

Approved: May 12, 2010

**Selectboard Special Meeting
May 5, 2010
7:00–8:05 p.m.**

Present: Paul Saenger, Karen Shackett, Bob Warren, Steve Goodrich, Marthe Fisher
Amy Douglas

Guests: Bob Growney, Page Pierson, Phil Kivlin

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

AGENDA:

(1) Newton Academy Insurance Funds

Sue MacIntire, on behalf of the Newton Academy Corp., has requested that funds be released to them from the insurance money to pay for a new set of drawings for their proposed community center building on the former NA site.

Board determined that, as the corporation has approximately \$20,000 in their own bank account, and that theirs is a private project focused on a new non-town-owned building, that it would be inappropriate to use town money, via the insurance settlement, for their project.

(2) Other Business

Extensive discussion initiated by Paige on the need for NA Corp and SB to work together collaboratively toward an acceptable compromise plan for a building to house the town offices and a community center. Board is of the opinion that cost containment is a top consideration, in this economy particularly, and that in terms of projects, a Town Office takes priority over community meeting space. Board understands that current meeting venues (Firehouse, elementary school) are less than optimum in terms of size and acoustics. Nonetheless, they have sufficed and are likely to continue to do so for some time, especially as the new Town Office will have a larger meeting room which, though lacking a stage, will handle many needs. It was noted that the first rendition of drawings from Ralph Nimtz were made prior to the loss of Newton Academy. Board fully concurred with the need for collaboration and indicated their willingness, past and present, to work with he NA Corp. Others present noted that the failure of any NA Corp reps to attend this meeting was not encouraging.

Adjournment: Paul adjourned meeting at 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Conway
Minute Taker

Signed: _____
Marthe Fisher Secretary
Town of Shoreham Selectboard