

**TOWN OF HEBRON
BOND HEARING
COMMUNITY HALL
MARCH 30, 2023**

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Paul Hazelton, Richard James, Patrick Moriarty, and Tracey Steenbergen
(Recording Secretary pro-tem)

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Riess, Audrey Johnson, Cheryl Esty, Gail Howell, Alison York, Everett J. Begor, Jr., Phyllis Evans, David Evans, Henry Lynch, Janet Wisniewski, Robert Wisniewski, Martha Twombly, Maynard Young, Suzanne Smith, Ed Weber, Marion Weber, Dan MacPherson, Bob Brooks, Roger Larochelle, Don Franklin, Roger LaFontaine, Carol LaFontaine, Mark Connor, Wendy Werner, Alfred Swartz, Joan Basile, Jan Collins, and Jennifer Larochelle

DISCUSSION: Chairman James opened the bond hearing at 6:05pm and explained this hearing was for the purposes of discussing financing for the proposed community center/library building to be voted on at the May 11, 2023 town meeting. The location of the proposed building would be the site of the old fire station to the left of the Hebron Store. The site was determined by town surveys and the Community/Library Building Committee's recommendation to the Select Board. Building plans and elevation drawings are available for public viewing at the Hebron Town Offices. The Community/Library Building Committee will host an informational meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 in the Community Hall (basement of the Hebron Church). The meeting format will be an open house from 3:00-6:00pm to view plans with a question-and-answer session beginning at 6:00pm.

Chairman James explained to the attendees the town must raise and appropriate \$3,600,000 which is the estimated cost of the project with contingencies. The building would be heated by propane with staffing staying at the current level. Approximately \$400,000 of the cost would be for an addition to the Public Safety Building for storage. The Community/Library Building Committee recommended constructing an addition versus moving a portion of the old fire station to the Public Safety Building. The cost for new construction is approximately the same amount as moving a portion of the old fire station building.

The Town's debt service is projected to remain the same as the Town's current debt amount. The Town Offices building loan will be paid in full this year. Financing would be through Union Bank at 4.75 percent for 26 years with interest only for the first year of the loan with no prepayment penalties. Chairman James explained there are grants available for Community Center type buildings. The Town is applying for a grant and may know by town meeting or soon thereafter if the Town qualifies or is awarded a grant. Any grants or donations received towards the project will be applied to the principal amount of the loan.

Jennifer Larochelle, Library Trustee, mentioned the NH Historical Society has received funds for new shelving and has agreed to donate their old shelving to Hebron. The only cost would be for moving the shelving.

Chairman James closed the hearing at 6:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Tracey Steenbergen
Recording Secretary, pro-tem

SIGN-IN SHEET

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Please print your name below – thank you!

Mike Riis

Mark Connor

Andrew Robinson

Wendy Werner

Alfred Swartz

Joan Basile

Jan Collins

Jan Lachance

Phyllis Evans

David Evans

Henry Lynch

Paul Hazelton

Robert Winiowski

Martha Twombly

MAYNARD Young

Ed + Marion Weber

Pam MacPlessow

Rose Laroche

Don Franklin

Roger + Carol LaFontaine