

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FEBRUARY 25, 2015

MEMORIAL BUILDING

10:00 AM and 1:00 PM

These were two meetings continued from that of Monday evening, February 23, 2015.

Chairman Hill convened the first meeting at 10:00 AM at the Memorial Building. The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the Memorial Building/Library heating installation and discuss options for replacement. Present were Chairman Hill, Leigh Callaway, Peter Abair, Chief Julian and Mr. Joe Hannagan of Dead River Company in Bristol, NH. The Selectmen stated that there had been no decision about replacement with oil or propane. In addition to replacement of the aging system, a priority objective is to clear the Police Department of fuel tanks for safety reasons and to provide more office space. The pros and cons of each fuel type were discussed, including but not limited to:

- Furnace efficiencies, BTU content and recent pricing,
- Availability of fuel type. Mr. Hannagan noted that Dead River's propane sources are now 100% domestic and there has been no supply shortage of either this season,
- Hot water for rest rooms and sinks,
- Cleanliness – i.e., residue left in flues,
- Poor condition of the existing brick flue requiring repair and maintenance as part of a new oil installation,
- Placement of fuel tanks (new oil tanks could be installed in the boiler room),
- Access to the rear of the building by fuel trucks,
- Fuel purchase plans. Mr. Hannagan stated that Dead River's bid would include a contingency that Springfield contract fuel with them. Purchase agreements include price protection plans such as pre-paid, purchase at current market prices and the "EasyCAP" program. We discussed state mandates that no municipal contracts extend more than one budget year, as well as methods to satisfy those requirements and still get the advantages of Dead River's volume budget plans.

Selectmen told Mr. Hannagan that the replacement system would be open for bid once we understand the scope of the project and decide the fuel type.

The meeting was disbanded to be continued at 1:00 PM at the highway/safety complex.

Chairman Hill convened the continuation at 1:00 PM at the highway/safety complex. Present were Chairman Hill, Leigh Callaway, Peter Abair and Mr. Rob Couture of Royal Electric Company in Woodsville, NH. Royal Electric has done work with Durgin and Crowell as well as Springfield Power. The Selectmen reviewed concerns raised about the adequacy of the building's electrical distribution and wanted to better understand the installation in view of increasing loads placed on it and its role as the Town's emergency evacuation center. Mr. Couture located the main panel and all subpanels. He stated the best approach would be to trace the loads to each panel and circuit breaker and document distribution and loads placed at the various locations throughout the building. To do that, he proposed sending two technicians next week at a cost of approximately \$1,500. This will give the Board the most recent and complete

information for possible discussion at Town Meeting on March 14. Chairman Hill made a motion to employ Royal Electric to perform the analysis at a cost up to \$1,500. Selectman Callaway seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Couture was asked to work with Peter Abair to schedule access to the building. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45.

Submitted by,

Leigh Callaway