

TOWN OF CHATHAM
SELECTMEN WORK SESSION

9/14/15

Meeting called to order at 1:00

Present:

William Perry

Wayne Infinger

Jason Eastman

Christine Frost..North Country Council

Discussion concerning the warrant article options for Town Meeting. There will be two warrant articles concerning Town buildings. The first article would be to construct a new municipal building that would house the annual Town meeting, elections, Town clerk's office and all business meeting of the Town as well as secured storage of Town records.

The second article would be to construct a downsized Town office building that would house the Town clerk's office, and all Town operational meetings as well as secured storage. The existing Town hall would be up-graded to the minimum standards that would allow us to hold the annual Town meeting and elections. This option is the preferred option of all three selectmen.

Discussion in regard to whether the Town has an official budget committee or if the board is actually a finance committee. There is a requirement that if the Town has an official budget committee no warrant article approved by the budget committee can be increased by more than 10% at Town meeting. Bill was going to have Trish see if there were any minutes or records that would help determine this.

It was decided to have the first warrant article at the Town meeting concerning the new building to be the most expensive one. After thorough discussion we would try to pass over the article before voting to discuss the second option.

Chistine Frost from the North Country Council explained the various funding options possibly available to the Town for the new building. There is a possibility that some grants might be available to the Town to partially fund the new building project. However after discussion it appeared that conventional bank financing would probably be our best solution.

Discussion concerning the Library, which is privately owned, the selectmen need to find out if the same building and safety codes apply to the Library that do to the Town hall.

Wayne Infinger will finalize a letter to go to all taxpayers explaining the new building project to the taxpayers.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30