

MEETING DATE:
MEETING PLACE:

Wednesday, July 2, 2008
Town Campus - Room A

Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance
Special Joint Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Present: Board of Finance members: Owen Charles, Fillmore McPherson, Kathleen Rossini, Kathleen Stahelski, Jennifer Tung, David Youngerman

Board of Selectmen members: William Gladstone, Al Goldberg, Noreen Kokoruda, Joe MacDougald, and Kathi Traugh

Also present: Gail Snow, Chris Hjerpe-Tucker, Dolly Bean, Barry Miller, Sam Franz, David Melillo members from the E.C. Scranton Memorial Library Board of Trustees, Senior Commission, Ambulance Association, public citizens, the press and MCTV

Ms. Rossini called the joint meeting of the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen Special Joint Meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. Opening comments were made by Al Goldberg explaining that several building project committees requesting the Town to bond for construction project costs must begin a series of public meetings with the Town before allowing them to go to referendum. To consider a referendum at the November 2008 election, the process must go forward this summer.

1. Discussion of the November, 2008 Election Day voting logistics.

Registrars of Voters Gail Snow and Chris Hjerpe-Tucker and Town Clerk Dolly Bean discussed the difficulties of having a referendum the same day as a presidential election. Some of the citizens can vote at a Madison referendum as property owners, but are not registered voters in Madison for candidates. Such voters may not even enter the room where a candidate election is occurring and we do not have the space available for separate electorate and property owner rooms. With the new voting machines, it would also be more cumbersome to hold two elections at the same time. It would double the amount of paper, increase the need for more machines, cost more, and contribute to voter frustration and confusion. Ms. Snow requested the referendums not be held on a presidential election date.

2. Presentation from the Pre-referendum Project Committee for the Senior Center and Ambulance Center Plan.

Barry Miller spoke as the Chairman of the Senior Center Project Committee. He described the smaller building plan designed since the last failed referendum. The new plan is now a two-story 10,576 square foot building and would cost approximately \$4,600,000. The location would be at the Grange site. Details are in the attachment.

Sam Franz from the Madison Ambulance Center discussed the new changes to the Ambulance Center plans since the failed referendum. The building is smaller than the first by only twenty (20) square feet, yet it is more efficient for heating, electricity, security and the space will be adequate for five to ten years. They estimate the cost for construction to be approximately \$1,500,000.

3. Presentation from the E.C. Scranton Memorial Library Expansion Pre-referendum Project Committee.

Ted Mallory, President of the Scranton Board of Trustees, described the changes to be made to the library expansion. The project will include a parking lot, library drive-through for book drop and pickup, new offices, plus increased storage, reading areas, and public meeting spaces. The building will go from the present 19,000 square feet to 41,000 square feet. They estimate that their costs for construction are going down for the project due to “hungry contractors.” The latest estimate for a 2009 construction cost is \$14,900,000. Details are provided in the attachment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Tung, Secretary
Board of Finance