

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Joint Session with Finance Committee**  
**Minutes of March 24, 2010**

Chairman Mark Lyons called the meeting to order at 7:06PM. Finance Committee members present in addition to Chairman Lyons were Holger Luther, Kathy Hartman, Trudi Perry and Paul Dierze. Board of Selectmen members present were Chairman Martha Morrison, Richard Gandt, Karen Dow and Laura Powers. Of the Selectmen's staff, Town Administrator Virginia Wilder and Board Secretary Donna Rich were in attendance. Of the Finance Committee's staff Committee Secretary Erica Clay was in attendance. Other persons present during all or part of the meeting were the Town Moderator, John Kinhan, Elementary School Committee Jeff Evaul, Jeanine Cunniff and Sue Archer, Superintendent of Tri-Town School Union Dr. Bernie Creeden, Interim Superintendent of Masconomet Regional School District Dr. Tony Bent, and Masconomet Regional School Committee Ken Vogel.

Chairman Lyons expressed that the purpose of tonight's joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen is to finalize the FY2011 Budget. Mr. Lyons explained that we are working toward finalizing the amount that will need to be put on override ballot questions. Ms. Wilder noted that the Board of Selectmen will be voting on Ballot Questions at the Monday night Board of Selectmen meeting, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Warrant Articles: Ms. Wilder began the discussion of items to be included as part of the Ballot Questions: the defibrillator (\$28,000), police cruiser (\$35,500), Proctor School doors (\$7,000) and the lease purchase of a truck (\$23,000) for the highway department totaling \$93,500. The Board agreed with these items as stated.

There was discussion regarding the Town Clerk salary for FY2011, which will reflect the mid-range of salaries for clerks in the local area as well as the mid-range of salaries for the assistant position for FY2011, with the assistant's hours reduced to 19 hours a week. The total reduction represents \$17,880 to the present Town Clerk budget.

There was a long discussion of the Masconomet Regional High School FY2011 budget and what figure should be presented to the citizens for override. It was decided that the amount cut by state aid of \$63,000 should be put on a ballot question.

Chairman Morrison stated that Nancy Coughlin of the Tri-Town Council had contacted her to discuss the importance of the organization and asking not to be cut from FY2011 budget.

The second Ballot Question components decided upon were: Police Liability Training (\$8,502), Police School Reserve Officer (\$7,805), Road, Bridge & Sidewalk Reconstruction and Maintenance (\$25,000), Masconomet Regional School District Assessment (\$63,000) for a total of \$104,307.

With the override items and cost related to them, there appears to be a balanced budget with 2 override questions. There was further discussion regarding items that are being considered and their value to the town.

Chairman Morrison requested the Board post a meeting for Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

The Finance Committee voted and approved the Department Budgets as detailed on "Attachment A".

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The Finance Committee voted to approve each 2010 Warrant Articles. The votes were recorded by Erica Clay, Finance Committee Secretary, and approved minutes are attached recording the votes.

Finance Committee voted and approved to adopt the Town Reserve and Capital Policies as written and presented.

At 8:45 PM, Chairman Lyons entertained a motion to adjourn, Holger Luther moved the motion and Kathy Hartman seconded the motion; so voted: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary  
Selectmen's Office

*Approved as amended at the June 21, 2010 Board of Selectmen's meeting.*

<p>Pursuant to the 'Open Meeting Law,' G.L. 39, § 23B, the approval of these minutes by the Board constitutes a certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, and the actions taken at the meeting. Any other description of statements made by any person, or the summary of the discussion of any matter, is included for the purpose of context only, and no certification, express or implied, is made by the Board as to the completeness or accuracy of such statements.</p>
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