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Selectmen's Work Session

Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Zoom Format

Chairman Ruth Mooney called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Also present were Selectman Claude Patten, Selectman Jon Pike, Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin, Assistant Town Administrator Alicia Jipson, Police Chief Mark Lewandoski, Barrett Salta with Bonnette Page and Stone and Doug Proctor with H.L. Turner Group.

New Business

Project meeting with BPS- Barrett Salta went over the owner's soft costs, and where we stand on items to consider for eliminating or changing to help reduce some costs. Some items have been determined to not change and some items Barrett is still looking around for the best pricing. TA Beaudin recommended that we do not cut costs to close as we do not want to shortchange ourselves and cut corners on things that are necessary and needed.

Barrett and Doug showed samples of the color scheme used for paint and fixtures such as flooring, cabinets, trim etc., throughout the building. Barrett recommended that we go with the Colonial slate color for the roof shingles, the exterior will be white vinyl siding. Barrett presented quotes from Northeast Security and Bob Daniels Electric for the security, fire alarm systems and access, and he is still awaiting quotes on the camera systems. Pricing on the flooring and walls has not yet been nailed down, Barrett is still hunting around for the best prices. We are running on schedule time wise, if not a little early. We have been extremely fortunate with a mild winter, which will be a savings on heat. The steel inspections have been completed. The Board and Chief were happy with the recommendations and accepting of all the proposals for the colors and products picked out for the building thus far.


Summer Program- TA Beaudin has drafted a letter in response to the recent concern and community discussion around the Summer Recreation Program. In 2011, the Town of Belmont voters created a Revolving Fund for the purposes of providing Recreational Programs. The Current balance in this fund is \$26,000, these funds came from program fees paid over the past several years and did not include any funds from taxation. Chairman Mooney added that

she has had conversations with those in the community about the summer program and their concerns. Chairman Mooney suggests that if there is interest in having a program than a committee of volunteers needs to be established and they need to come to the Town with a plan on how to implement a summer program with the funds that we have.

Abenaki Water and Tioga Drive Residents- TA Beaudin has received numerous calls in regards to residents' concerns over the Abenaki water rate proposed increases. The proposed water rate increases are almost 400%. Residents are concerned about this hike in fees and their abilities to pay. TA Beaudin has put them in touch with Donna Lane and see if there are any grant opportunities for them. A few residents would like to attend the next Board meeting and discuss the situation with the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 11:22.

Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman


Jon Pike, Vice-Chairman


Claude B. Patten, Jr., Selectman