

Special Selectboard Meeting
December 6, 2023
Town Office, 227 Justin Morrill Hwy, Strafford, 05072

Selectboard participants- John Freitag, Jeff Solsaa, Brian Johnson, Hannah Levinger
In person participants- Curt Albee, Rocky Fuller, Tom Jacobs, Tim Denny
Via Zoom- Shawn Harlow

Meeting called to order 6 pm

1. Guidelines for Selectboard conduct read

2. Town Office Project

The Town Office Project is moving forward. Curt Albee spoke with Steve Credell at GBA who said they would be willing to be present for any informational meetings for the town regarding updates on the project. The ballots will be mailed out before the March 5th Town Meeting day and there will be a Saturday informational meeting three days before votes are due. The Board will send out an RFP as soon as the land transfer has been finalized. Two options on what to ask the Town to vote on- the total project, or authorization to spend the money in the reserve fund to get more precise numbers and more information on the grants, loans, and bonds.

Brian moves to request authorization from the voters to spend \$(the updated estimate for total costs) for the Town Office Project, which may be offset by \$(the total amount of grant money awarded).

Hannah, Brian, and Jeff vote aye, John votes nay. The motion passes.

3. Listers' Office Project

The Listers are grateful for the people who have come forward saying they could rent space. The Fire Station in the Upper Village is looking like the most feasible option. It is owned by the Firemen's Association and Andrew Lane is the VP of that group who will be discussing the possibility of renting the large room to the Listers at their next meeting. There are some minor issues to be addressed and two filing cabinets and a desk need to be moved from Ross Gortner's house to the Fire Station if the plan is approved, but it seems like the best option.

More discussion on where the Town Clerks will move if/when the Town Office project moves forward with renovations.

4. Updates

Town Garage update regarding the ice on the sidewalks in South Strafford- the road crew may need to buy an apparatus to put salt, synthetic sand, or environmentally friendly salt on the sidewalks.

A quote came in for the radio repeater for the Road Crew which is likely to be around \$7500.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17

Hannah Levinger