

MINUTES
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
Regular Meeting
April 4, 2016

The April 4, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting was called to order by Thomas J. Dembek, moderator, at 7:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Marc Balestracci, Timothy R. Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Paul S. Goldstein, Jeremy Grabel, Julia Kushigian-Secor (8:37PM), Brian F. Lynch, Calley Merriman, Richard F. Muckle, Valerie A. Muckle, Jennifer S. Mullen, Theodore Olynciw, Michael T. Perkins, Francisco Ribas, Michael E. Rocchetti.

ABSENT: Thomas F. Ammirati, Ryan Cairns, Steven D. Garvin, Gerard J. Gaynor, Bruce Kruszewski, Brian Rheume.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Daniel M. Steward, and Chair of the Board of Finance Ronald R. Fedor.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectmen Robert J. Brule and Peter W. Davis; Chair of the Board of Education Jody Nazarchyk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(See attachment)

Waterford Municipal Historian Robert Nye spoke at length regarding the Town Hall renovations, and asked that the RFP for the replacement window project be rewritten, and done so in an open and transparent manner.

AGENDA ITEM D – Minutes.

MOTION: by Driscoll, seconded by R. Muckle, to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2016 regular meeting with the following correction suggested by Susan Driscoll: The Personnel, Wage and Finance Committee shall be referred to properly as Finance, Wage and Personnel.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM E – Committee Reports.

Paul Goldstein presented a report from Finance, Wage and Personnel.

MOTION: by Condon, seconded by Lynch, to accept Committee Report.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter (dated 3/12/2016) addressed to Moderator Tom Dembek from RTM member Ted Olynciw on pan handling. Moderator Dembek referred the issue to Public Protection and Safety Committee.

A correspondence was received by Town Clerk David Campo on 4/4/2016 from Waterford Resident Mr. Martin regarding a request to review Town Ordinance 2.116.090.

AGENDA ITEM F – Transaction of business on the call.

CALL ITEM 1 - Appointments to the Ethics Commission:

MOTION by R. Muckle, seconded by Driscoll to appoint MADELYNE JANE GREIF (D) as a regular member to the Waterford Ethics Commission (term 2/2/2016-2/5/2018).

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

MOTION by R. Muckle, seconded by Lynch to appoint FRANCISCO MANGUAL (U) and MARTIN ZELDIS (D) as alternates to the Waterford Ethics Commission (term 2/3/2015-2/6/2017).

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 2 – Appointments to Senior Citizens Commission:

MOTION by Olynciw, seconded by Perkins to reappoint KATHLEEN A. MCNAMARA to the Senior Citizens Commission (term 4/5/2016-4/1/2019). MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Mullen to reappoint JOYCE M. VLAUN to the Senior Citizens Commission (term 4/5/2016 -4/1/2019). MOTION by Lynch, seconded by Perkins to appoint JAMES M. JOHNSON to the Senior Citizens Commission (term 4/5/2016-4/1/2019).

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 3 – Cohanzie Air Bag Replacement:

MOTION by Lynch, seconded by Perkins to approve a request from the Board of Finance on behalf of Fire Services based upon its consistency with the Capital Improvement Plan, for an appropriation of \$13,050.00 from Line Item #20523-57779, Capital and Non Recurring Expenditure Fund, to replace the existing set of Pneumatic Air Bags. Fire Service Director Bruce Miller presented the request and answered questions.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Balestracci, Dembek, Driscoll, Goldstein, Grabel, Lynch, Merriman , R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Mullen, Perkins, Ribas, Rocchetti.

VOTING AGAINST: Condon, Olynciw.

CALL ITEM 4 – Jordan Fire Station Exterior Door Replacement:

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Perkins to approve a request from the Board of Finance on behalf of Fire Services based upon its consistency with the Capital Improvement Plan, for an appropriation of \$20,000.00 from Line Item #20523-57748, Capital and Non Recurring Expenditure Fund, and \$15,500.00 from Line Item #20500-31520, Capital and Non Recurring Undesignated Fund Balance to replace exterior doors throughout Jordan Fire House which includes an access control system compatible to the other fire stations in town. Fire Service Director Bruce Miller presented the request and answered questions.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Balestracci, Dembek, Driscoll, Goldstein, Grabel, Lynch, Merriman , R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Mullen, Perkins, Ribas, Rocchetti.

VOTING AGAINST: Olynciw

ABSTAINING: Condon

CALL ITEM 5 – Cohanzie Fire Station Exterior Door Replacement:

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by R. Muckle to approve a request from the Board of Finance on behalf of Fire Services based upon its consistency with the Capital Improvement Plan, for an appropriation of \$18,000.00 from Line Item #20523-57760, Capital and Non Recurring Fund, to replace several exterior

doors and windows throughout the Cohanzie Fire Station. Fire Service Director Bruce Miller presented the request and answered questions.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Balestracci, Condon, Dembek, Driscoll, Goldstein, Grabel, Kushigian-Secor, Lynch, Merriman, V. Muckle, Mullen, Perkins, Ribas, Rocchetti.

VOTING AGAINST: Olynciw

ABSTAINING: R. Muckle

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Condon, seconded by Lynch to have Finance, Wage and Personnel take up the recommendation from the First Selectman to assess the Registrars of Voters compensation.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

MOTION by Lynch, seconded by Perkins, to adjourn at 9:15PM.

VOTING IN FAVOR; Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

David L. Campo
Town Clerk

My name is Robert Nye, 96 Rope Ferry Road. I am the Waterford Municipal Historian.

I come before you because you are the body most directly representative of the people of Waterford.

I am concerned – and frustrated – with the lack of transparency regarding the Town Hall renovations. Given the scope of the project – that is, the front and rear entryways, the replacement windows, the HVAC system, and the west wall repair/replacement, a building committee should have been established. Work already completed on the front entry, for example, failed to meet specifications yet the contractor was paid.

With that said, my and the Historic Properties Commission's concern at this time is with the window replacement phase of the project. Few elements of a building contribute more to its architectural character than do the window sashes. That fundamental truth, however, is not reflected in the current specifications.

The town has few historic buildings compared with some surrounding towns. We now have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to restore some historical and architectural integrity to a building whose centennial is only two short years away. Designed by Louis Goddard, a Waterford resident, it was featured in a national architectural magazine in 1919. It served the children of the Jordan area for more than sixty years and has been the seat of town government since 1984.

Replacing the front windows to fill their original openings, with simulated divided lights in the upper sashes, except one-over-ones in the 1956 addition, is the right thing to do. It is a way to honor the town's past, recognizing what happened at this place was important. It is a gift to the future as well. Town Hall after all is the face of the town - and should be a source of civic pride. This is much more than a maintenance project – it is a one-time opportunity to create a lasting legacy.

I therefore ask the RTM to recommend to the First Selectman that the RFP for the window replacement project be rewritten - and done so in an open and transparent manner.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Nye". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "N".

TOWN HALL WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT



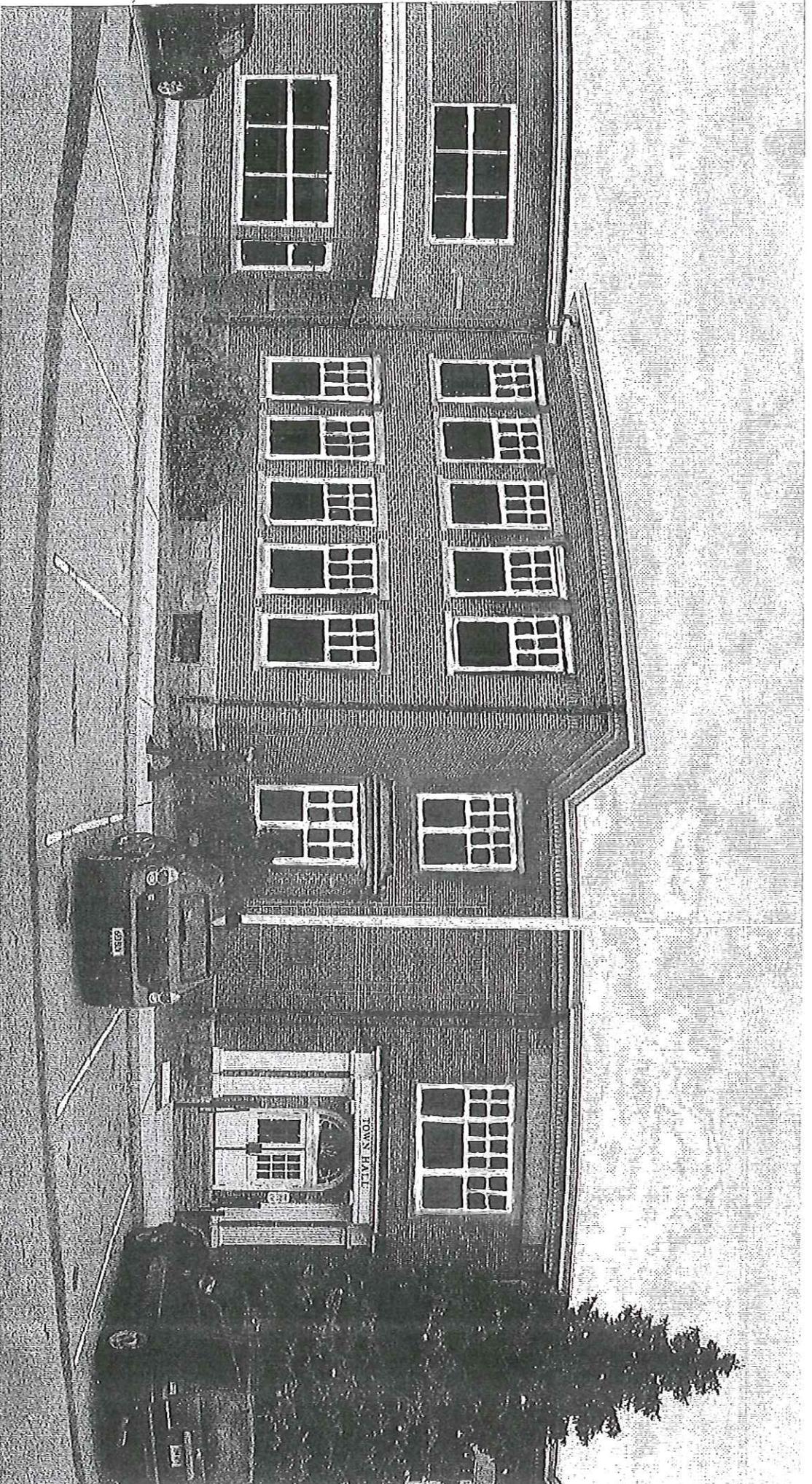
RFP Specifications

Maintain blocking/transoms.

Grilles between the glass (GBG) upper sash entire front of building.

Screens for all windows.

TOWN HALL WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT



Historic Properties Commission Proposal

Remove blocking/transoms entire front of building.

Full height, simulated divided lights (SDL) upper sash in 1918 and 1926 addition.

Full height, single light in 1956 addition.

No screens.

Modify drop ceiling along outside wall.