

**Minutes of the Town Hall Committee**  
**April 12, 2004**

The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Members present were: Vern Gaw, Roland Nelson, Cynthia Secord, Ron Pichierri, R. Gary Griffin, and Joann Drown.

Fire Chief Dave Hurlbut and Bruce Baker were also present, to discuss the details of the move of the Fire Department to the Town Hall for approximately one year, until the Fire Department Building renovation is complete.

Roland Nelson moved that the meeting with the Fire Chief be moved to be the first item on the agenda.

Chief Hurlbut needs the old Selectmen's room and Treasurer's office for Fire Department offices, as both can be locked. He plans the move the second week of May, and stated that the rooms need to be cleared so he can take possession. The Chief plans to use a few items left by the library, such as computer desk in selectmen's room, and wall shelves in treasurer's office, but all other items are not needed.

Roland Nelson mentioned the need of a new septic line hook-up, from the Town Hall to the back of the Fire Department Building, and the several tries that have been made to accomplish this objective. All have failed. The need of a Town Meeting vote and an easement to accomplish this objective, were also discussed. Approximate 150 feet of sewer line is necessary.

Chief Hurlbut will bring 4 phone lines into the building. The Fire Department own two new air conditioners that they plan to use in the Town Hall. The air conditioners in the basement of the Town Hall may also be used. An antenna will be put in the attic, or attached to the fire escape.

Chief Hurlbut thanked the committee for their time and helpfulness, and he and Mr. Baker left at 7:10 p.m.

Will French joined the committee during the previous discussions.

Regular meeting opened at 7:15 p.m.

The treasurer's report was made by Roland Nelson, with a balance in the operating budget of \$2,026.80.

Vern Gaw mentioned that a copy of the recorder's report needs to go to the Executive Secretary each month.

The recorded report was read and corrected to read 'Four committee members met with the selectmen on March 10, 2004'. Roland Nelson made a motion to accept the recorder's report as amended, seconded by Vern Gaw, and it was so voted.

Vern mentioned that painting the building is a priority, and he will work toward that objective in the next few weeks. Painters need to be contacted, and they must have experience with buildings of this type. All the old paint needs to be scraped off, and a good base paint is necessary, preferably oil. Roland Nelson will get two contractors to come to our next meeting.

Vern told the committee that the Finance Committee vetoed giving the Town Hall Committee a \$5,000 line item, at this time.

Another attempt was made to account for all the chairs which were purchased by Mr. Conant in 1894. Two are at the library, an unknown number still at the town hall, and several still missing.

There has been some progress by individuals at the library, to take items that belong to the library back to that building. Vern will talk to the library director about:

1. Fix up date.
2. Auction date.

Will French stated, regretfully, he cannot devote enough time to continue on the Town Hall Committee. His resignation was accepted, and he was warmly thanked for all the work he had done in the past.

Vern suggested we table, for now, the need for the air conditioners in the basement, since the Fire Department will bring two window air conditioners for their needs.

Vern also mentioned that he spent \$57.63 for a bucket and wringer for the custodian, and ceiling tiles. He fixed the vacuum cleaner, and found other needed supplies in the basement.

Vern mentioned that he has collected \$20.00 rent for the use of the building. The building is used on Monday evening for exercise class and yoga, and Wednesday morning for yoga.

Gary Griffin will talk to a DPW employee, about the best way to dispose of all the computers left in the building by the library.

The next meeting of the Committee will be May 10, 2004, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Drown, Recorder