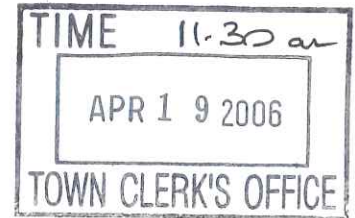


BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Longfellow Municipal Center

Wednesday, April 12, 2006
6:30 p.m.



Minutes of the Meeting

Members Present: D. McCutcheon, Chairperson; P. Savage, Vice Chairman; B. Dicks, Selectman; Thomas Petrowicz, Selectman

Also Present: H. Coffin, Executive Secretary

Member Absent: K. Gikas, Selectman

The Board reviewed each Article on the Draft Warrant for the Special Town Meeting.

The Board would like to double check with Marilyn on the proper language for Article 6. Otherwise, there are no changes that need to be made to the Special Meeting Warrant.

The Board reviewed each Article on the Draft Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

Motion made by B. Dicks and seconded by P. Savage to strike the Article submitted by John Dean, Highway Surveyor, asking to establish a Revolving Fund for Parking Ticket fees; and further to see if the Finance Committee will consider increasing the Highway Surveyor's budget by \$3,000 to cover the cost of parking signage and line painting. The vote is unanimous.

Motion made by B. Dicks and seconded by T. Petrowicz to hold the Article relating to the Capital Budget items until further discussion with the Finance Committee. The vote is unanimous.

Motion made by B. Dicks and seconded by T. Petrowicz to reword the Article submitted by the Assessors to transfer the funds to the capital line item for the GIS Software. The vote is unanimous.

Motion made by T. Petrowicz and seconded by P. Savage to strike the Article relating to the Personnel By-Law and to revisit it for the Fall town meeting. The vote is unanimous.

H. Coffin explains she neglected to include an Article received from the Fire Department on the Draft Annual Warrant due to a clerical oversight.

Motion made by B. Dicks and seconded by P. Savage to continue the review of the Draft Warrant tomorrow night at the meeting with the Finance Committee. The vote is unanimous.

The Board discusses various budget items in preparation for the meeting with Finance Committee and would like some answers from Marilyn before proceeding further.

The Board briefly discusses their availability to meet with the Assessors. Due to their schedules over the next few weeks there is no time to meet with the Assessors. H. Coffin is to advise the Assessors that per Town Counsel they cannot increase the line item for this year so there is nothing that can be done about it for this year; and as far as next year, it would have to be approved at the Town Meeting and they would have to speak with the Finance Committee about that. If it not something that is at the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board will not vote for it.

The Board discusses minor logistical issues regarding the upcoming Ryan Hearing regarding the use of the elementary school and security details. H. Coffin will speak with Lt. Baxter regarding police details and check with Town Counsel regarding the set up of the auditorium.

D. McCutcheon explains that since David Jenkins is prosecuting this case for the Town, the Board should think about having another party in to advise the Board on procedural issues. It would be beneficial to have another attorney present so the Board appears fair. The Board agrees it would be in their best interests to have another attorney present, however, wants to discuss the budgetary issues with the Town Accountant prior to making this decision.


Motion made by T. Petrowicz and seconded by B. Dicks to enter into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation and only returning to Regular session to adjourn.
Roll Call Vote: D. McCutcheon, Aye; P. Savage, Aye; B. Dicks, Aye; T. Petrowicz, Aye

The Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen M. Coffin


Diane O. McCutcheon, Chairperson


Brian T. Dicks, Selectman


Paul J. Savage, Vice Chairman


Thomas J. Petrowicz, Chairman