

School Board: Gail and I have discussed dates and it appears February 3 at 6 PM, a Tuesday after the deliberative session is the best date. If there is no snow storm to delay the deliberative session, we might be able to cancel the February 2 Selectmen meeting and meet somewhere after meeting with the School Board to tie up loose ends. ***Does the Board want to meet that date?***

Tax rate impact: Based on discussion with our bond council I have expanded the tax impact statement for the bond. ***Will the Board vote to approve the tax impact statements on the bond, operating budget and police department?***

Ballot description: One suggestion is to get quotes from various people in town regarding proposed Town Hall.

Cover of Town Report: One suggestion is a collage of things that have been accomplished, e.g. picture new Turbocam building, new Highway garage, picture of newly paved road, police cruiser purchased in 2014, etc. ***What does the Board wish to do?***

Name on Calef conservation purchase: January 8 the Conservation Commission plans to name the property the "A. Harlan Calef Isinglass Preserve." Apparently it was Harlan Calef who was chiefly responsible for its stewardship over many decades, and he loved the land deeply. Thus the Commission would prefer to specifically honor him with this name. ***Does the Board of Selectmen have any objection?***

Construction Manager RFP: One of the 13 proposals came in later than the 3 PM deadline because of traffic issues with 125. Route 125 was shut down in both directions in front of Town Hall with convoluted detours. There is no advantage to being late (i.e. the vendor would not know who else had submitted since it was being done electronically for most. The RFP allows the Board to waive this kind of event. ***Does the Board waive the deadline because of the blockage on Route 125?***

Process for selection on various RFQ: We have 4 requests for qualifications/projects currently out for proposal. I will deal with each in order of due date and ask about the process to be used for selection.

1. Construction Manager due 1/14: Jason and I plan to review them and hope to have narrowed the field to 3-5 to recommend the Board of Selectmen bring in for interviews. If the Board wishes to include more, we can do so. Time is of the essence. I plan to email details on all the submittals on 1/15. I suggest we have a committee (with Jason present as a resource but not voting) involving 1 or 2 Selectmen, one of our building inspectors, myself and perhaps inviting a community member with construction experience. One suggestion would someone experienced with serving on the last Building committee. The plan is to present a recommendation to the Board February 2nd. ***Does the Board support this plan and if so whom would be on the committee for Selectmen and asked from the community?***
2. Town Engineer including Site Plan review for Planning Board due 1/21: I would suggest that the group to bring a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen consist of Peter Cook, Marcia Gasses, Tony Gaudiello (as chair of Planning Board), one Selectmen and myself. ***Does the Board support this plan and if so whom would be on the committee for Selectmen and asked from the community?***

3. Surveying also due 1/21: I would suggest that the group to bring 1 or 2 recommendations to the Board of Selectmen consist of Peter Cook, one of the Selectmen and myself. ***Does the Board support this plan and if so whom would be on the committee for a Selectman?***
4. Solar RFQ Feb 4. I suggest the entire Board deal with this as there will only be at most two making proposals. ***Does the Board support this plan and if so whom would be on the committee for a Selectman?***

Land Use Change Tax percent to Conservation fund: The following petitioned article was received.

To see if the Town will vote change the amount of Land Use Change Tax revenues to be deposited into the Conservation Fund pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 (II) from 50% of all such revenues to 75% of all such revenues?

Does the Board of Selectmen wish to recommend or not recommend it?

Signing Warrant, MS636 (budget): I am asking the Board to sign the warrant for posting tomorrow. We will need to have the Board sign the warrant again if the Planning Board eliminates one of their articles and then post again. ***Will the Board members be available 1/21 if needed?***

Nonpublic Session: I would like a short nonpublic session to discuss a personnel issue.

Information

Strafford County Budget: We have received a paper copy of the Strafford County proposed budget if anyone wishes to review it.

Town Hall: The plan has 10,183 on the main floor and 1,521 in the basement.

Resignation: Tom Abbott has submitted his resignation, effective January 26, so he can pursue his business full time. He thanks the Board of Selectmen for their support. He also notes the “great group employees that truly have the town and its resident’s best interest in mind.”

Well: Jeff Adler, Dubois and King civil engineer states there are several options for supplying water to the proposed town hall. Here they are in what is our initial order of investigation in terms of expected cost. The last option has been taken off the table at this point.

1. Use the well currently in front of the former town hall. The main issue is where the septic system(s) will be located and whether we have to move the well to keep the radius that is needed between a well and septic system. The location of the septic is also driven by cost (under the parking being most expensive and probably too close to the proposed well). Preserving capacity for the proposed library is a part of the consideration, either as future expansion off the town’s, pumping to the town’s system built with that capacity or as a separate system location. All these are part of what Jeff Adler needs to consider in his proposal
2. Use the well that is currently used by the recreation gym/ library building assuming it has capacity. It is near the ECLC. The cost of trenching would have to be compared to #3.

3. Drill a new well probably using the recreation fields as the protective radius. Options 2 and 3 give the greatest options for the septic system location.
4. (No longer under consideration) Interconnect the recreation/library well and the school well (they are near each other) and then maintain and test only one system with two wells. We believed the redundancy on the well as well as sharing in testing and maintenance could have been a less expensive long-term solution than #3 and provide two wells in case one went dry or a pump failed.