

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING
December 11, 2012**

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Jon Truskauskas, and Selectman Frank Chiaramonte.

Attendees: Candace Jones-Pacholski and Dick Pacholski, Duke Moore, Roy Gilley, Michael Sileo and Rafael Amaya.

Call to Order

Mr. Criss called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

New Business

Architects for Harwinton House

Mr. Criss explained that the Harwinton House Building Committee put out an RFP for an architect for the Harwinton House. The committee interviewed candidates. They have it narrowed down to two (2) firms, Duke Moore Architect and Ron Gilley/Amaya Architects as a joint venture. Amaya Architects scored slightly higher per the Building Committee. The Committee requested the Selectmen speak with both candidates.

The first candidate is Duke Moore, AIA Architect. Mr. Moore gave a brief background on himself and his past experience with renovating old structures. He is listed as a historic architect. Past projects worked on include the Falls Village Railroad Station, Fountain restoration on the Green in Winsted, and Holly House in Lakeville. He has also worked as a carpenter and a mason. He looks at the process of renovation as a collaboration and he gets very involved with the project- very hands on. If he is chosen, he would like to sit down with the Town Historian to get a real sense of the town. Mr. Moore's quote was the lowest and that is because he said he typically gives a 15% discount to governments and non-profits.

The second candidates are Michael Sileo and Rafael Amaya with Amaya Architects. and Ron Gilley, Architect. They began with a brief introduction of their company. They explained they submitted a quote as a joint venture with Amaya Architects and Ron Gilley, Architect. Amaya has worked on multi-family projects for 26 years. Mr. Gilley also has extensive experience (worked on the Skinner House in Harwinton) and is currently reporting on projects for CHFA. They noted that between their two (2) offices, they will be able to provide the services required. A recent project completed is the Thomaston Railroad Station. Mr. Criss stated he would like the house to be a useful part of the Town and not just be open a few days a year. Mr. Truskauskas questioned how a problem would be solved between the two (2) offices. Amaya said they work well together and that would not be a problem. When asked about their higher quote, they

stated it's a result of the recession. They also stated they do quality work and priced it fairly.

Mr. Criss thanked both architects for attending the meeting. After some discussion, both Mr. Criss and Mr. Truskauskas noted they were leaning towards Duke Moore. Mr. Chiaramonte noted the Building Committee did its due diligence to find a qualified architect and he would go with the Building Committee's choice.

Mr. Truskauskas moved to hire Amaya Architects to do the preliminary drawings for the Harwinton House. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Adjournment

Mr. Truskauskas moved to adjourn at 2:55 p.m. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Santoro
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