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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, December 21, 2009

4:30 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton and Selectman Szatkowski. Also in attendance was Town Counsel Martin J. Lawlor.

Consideration of Bid # 10-05: Teen Center Lead and Asbestos Abatement

The Procurement Committee had opened and recommended awarding Bid# 10-05 Teen Center Lead and Asbestos Abatement to Oscar's Abatement, LLC for the bid price of \$64,000 based on the advice of consultant Anthony Minalga of TRC and Town Engineer Andrew Morosky.

However, discussion took place regarding the practical use of the old Town Hall building as well as the limitations of the building, especially parking. It was agreed that the grant particulars should be explored further to establish exactly what parameters the grant monies allow and whether the funds can be used at a different location.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to table this topic. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Consideration of the Police Chief Contract (*Executive Session may be anticipated*)

First Selectman Knickerbocker gave Police Chief Jeffrey Finch the opportunity to decide whether he would like the discussion of his contract in Public Session or Executive Session. Chief Finch opted for Executive Session.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to go into Executive Session at 4:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of the

employment contract for the Chief of Police. Chief Finch, Police Commission Chairman Nicholas Ellis and Town Counsel Martin J. Lawlor were invited into the Executive Session portion of the meeting. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Executive Session ended at 5:16 p.m.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to authorize and direct the First Selectmen to negotiate (within 60 days) and enter into a contract with the Chief of Police for a two and one half year term ending June 30, 2011. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Smith".

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary