

**Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Friday April 12, 2024
12:00 PM**

Greg Huang-Dale
Thomas Klinepeter

Jim Tyrrell
Thomas Kingsbury

Tyrrell called the Select Board Meeting to order and declare a quorum.

Tyrrell made a motion to submit the question about the municipal complex project and bond financing to the voters of the Town at a secret ballot referendum on June 11, 2024. This was seconded by Kingsbury.

Klinepeter noted that proceeding in this manner would not provide the ability to adjust the bond amount requested on the floor at town meeting, as is allowed with other money related warrant articles. He suggested that perhaps the town would be ok with approving a \$12 million bond and that the project could be redesigned to be within that budget. The flipside is that more people could vote via ballot. He noted that he heard from both people that support and oppose the project who wished to have the vote taken via secret ballot.

Kingsbury reported that the majority of people he has spoken to were in favor of a ballot vote. He believes there will be a better turnout of voters.

Huang-Dale stated that he understands the logic to allow the ability to amend the amount of the bond at town meeting but believes that a lot of work has been put into designing the best building and he would rather see the whole thing approved and that that should be the goal. Klinepeter agreed.

Tyrrell noted that he has not heard a good reason to not have the vote via secret ballot on Tuesday as opposed to at open town meeting. He noted that people did speak about their wishes to have a secret ballot vote.

There was discussion about the effort and need to get accurate information about the municipal complex project out to the public.

The motion passed unanimously.

Klinepeter made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Kingsbury and passed unanimously.

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