

Benson Committee Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2009

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. The regular meeting of the Benson Committee was called to order at 7:08 pm on June 28, 2009 in the Board of Directors Room at the Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman, K. Dickinson, presided
- b. Present: Chairman K. Dickinson, Vice Chairman K. Matthews, Selectman S. Jasper, J. Barnes, J. Desrosiers, M. Lee, Clerk, P. Nichols, S. Rumbaugh, H. Schibanoff

Absent: none

Town Staff/Selectmen: Assistant Town Administrator M. Pearson, Selectmen K. Massey, Contractors, Grey and KSL

2. Public Input (Non-Agenda Items): none

3. New Business

- a. **Selectmen's Update:** Selectman, S. Jasper mentioned the roofing estimate packet that the Committee Members received prior to the meeting. He publicly thanked Assistant Town Administrator for formatting the roofing estimates and analyzing same for this committee. Selectman Jasper gave an update on the form to be put on the web site for the Management Units and C. Laffin's explanation on what these units are and what is expected from these sub committees. As of the 12th of June these forms are on line and hard copies will be available at the Benson Exhibit.
- b. Assistant Town Administrator, M. Pearson gave an explanation to the Television Audience on what the Committee and the Board of Selectmen will be reviewing before June 30th. On June 2nd, the Board of Selectmen asked to have an RFP developed for the Benson building repairs. Assistant Administrator M. Pearson designed an RFP to meet the needs of the roofing on the buildings on the Benson Property. Booklets containing the contractors bids were given to the Committee and the Selectmen and are listed under the letters A through K. These letters represent each contractor. The analysis of the three Historic buildings, the Office Building, Hazelton Barn and the Train Station are single bids from contractors and the analysis of the bid package for the Gorilla House, Elephant House and A-Frame have alternate bids, one for a rolled roof and one for 30 year shingles. Mr. Pearson also spoke of a broad range of prices and structure report for the Hazelton Barn. He also gave information on the Train Station roof which has monies of it's own for repairs. Selectman Jasper, H.Schibanoff and Jerry Desrosiers asked many in-depth questions that Assistant Town Administrator M. Pearson answered to the best of his ability so that the Committee could make an informed decision on the bids.
- c. Chairman K. Dickinson stated that we have bids on six buildings to review. In order to move the meeting along a 15 minute moratorium would be put on each bid for questions from the Committee members. If more time is needed an extension could be granted.

4. Review of Bids/Recommendations

Chairman K. Dickinson asked for motions on contractor's bids.

- a. **Office Building:**
Motion made by J. Barnes and seconded by Selectman S. Jasper to select contractor **H** as first choice.
All in favor No Nays. **Motion Carries.**
 - b. Pat Nichols made a motion to select contractors **B** & **J** as 2nd and 3rd choice.
H. Schibanoff seconded.
An In-depth Discussion followed the motion.
All in favor No Nays. **Motion Carries.**
 - c. **Hazelton Barn:** H. Schirbanoff and J. Desrosiers rescind their first choice contractor **B**.
Selectman S. Jasper made a motion to recommend contractor **H** as first choice, J. Desrosiers seconded the motion.
An In-depth discussion followed.
All in favor no nays. **Motion Carries.**
Vice Chairman K. Matthews made a motion to select **B** & **D** as 2nd and 3rd choice, S. Rumbaugh seconded the motion.
In-depth discussion followed.
6 Ayes, 2 Nays. **Motion carries.**
 - d. **B&M Railroad Station:** J. Desrosiers made a motion to recommend contractor **J** as first choice, and Selectman Jasper seconded the motion.
In-depth discussion followed.
All in favor No Nays. **Motion Carries.**
Selectman Jasper made a motion to select contractors **C** & **D** as 2nd and 3rd choice, J. Barnes seconded the motions.
In-depth discussion followed.
All in favor No Nays. **Motion Carries.**
- Chairman K. Dickinson recessed the meeting for 10 minutes at 8:35 pm
Chairman K. Dickinson called the meeting back to order at 8:45 pm
- f. **Elephant House: Keep the Elephant House:**
Selectman Jasper made a motion to keep the Elephant House, Jerry Desrosiers seconded the motion.
In-depth discussion followed.
7 Ayes, 1 Nay **Motion Carries**
 - g. **Elephant House:** J Desrosiers made a motion to select contractor **J**,
P. Nichols seconded the motion.
In-depth discussion followed.
7 Ayes, 1 Nay **Motion Carries**
Selectman Jasper made a motion to not accept a 2nd or 3rd contractor. J. Desrosiers seconded the motion.
All in favor, **Motion Carries.**
No other contractors chosen.

- h. **Gorilla House:** Discussion by Selectman Jasper on keeping the Gorilla House. Show of hands on this. All in favor.
Selectman Jasper made a motion to select contractor **H** as first choice. P. Nichols seconded the motion.
No discussion
All in favor, **Motion Carries**
Selectman Jasper made a motion to select contractors **F** & **J**, J. Desrosiers seconded the motion.
No discussion
All in favor **Motion Carries**

- i. **A-Frame:** Selectman Jasper made a motion to select contractor **H** as first choice, seconded by Martha Lee.
In-depth discussion followed.
All in favor **Motion Carries**
J. Desrosiers made a motion to select **J** & **D** as 2nd and 3rd choice. Selectman Jasper seconded the motion.
All in favor **Motion Carries**

5. Old Business

- a. Subcommittee Organization/Volunteerism Forms/Sign-Up Coordination: Proposal to Merge Management Categories requested by Chairman Dickinson.
Defer to next meeting.
Arthur Provencher's Memorabilia Display (Final Announcement and Event Coordination. Selectman Jasper asked if everyone had received an invitation to a special showing on Friday, June 26, 2009 at 6:00 pm. All responded that they had the invitation. The Display will take place at the Hills Library starting June 28th through July 12, free of charge and the hours are 10am to 4pm everyday including the 4th of July.

6. Other Input

- a. S. Rumbaugh asked about the trails and when they would be worked on. Selectman Jasper said this will be taken up when the Subcommittee Chairman is in place and volunteer's recruited for this.

7. Adjournment:

- J. Barnes made a motion to adjourn. H. Schibanoff seconded the motion.
All in favor No Nays **Motion Carries**

Next Meeting: July 9th, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Community Development Room.