

ROCKINGHAM SELECTBOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Present: Lamont Barnett, Ann DiBernardo, Joshua Hearne, Peter Golec, Stefan Golec

Also Present: Willis Stearns, II, Municipal Manager; Kerry Bennett, Recording Clerk; Steve Ankuda, Town Attorney; Doreen Aldrich & Ellen Taetzsh, Library Trustees; Céline Houlné, Library Director; Steve Cenate; Deborah Wright; Jim Mitchell; Phae O'Guinn; Gary Fox, Farmers Market

Press: Alex Stradling, FACT8; Joel Slutsky, The Shopper; Tory Jones Bonenfant, Eagle Times; Maddy Shaw, Brattleboro Reformer; Susan Smallheer, Rutland Herald

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 8:13 p.m. by Chairman Lamont Barnett.

Additions to the Agenda for Routine Administrative Matters and/or Pressing Matters that will require ratification at a future meeting: None

Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda (3 minutes per person):

- Gary Fox was present representing the Farmer's Market asking if there were any issues or comments. Barnett stated that this was a Trustee item, not Selectboard, but noted that Stearns had read a list of items during the Trustee's meeting and asked that he repeat these for Fox. The memo distributed to abutting properties and to people parked in the lot was different than the memo presented to the Board. The memo to people stated that cars would be towed if parked within the areas that the Market intended to block off. The Farmers Market has no authority to tow any cars. An individual who lives at Riverview & parks in the Hetty Green Lot could not find a parking place due to the blocked off spaces. However, these spaces that were blocked off were not used. This individual was advised by Stearns to park on the street for the night. Also, not once, but twice, Farmer's Market personnel pounded stakes into private property for a sign. This is not allowed. One phone call was received at Town Hall stating that the Market should move back to the Waypoint Center. Stearns did note that the music and bounce house noise was not an issue.

Agenda:

1. Rockingham Free Public Library Settlement: Attorney Steve Ankuda was present and stated that a tentative settlement has been reached between the Town and SMP Architects of \$100,000.00. Ankuda stated that he felt this was an appropriate settlement and asked that the Board approve this and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement. Ankuda also noted that the Library Board met earlier this evening and approved the agreement. *Peter Golec made the motion that the Rockingham Selectboard accept the settlement of \$100,000.00 from SMP Architects and authorize the Selectboard Chair to sign the documents. Motion was seconded by Joshua Hearne.* Deborah Wright asked how much the Town lost. Stearns noted that many things were just not done and had to be removed from the scope of work, there was an overage of \$158,000 on the project. *Barnett called for a vote on the motion. Motion passed.*

Adjourn: *Ann DiBernardo made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion was seconded by Joshua Hearne. Motion passed.*

Attest: _____
Kerry Bennett, Recording Clerk