

Town of Benson
Select Board Informational Meeting
February 28, 2011

Select Board: Lynn Bowen, Daniel Britton, Guy Charlton, Sue Janssen and Gina Cull.

Public: Bob Ambrozaitis, Jackie Ambrozaitis, Ben Bartholomew, Daphne Bartholomew, Neal Bartholomew, Tom Bartholomew, Bobbie Jo Bean, Jake Brown, Sue Brown, Les Burleson, Rita Charlton, Rachel Collett (Select Board Secretary), Judith D’Amico, Kim Doty, Mike Ellis, Jody Goodhue, John Hill, Eric Hults, Ted Kellogg, Amy Munger, Thomas Neumann, Liza Pellerin, Marc Twitchell, and Melissa Twitchell.

John Hill called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Tom Bartholomew asked about the lead removal from the Community Hall. The Board explained about the regulations.

Ted Kellogg asked about the percentage of lead on the current siding. The Board explained.

Sue Janssen asked Ted Kellogg if the Community Hall was painted would the whole lead removal process need to be repeated every time the building was painted. Ted stated that yes it would have to be done every time.

Les Burleson asked about the siding on the additions. The Board discussed the additions.

Tom Bartholomew asked what the difference in cost would be between painting or siding the Community Hall. The Board went over the estimates with the Town.

Judith D’Amico asked if there were any grants available for older buildings. The Board explained that, as a result of the addition of the Library, the Community Hall did not meet the criteria for historic preservation grants.

Ted Kellogg asked about the bridge on Rte. 144 as there was an additional \$20,0000 in cost. The Board explained that lead paint had been used on the steel on the bridge and it was cheaper to install new steel than refinish the old.

Bob Ambrozaitis asked about putting \$5,000 into Creamery upkeep. The Board explained that \$3,000 came from rent and the additional \$2,000 was to be raised by taxes.

Bob Ambrozaitis asked what the repairs that were needed. The Board explained.

Ted Kellogg explained what had to be done to keep the building usable.

Judy D'Amico asked about the expense for the recycling dumpster. The Board explained that this was a one-time expense: the Town had purchased their own dumpster. The increase in recycling income paid for the dumpster.

Ted Kellogg stated that he preferred having the payroll for the Highway personnel included in the Highway section of the budget. The Board explained that only the insurance had been moved into the Select Board budget.

Ted Kellogg stated that he still didn't think the Town should be paying for uniforms and that the Road Crew needed to be spending 20% less rather than level funding. The Board responded.

Bob Ambrozaitis asked about the tools and supplies for the Road Crew as the amount was exceedingly high. The Board explained that they thought it was from the break-in.

Jake Brown asked about the sewer taxes and what was going to be done about the delinquent taxes. The Board stated that this matter was up to the Delinquent Tax Collector.

Guy Charlton spoke about Article 14.

Daniel Britton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Guy Charlton seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel S. Collett

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