

Selectboard Meeting of November 3, 2016
Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street

Selectboard: Trini Brassard, Michael Hildenbrand and Jerald Ward, MD. Absent: Ross Evans

Municipal Staff: Melvin Adams (Town Manager), Bill Morgan (Facilities Manager)

Public Attendees: Donna Collette, James Sault, Jay Collette, Larry Thurston, Matthew Fordham, Daniel Boone, Jeff Hackett, Nicole Scudero, Jason Aldous, Shaun Henry, Amanda Williams, Michael Marshal and Patrick French.

Media: None

1. Public Hearing and Informational Meeting

Mrs. Brassard opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

It was explained that the Public Hearing and Informational meeting was to provide the legal voters of Randolph information on the Capital Budget, General Bond Obligation and Taxation

Article 1: Shall the town voters authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the amount not to exceed two million four hundred thousand dollars (\$2,400,000) for the purpose of constructing a new fire station building?, which is on the ballot to be voted on August 9.

The public hearing started with an update on the fire building and bond status given the attendees had already been at previous meetings where the project history was reviewed. Trini noted that there was an indication that the DRB had issued the permit for construction though it has not been received yet.

Trini distributed call data sheets that were used in presentations to the DRB to show the potential growth going forward. An update photo sketch by the architect was also handed out that just to show a rendering of the building as currently designed. This rendering does not show the building location on the site the same as the DRB permit application documents but rather was just to help people see what was being planned. She described changes that had been made in building plans to meet DRB conditions for a permit including coordinating meetings with GMP to resolve whether the utility pole and guy wire could be relocated.

Trini indicated that funds in the amount of \$731,161.00 already were or would be available to offset project costs. The Town and insurance carrier are meeting Monday Nov 7 to discuss a detailed cost estimate for a replacement in-kind structure and an estimate for upgrades that would be required to build in-kind meeting the current codes and regulations. The result of these deliberations combined with the above revenues will establish the necessary amount of the construction bond. While the engineer's estimate of building costs is \$2.7M the amount needed from a bond may be as low as \$1.3 M depending on the final settlement.

Trini explained that all voters participate in both the approval of the bond and the payment of bond debt via taxes. This is unlike the police bond where all voters approve the issuance of the bond but only police district residents pay the debt.

The addition of a fifth bay was explained as a prudent investment since the building is designed to meet community need for the next 40-50 years. The bay is not a wash bay though all bays will have an undercarriage wash at the entrance to assist in removal of road salt. Plans call for the bay to be utilized for emergency management and Red Cross, alternate ambulance service, training space, etc. until additional fleet is needed.