

Selectman's Conference Room

Building Committee 5/4/07

Present: Joe Fiala-Selectman, Don Burke, George Malette, Fred Ventresco- TA

Opened meeting at 4:04 pm

Election of officers. George Malette nominates Joe Fiala for Chair. Second Don Burke. All in favor. Joe Fiala nominates George Malette as Vice Chair. Second Don Burke. All in favor.

Discussion of bids to provide air conditioning to the Town Office Building. Bids were received from Brookside Mechanical, H.R. Clough, Inc., Hannon Heating and Air Conditioning, and Ron Rivard.

Malette discussed that placement of units is critical. He came up with a plan that uses either 4 or 5 condenser units. Burke said we would need to sit down with the contractor to finalize placement and number of units.

Malette is not encouraged by use of large units because they eliminate ability to cool separate areas individually. These are offered by Rivard.

Malette said we should carefully match the BTU's to the amount of space per room to gain maximum efficiency.

Brookside's proposal uses 9 separate units. Discussed that seemed like too many. Committee would like to talk to Brookside further. Their bid was lowest at \$18,800. Other bids had different options so comparison is difficult. Need to check references and see some of the work done by them.
Clough Bid is \$33,637, Hannon, \$35,784, Rivard \$24,350.

Malette reiterated that the current issue of "Residential Energy" stresses the importance of matching size of unit to the room. Some of the bids show units which are well oversized. Example Clerk's Office should have 7500 btu unit, Brookside offers a 12,000—could be a 9000. This needs to be discussed with contractor.

Burke suggests we get a list of questions for Brookside, then set up a meeting. Ventresco will make list and call references. If references check out we will continue with Brookside. Will try to set something up for next week.

Malette will talk to persons working in each room about placement of units.

Fiala called meeting adjourned at 5:12.