

TOWN OF SEABROOK

BUDGET MEETING

NOVEMBER 5, 2009

Present: Paula Wood
Don Hawkins
Peg Weare
Ivan Eaton
Cora Stockbridge
Gary Pitts
Richard Maguire
Absent: Aboul Khan

6:00PM

Mrs. Wood opened the meeting at 6:04PM.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes were held until the next meeting.

SEABROOK SCHOOL BOARD - BOND - \$1.9 MILLION

Budget Committee members introduced themselves to the school board and Honeywell representatives. The Honeywell representatives were Jim Lucy and Bob Marcotte. Seabrook School Board members were Michelle Heywood, Kathleen Cronin, Bruce Cassassa and Assistant Superintendent Maureen Ward.

The Honeywell representatives made their presentation (see powerpoint attached). The main goal was to introduce an energy savings with cost savings to pay for the program.

Mrs. Stockbridge questioned the cost of each component. Mr. Marcotte said it could be provided not by each component but for different measures taken. He said the original project was not engineered that way. Mr. Cassassa commented that they were looking for a self-funded project and the company would have to guarantee it.

Mrs. Wood questioned the check and balance. Mr. Cassassa said the custodians would and they also have a part-time electrician working at the school who would check the work.

Mrs. Wood questioned if some of the work could be done in-house as mentioned at the meeting in October. Ms. Ward said they could not possibly do the work during their normal work hours. There are some items that could be done by the staff that are not included in the proposal.

Mr. Eaton said for the amount of the project they should hire a clerk of the works to oversee the project.

Mrs. Heywood commented about the clerk and said this is a performance based contract not a construction contract.

Mrs. Stockbridge questioned the unfunded balance and if voted to contract back the \$100K. Mrs. Heywood said they did and it was unexpected so they wanted to get some of the project completed.

Mr. Marcotte said the money would have been spent to Unitil and the fuel provider regardless of the project going or not.

Jon Moore arrived at the meeting at 7:15PM.

Both Honeywell representatives explained the financing and project costs. The interest rate is undetermined but the project can fund itself with an interest rate up to 2%. The rate is unknown until the project is approved and funding is set.

Mr. Hawkins doesn't believe the cash flow should not be included in the \$100K as it is already taxpayer money. Mr. Marcotte said the new updated cash flow would not include the \$100K. They were just trying to show what would be financed.

Mr. Marcotte said post project they would take some information and put into software and present an audit report to the business manager as a draft. If both parties agree they would then close out the project, if not it would go to an arbitrator.

Ms. Ward said the QZAB loan does not end but the school was given money and they need to secure funding by December 31 to obtain it. If it doesn't pass it goes back and another district could get the money. The 10% contribution can be any educational program. They have an online source and the value is \$192K.

There was discussion over the dual fuel burner. The school district makes the decision over which to use based on a formula within an excel spreadsheet.

Mrs. Wood questioned why hold another meeting after a no vote that is a cost to the taxpayers. Mrs. Heywood said she heard from the people that they would have voted yes if it was done differently and presented to the people. Ms. Ward said if they don't do it again they lose the money and they were granted an extension until December 2.

Mrs. Wood questioned the \$100K spent and if they had a signed contract. Mr. Marcotte said there was a contract and he went over what was included in the contract.

November 18 is a public forum at the school gym at 6PM.

Mrs. Stockbridge said the article should state the budget committee is not required to take action and would be more accurate. The committee agreed.

School board representative and Honeywell representatives left the meeting at 8PM.

Committee took a 5-minute break at 8PM. Committee reconvened at 8:03PM.

BUDGET SCHEDULE

The budget schedule was finalized, updated and sent to committee members on November 6. There will no meeting the week of Thanksgiving.

The next meeting is November 12 at 6PM to discuss the Fire and Police budgets.

MOTION: Paula Wood

To adjourn the meeting

Second: Gary Pitts

at 8:15PM.

Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed:

Paula Wood, Chairman

Date: _____