



TOWN OF THORNTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes October 8, 2013

9:00 A.M. Chairman B. Benton opened the Thornton Board of Selectmen meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Brad Benton, Vice-Chairman Roy Sabourn, Selectwoman Marianne Peabody Selectmen John Paul-Hilliard, and Selectman Steve Morton.

ABSENT: Selectman J. Paul-Hilliard.

STAFF PRESENT: Tammie A. Beaulieu, Town Administrator

Town Hall/Fire Department Electrical

The board met to discuss electrical concerns relative to the renovation project. S. Morton read a letter of concern from Kevin Peters at AES, regarding electrical issues.

K. Bolder explained that he received a quote for \$400 to fix the ground wiring situation with the fire department. K. Bolger questioned if it was legal to have two electrical feeders coming into the fire department. K. Peters agreed that this situation does meet legal requirements since it is an emergency power system.

K. Bolger questioned if there was a main disconnect for the power that is fed from the generator. K. Peters stated that there is not a disconnect to turn the power off coming from the generator, which is also within legal requirements.

The board discussed that the quote received meets necessary code requirements, but they may consider adding an additional disconnect in the fire department location.

S. Morton stated that since 2003 the town has paid the majority of the electric operating expense of the fire station at the town hall. K. Bolger stated that since the fire station is owned by the town the fire department should seek permission from the Selectboard before changing anything directly related to the fire station building. S. Morton explained that previous changes have been made to the fire station in 2003 using some grant funds. The generator was initially used for the well-pump as an emergency circuit. Through the years the department added onto the generator thereby increasing the amps needed for the circuit.

The board agreed that the generator serves as an optional standby. The board discussed methods to fix the wiring situation.

R. Sabourn suggested leaving the subpanel alone and installing a transfer switch to feed the subpanel. K. Peters agreed to provide an estimate for this option.

S. Morton asked if eliminating the service upgrade would provide enough energy for Phase 1. K Bolger would like to meet with the architects and K. Peters to discuss this potential cost savings to Phase 1 and how it will affect phase 2 in the future. S. Morton stated that if this work does not have to be done until Phase 2, this may be a better option for the town.

K. Peters stated that size of the amperage is low and that he believes there would be enough energy for Phase 1 without the service upgrade.

T. Beaulieu explained that the invoices could be paid from the general building maintenance budget as this maintenance problem with the fire department building is not part of the renovation project but funds will be needed to fix the electrical violation.

The board agreed to have K. Bolger meet with the architects and R. Breton to discuss further to make sure of what electrical services are necessary and which can wait until Phase 2. K. Bolger agreed and will report back to the Selectboard once he has more information.

The board discussed the hot water heater being turned on in November and off in March to conserve energy.

MOTION P.M.: "To adjourn."

Motion: R. Sabourn
Seconded: M. Peabody
Discussion: None.
Motion Passes: 5 – Yes, 0 – No

Respectfully submitted,

Jessi Fleury
Board Secretary
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