projects that might be able to be ready by then.

Mr. Orestis asked if it was just the 2022 project that is due next week or are they both due then.

Mr. Brubaker said that they are both due by April 19th. At the webinar, they apologized for the quick turn-around time, but that’s the state of things.

Mr. Donhauser asked about the potential for success if we actually apply for this funding is high, low, medium.

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6:02 PM Mr. Brubaker said that the potential for success for the community projects is, to be frank, unlikely but certainly not impossible. And there may be benefits to applying even if a project faces a challenge in getting funded.

Mr. Widi said that, to Mr. Brubaker's point, I work with the USDA a lot on grants, and stuff, and even if you get rejected the first time, they usually slide you to the top of the list. It was described to me by a grant writer that it's kind of like the mob; that once you're in, you're in and they'll take care of you, so just get in the system. On your motions, are you looking for us to specifically list the TIF for the 2022 project and a potential sidewalk for the 2024 project.

Mr. Brubaker said yes, kind of. The idea would be to fill in the blank with any project you feel would fit either of the funding sources.

Mr. Widi said so leave it open-ended for you to plug some projects in there.

Mr. Brubaker said that you could do that if you felt comfortable with that.

Mr. Widi moved, second by Mr. Orestis, that the Select Board direct Mr. Brubaker to start seeking grant funding for some infrastructure projects.

DISCUSSION

6:04 PM Mr. McPherson said that, as he said, it may be a shot in the dark but we're going to have Beech Road dug up for sewer. So a shot in the dark that a sidewalk could be part of the project. I don't know how you go about that but, if we're going to tear it up, it would be a perfect time to put a sidewalk down the side of Beech Road. But that would have to be in the 2022.

Mr. Brubaker said that you make a really good point. I would certainly like to find out how to make the rubrics cube solve and align all of that. I would certainly want to talk with some of the staff and Underwood Engineers. Sometimes, with the grant funds, it's sort of a Midas-touch thing where you get them and you don't want them affect at all the smooth delivery of a project so I'd want to touch base and make sure that grant funds could be infused.

Mr. McPherson said that Beech Road is a State-funded road, correct. They plow it and we maintain it, I believe.

6:06 PM Mr. Brubaker said that I was confused about that because, in our Comp Plan, it says State-aid but our GIS system says that that part of Beech Road is local.

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Mr. McPherson said that the Public Works Director would probably be able to fill you in on that. I just throw that in there because it would be a great time, when we dig it up, if somebody wanted to give us some money for a sidewalk down there.

Mr. Orestis said that another part would be that I think it makes sense to get community involvement to discuss any more potential sidewalks (active transportation corridor). I don't think you need a motion for that. I think we'd all be pretty much on board to hear input.

DISCUSSION ENDED

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Donhauser – Yes

Mr. Orestis – Yes

Mr. McPherson - Yes

Mr. Widi – Yes

Unanimous vote to approve motion.

6:09 PM 2) Town Manager Search Update

Mr. Donhauser said that I know I'm meeting with Ms. Granfield on Monday. Is that a Zoom meeting.

Ms. Rawski said that Ms. Granfield is actually going to be here in the office on Monday. She's planning to start work Monday and Tuesday 7AM to 5PM both of those days. She already has staff meetings set up with department heads. So, anybody is welcome to stop by and see her.

Mr. Miles said that I think this part of the agenda is regarding an update on the Search Committee, not really as much about Ms. Granfield.

Ms. Rawski updated the SB on the process and a couple of actions that need to be done, one action in particular that I feel is important to do this evening. We received 11 applicants for the committee and we have set up interview sessions, both Friday and Saturday. The important piece I think you need to do this evening before you go through the interviews is to select the number of committee members that you want to have. By the Charter, you have the option of not less than five and not more than seven and I thought it was important to set that up so you know how many appointments you will be making, if you so choose.

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Mr. Orestis asked about what if we choose five tonight and we get so blown away by the candidates that we have to make an adjustment on Monday. I was curious if that was permitted.

6:11 PM Ms. Rawski said that you can certainly wait and take that up in your special meeting on Monday when you're going to be talking about selection of the members. We just didn't know if that was something you wanted set in advance.

Mr. Orestis asked if there was any need for executive session to discuss, for instance, potential candidates between the five of us after we've interviewed the candidates. I don't know if we should have those conversations completely out in the open.

Mr. Miles said that I don't think they would qualify for an executive session. They're not personnel but a committee of the Town. Maybe looking at resumes would be confidential but, as far as the people, I don't think it would qualify.

Ms. Rawski agreed.

Mr. Donhauser agreed that we should wait to determine the number. There are benefits to having a smaller number and, obviously, there is benefit to having a larger number and there is a great group of individuals applying.

6:13 PM **3) Select Board to Sign/Approve Official Town Meeting Warrant & Certifications for June 8, 2021 Referendum**

Mr. Donhauser moved, second by Mr. Widi, that the Select Board approve and sign the official Town Meeting Warrants that were presented at the Citizen's Option Meeting and Certifications for the June 8, 2021 Referendum.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Donhauser – Yes

Mr. Orestis – Yes

Mr. McPherson - Yes

Mr. Widi – Yes

Unanimous vote to approve motion.

6:15 PM **4) Ratification of the Administrative Collective Bargaining Unit**

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Mr. Donhauser said that we just received notification that the Administrative Collective Bargaining Unit agreed to the negotiations that we have been undergoing. The contract that the SB is deciding on is to start July 1st, 2021.

Mr. Miles said that, once it's ratified, it starts immediately. It's just that the only thing that would change, would be that raises would go into effect July 1st. I believe the union has already had their vote so it goes to the SB. Once the SB votes it starts immediately.

Mr. Donhauser asked if the Board members feel like we are in a position, collectively, to vote on that this evening or should we bring that up at the very next meeting we have.

6:16 PM Mr. Orestis confirmed with Ms. Albert that she moved this off the agenda for tonight.

Ms. Albert said yes.

Mr. Orestis said that I think it's on the next agenda for the 22nd.

6:17 PM **5) Acceptance of the Sandy Hill Farm Grant**

Mr. Widi said that we worked with the ECSD on this. In the past, they've struggled with the Easter Egg Hunt, having a suggested donation, nobody gives any money, they spend days packing eggs, and it's over in five minutes. With the COVID stuff, by virtue of us running things at the farm, we have a lot of experience on the way to do it safely and in a way that people like and is organized. We split the woods out back into twelve different sections and, in each section, you had to find a specific color egg. They collect them all, meet the Easter Bunny, and they trade in their eggs for a bag of candy and a coloring book. We ended up seeing a thousand kids over seven hours and, quite frankly, we didn't even try hard to sell it. That goes to the power of Agritourism and the demand that is out there for it. The reception was tremendous so, next year, we will probably do it for two days next year. When all the expenses were paid, we were able to donate \$3,000 towards the pavilion to possibly improve it or make some adjustments or make it really useful and do something for the community. We've been very fortunate through our light shows; me, personally, and the farm. Now it's time to pass on the giving.

Mr. Orestis moved, second by Mr. McPherson, that the Select Board accept the grant in the amount of \$3,000 to be used for the purpose and improvement of the pavilion site at the old skate park from Sandy Hill Farm.

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Mr. Donhauser – Yes
Mr. Orestis – Yes
Mr. McPherson - Yes
Mr. Widi – Yes

Unanimous vote to approve motion.

6:19 PM Ms. Rawski said that the revised agenda removed one item and did place the appointment of Ms. Granfield on as Interim Town Manager. We need you to take official action on that and appoint her effective the 12th until a successor is named. We will forward that document to you via DocuSign to make it official so that she can be sworn in on Monday.

Mr. Donhauser moved, second by Mr. Orestis, that the Select Board appoint Carol Granfield as Interim Town Manager, effective April 12, 2021, until a successor is named.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Donhauser – Yes
Mr. Orestis – Yes
Mr. McPherson - Yes
Mr. Widi – Yes

Unanimous vote to approve motion.

F. New Business:

There was no new business.

G. Old Business:

6:20 PM 1) Town Office Flooring Update

Ms. Albert discussed the original vendor quote for carpeting. We then reached out to another vendor and he would be willing to do the vinyl plank flooring, with the estimate in front of you, and is Jake's Wood Flooring out of Dover, NH. Mr. McPherson mentioned to me about checking vendors to rent carpets to see if that would be a way to cover some of the bad flooring if we're looking at possibly renovating the building in 3 to 4 years and would that be cost-effective. I did reach out to General Linen and the cost per year was about \$6,000 and change. So, if you did that for a 3-year period, that would be quite costly. It looks like the cheaper option was to go with Jake's Wood Flooring for the vinyl plank flooring.

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The original motion did not select a vendor, just the amount. In talking with Mr. Miles, he said it would come from Contingency Fund, not the reserve. Is that correct.

6:22 PM Mr. Miles said yes. The previous Town Manager had put it as the Town Hall Reserve, which didn't make any sense because we have on the ballot to use that money for the architect coming up, so we can't really double-dip and use it twice. So, it would have to come as an emergency restoration from the Contingency Fund. We did reach out to the original vendor who gave us the carpet amount, wanting to give him an option to re-bid on that using vinyl planking instead of carpet.

Ms. Albert said that he came back with a higher number.

Mr. Donhauser said that the total bid amount is \$10,962. Do we need to waive the 3-bid rule, again.

Ms. Rawski said yes. Regarding the Contingency Fund, are we running afoul of using the Contingency Fund or do you think this is an emergency that we need to get done right away.

Mr. Miles said that I think if someone trips on the carpet and gets hurt, it's not going to be good.

Mr. Orestis asked, since we didn't name a vendor in the previous motion, should we amend the motion of February 25, correct the amount, and add a vendor; or rescind the motion.

Ms. Rawski said reconsider.

6:26 PM **Mr. Orestis moved, second by Mr. McPherson, that the Select Board reconsider the motion that was made on February 25, 2021 in the amount of \$11,861.80 and to waive the 3-bid rule.**

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Donhauser – Yes

Mr. Orestis – Yes

Mr. McPherson – Yes

Mr. Widi – Yes

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Mr. Donhauser said that a motion would be in order to actually choose this vendor with the corrected amount.

6:27 PM Mr. Orestis moved, second by Mr. McPherson, that the Select Board award the bid to Jake's Flooring in the amount of \$10,962, with the funds to come from the Contingency Fund.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Donhauser – Yes

Mr. Orestis – Yes

Mr. McPherson – Yes

Mr. Widi – Yes

Unanimous vote to approve motion.

H. Approval of Warrant(s):

6:29 PM Mr. Orestis moved, second by Mr. Lytle, that the Select Board approve A/P Warrant #110 in the amount of \$102,864.77, dated March 31, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Donhauser – Yes

Mr. Orestis – Yes

Mr. McPherson - Yes

Mr. Widi – Yes

Unanimous vote to approve motion.

I. Selectmen's Report:

6:30 PM Seeking committee Members

Mr. Donhauser said that the SB is always seeking committee members for various committees.

There were no Selectmen's reports tonight.

J. Adjourn

There was a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 PM.

VOTE

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Motion approved

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Lemire, Recording Secretary

S/ Mr. Robert McPherson, Secretary

Date approved: April 22, 2021