

CPA Committee
Hearing
Feb. 28, 2006
7:00 PM – 8:30PM

Members Present: Ann Borton, Janet Chayes , John Lochhead, Martha Conant, Walter Goodridge, Ron Sweet.

Members of the Public:

Richard Dacey, Jennifer Coliskey, Anne Bussley, Danielle Lochhead, John B. Conant, Peter Engleman, G. Coliskey, G.W. Murphy, Howard Boyden, Jeane Boyden.

The next CPA meeting will be 4:30 PM March 9.

CPA will present to the select board at 8:30 PM on March 13.

Hearing opened at 7PM

Ann stated that there is \$87, 040 currently available.

Janet gave a summary of the CPA regulations.

Peter Engleman spoke for the Historical Society proposal requesting \$14,278 for the Boyden School House.

He indicated that about \$12,000 had already been raised from individual donations and that roughly 100 citizens of Conway had participated as volunteers or made contributions.

The society has already spent \$38,700. Of this

38% came for individual donations

25% foundation grants

25% historical society and commission funds

12% fund raising activities.

George Murphy questioned the cost estimates. He indicated that the estimate for the floor seemed to imply labor costs of about \$100 per hour. He also reported that he had measured the building at 450 square feet. (If the final cost is \$53,000 this implies a total renovation cost of \$118 per square foot).

Murphy asked why blue board was being used instead of common sheet rock. Several people responded that only blue board could last in an unheated building.

Janet Chayes asked how bids and volunteers had been sought. She indicated that several town carpenters had told her they were unaware of the needs of the project.

Anne Bussley gave a highly enthusiastic report on her use of the building this past October. She indicated that her 5th graders were thoroughly inspired by their day in the building and predicted that other classes would make heavy use of it in the future. She suggested that the building be open to the public on Sundays as is a similar building in Williamsburg.

Mary Owen of the historical society indicated that Nancy Bovio has already volunteered to work in the building.

Several members of the CPA committee made suggestions to Peter Engleman concerning the kinds of issues that might come up in Town Meeting. They indicated that should CPA committee vote to present the proposal to the town the Historical Society would need to be ready to defend it.

Jennifer Coliskey presented the Cemetery Association proposal for \$4,000 to restore monuments in the Howland and Pine Grove Cemeteries. She indicated that some fallen stones could not be fixed without danger of doing more damage. She presented a list of stones in need of repair but could not certain which of these would be repaired. Walter Goodridge suggested that the bid be specifically linked to the list indicating that all stones that could be repaired would be fixed but allowing those that would be endangered to be left as they now are. Jennifer agreed to obtain such a bid.

Jack Lochhead asked how much of the damage had been done by vandalism. Richard Dacey indicated that there has been very little vandalism and that the damage has already been repaired by the vandals themselves.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.