



Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted during the State of Emergency and signed into law on June 16, 2021, this meeting was conducted via remote participation.

Select Board members present:

Stu Sklar, Alice von Loesecke, Kara Minar, Erin McBee

Rich Maiore entered the meeting at 4:35.

Town Department attendees:

Town Administrator Tim Bragan, Executive Assistant Julie Doucet, Council on Aging Director Debbie Thompson

Water Main Improvements

Tim Bragan asked the board to act on the bid from R.H. White Construction for the Pond Road water main emergency improvements. By a roll call vote, von Loesecke – aye, McBee – aye, Minar – aye, Sklar – aye, the board voted unanimously to approve bid received from R.H. White Construction for the Pond Rd project cost \$273,442, funding source from ARPA funds the town has received.

Discuss Finance Committee and Capital Planning Investment Committee (CPIC) recommendations

Senior service building/Council on Aging

Stu Sklar attended the Finance Committee meeting when they voted unanimously to support the project. Tim Bragan confirmed CPIC voted unanimously in favor of the project as well. Alice von Loesecke was appreciative of the efforts put forth by the Permanent Building Committee (PBC) to make significant cost savings. The only add alternate for the project will be a generator. Kara Minar asked if the more efficient air source heat pumps were included. All were in agreement the location and property are great to provide CoA services.

Fire Truck

Everyone is grateful for the grant funds obtained by the Fire Chief. Sklar acknowledged the great work done to help attain the new truck and the best way to implement the truck into the fleet. The Finance Committee and CPIC also voted favorably for this article.

Kara Minar confirmed the Planning Board has closed their hearings therefore any changes would need to be made as a friendly amendment at the town meeting.

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Hildreth House future uses

Stu Sklar said it is important town residents understand there are plenty of other municipal uses for the Hildreth House if the Council on Aging operations were to move. He noted all the recent repairs done to the building making it fully code compliant. Sklar revisited the concept from 2011/2012 when town hall was renovated. Due to project cost increases at the time, it was decided to only renovate the existing building eliminating any expansion opportunity at the time. The other board members agreed space at Town Hall is certainly limited therefore office space at the Hildreth House makes sense. Sklar has even heard the Fire Department may have a use for the third-floor area during extreme weather events. They also agreed the idea of the Hildreth House being used for a non-municipal use seems unlikely given the proximity to the Town Hall and Fire Station. Tim Bragan spoke about this concept at the Finance Committee meeting and they too agreed this use makes sense. Everyone agree this concept is acceptable to speak to at the Town Meeting if need be.

Sklar reminded his fellow board members they have a posted meeting for 11:30am on Saturday.

They decided not to amend the home rule petition for speed limits as written but to come up with a process to codify any changes for the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.