

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Working Session
Minutes of April 1, 2009

Chairman Boyd Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:37PM. Board members present, in addition to Chairman Boyd Jackson, were Richard Gandt, Martha Morrison, Nancy Luther and Karen Dow. Of the Selectmen's staff, Town Administrator Virginia Wilder and Board Secretary Donna Rich were in attendance.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Old Business

2009 Annual Town Meeting Warrant: Chairman Jackson stated that the purpose of this meeting was to approve the content of the Warrant, realizing that grammatical changes may still be required.

Article 3, General Operating Budget: Selectman Gandt asked if Park & Cemetery along with the Conservation Commission have been informed that their Revolving Funds have been reduced, and if not, would Ms. Wilder please inform them.

Article 4, Water Department Operating Budget is displaying an incorrect figure: 'Other' shall read: 221,284.

Article 6, North Shore Vocational School District Assessment: final number should be verified with North Shore Vocational School.

Article 10, Small Town Road Assistance Program: Selectman Gandt shared information stating that each project grant request requires Town Meeting approval for the project; therefore, wording may need to be changed. Ms. Wilder will research further.

Article 15, Annual Engineering & Landfill Monitoring: Selectman Gandt would like to know if the parts for flares at Pye Brook Park are recognized in the amount placed in this article. Ms. Wilder will research.

Article 19, Purchase of Fire Department Pumper: there was discussion on how to appropriate funds for the Fire Department Pumper. Further information and discussion is required as how best to present the funding of the pumper to the residents.

Article 22, Regional Emergency Communications Center Intergovernmental Agreement: Selectman Gandt stated that he is in agreement with the wording of the article, however, believes that more answers are needed by Town Meeting.

Article 23-29, Zoning Bylaw Amendments: the public hearing on the proposed amendments has yet to occur; therefore, the finance committee will probably not have recommendations for these articles prior to the warrant going to press.

Article 32, Demolition Delay Bylaw Amendment: there was discussion surrounding the amendment to the existing Demolition Bylaw. Selectman Gandt will send to the Board his views on the article via email.

Selectman Gandt made a motion to approve Articles 1-31 and 33-36 as written with exception of typographical changes that remain to be made, seconded by Selectman Dow; so voted: 5-0.

Selectman Morrison made a motion to approve Article 32 as amended, seconded by Selectman Luther; so voted: 4-1. Selectman Gandt opposed due to poor conditions as written.

Proposition 2 ½ Ballot Question: Selectman Gandt made a motion to accept as presented the Proposition 2 ½ Ballot Question for the 2009 Annual Town Election, seconded by Selectman Dow; so voted: 5-0.

2009 Special Town Meeting Warrant: Selectman Gandt made a motion to accept as amended with the correction of typographical changes to be made to the 2009 Special Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectman Dow; so voted: 5-0.

At 6:58 PM, Chairman Jackson made a motion to adjourn, and Selectman Luther seconded the motion; so voted: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary
Selectmen's Office

Approved as amended at the April 27, 2009 Board of Selectmen's meeting.