

Police Department will be recycled to the Library in 2003, therefore no additional funding will be needed for this purpose.

Genesis

Representatives from Genesis were present at the meeting to explain their request for funding in the Town's 2003 budget. Mr. Michael Coughlin explained the services provided to area residents. Chairman Harper recommended that the Board consider an appropriation of \$5,000 to Genesis for 2003. It was noted that Genesis had requested \$8,395, which is approximately \$1.25 per resident.

Chairman Harper moved \$5,000 to be included in the Health Agencies budget for the purpose of Genesis. Selectman Reginald Caldwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board thanked the representatives from Genesis for attending the meeting.

New Business

New Town Hall

Jonathan Halle' of Sherman Grenier Halle', Ltd., was present at the meeting and reviewed proposed architectural plans for a new Belmont Town Hall. Town Administrator McLelland explained that a committee had been formed earlier this year to explore the options available for renovation of the present building, which he noted would be cost prohibitive and not recommended as the building has serious structural problems. The Committee then took input from Town Hall employees regarding space needs and layout. Discussion continued regarding the proposed structure. It was noted that the building is proposed to be approximately 10,000 square feet, with room for future expansion if needed. The present building is about 6,400 square feet and does not meet the needs of present staff.

Town Administrator McLelland noted that the project is estimated to cost approximately 2.3 million. He noted that the costs to fund projects of this type are at there lowest in many years, i.e. interest rates.

The Board thanked Mr. Halle' for his presentation.

BBO and Belknap Soccer Association Request

The Board reviewed a request from the Belmont Baseball Organization and the Belknap Soccer Association relative to the property located on Hurricane Road owned by William and Barbara Duggan. Mr. Jim White was present at the meeting and explained that there is a significant shortage of field space in Belmont, and that this property would be an ideal location if it were still available to the Town for purchase. Mr. White indicated that grant monies might be available for development of the fields. It was noted that approximately 2 fields would fit on the subject property. The Board