

Selectboard Special Meeting
April 8, 2008
6:40–7:05 p.m.

Present: Paul Saenger, Bob Warren, Steve Goodrich, Amy Douglas
Absent: Marthe Fisher, Karen Shackett
Guests: Bob Growney, Wilson MacIntire

Call to order:

Paul called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

AGENDA:

Newton Academy's West-Wing Roof

Focus on whether or not to put a new roof on the west side at this time, or wait for clarification on plans of its current tenant and future use.

Bob moved that the Board accept Jeremiah's \$12,300 bid to replace the roof. No Second

Discussion:

Concerns center on severe space restriction between the roof attachment and adjacent windows.

Bob Growney: Questioned why cost of the roof wasn't included in the original estimate for the building's roof repair/replacement, and what is the total cost of the building's renovation expected to be at this point.

Wilson: The project is expected to total \$1million at this point, but will undoubtedly rise. [\$125k for the foundation, \$275k for roof, \$500k for interior work]. Grant applications are being written, and expectations are that about 50% of the expenses can be covered by them.

Note was made that the roof, although suffering from leaks, had been repaired and was stabilized prior to the commencement of the current work on the main roof. However, it has suffered under the work crew's foot traffic and the impact of debris removed from the roof above, and is now in worse shape than before work began. Jeremiah had indicated that costs, in a year, could be expected to rise by \$500 plus whatever material cost increases at that time.

Board previously understood that the Newton committee members were not in favor of replacing the roof, so had tabled the issue. However, Wilson noted that, in fact, the committee was much in favor of replacing it. Board feels there is no current rush; there are concerns over the financing of the total cost of the building's renovation and the burden it may impose on the town.

With no further discussion at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Robin Conway
Minute Taker

Signed: _____
Marthe Fisher, Secretary
Town of Shoreham Selectboard