Selectmen's Meeting Minutes February 2, 2016

7:00 pm Meeting called to order by Board Chair, John Quinlan. Also in attendance were Selectmen Jack Esposito and Jim Whipple.

Board reviewed the January 11, 2016 minutes. Whipple motioned, seconded by Esposito to accept the minutes of January 11, 2016 as written. All in favor.

Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.

7:15 pm Bill McKinney, Chair of the Future Use of Town Buildings Committee, came before the Board to discuss the Building Studies Warrant Article because Selectman Quinlan told him that the Budget Committee was recommending that the library be cut out of the study.

Esposito stated that the Budget Committee looked at everything on the proposed budget and each of the warrant articles. They are not in favor of including the library because we do not own that building. Personally, I am in favor of doing the Town Hall only.

McKinney believes that not doing all 3 buildings is doing the Town a disservice, and not including the McCollom Building is the absolute WRONG thing to do. You need a comprehensive study of both buildings, and cutting out the library will only save \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Cindy Raspiller, Library Trustee, said "In terms of the library, by having this study done, you are opening up the pathway for the Daland Trustees to spend money on a new library".

Jill Webber of the FUTB Committee asked if the money already raised for the McCollom Building could be used for the study, and was told yes, but that it could be spent only on the McCollom Building.

Quinlan said that the money that has been raised for the McCollom building has been used for emergency repairs. When the emergency repairs were finished, an energy audit was conducted, and we have been steadily moving toward implementing all of the improvements identified by the audit. The only remaining items are the windows and siding. These repairs made the building safe and energy efficient for whatever use it will be put to. The study will confirm structural integrity, and provide best use suggestions.

Raspiller reminded the Board that the overwhelming majority of people attending the FUTB Committee's public presentation were in favor of a comprehensive plan.

Quinlan stated that the Board has to gauge where we are, and how it will affect the taxpayers.

McKinney asked, "I ask you to support this article; piecemealing this portion of the project is a big mistake.

After a short discussion, the Board agreed to leave the warrant article as presented and let the townspeople decide what to include.

8:50 pm Quinlan apprised the Board on the progress of the Purgatory Road subdivision application.

The plan proposes paving Purgatory Road right up to the proposed new road. This plan would not pave up to their last driveway. The Planning Board will be insisting that they include the extra approx. 400 feet to bring the pavement past that last curb cut.

8:55 pm As there was no further business before the Board, Whipple motioned, seconded by Esposito to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Laurie M. Brown