



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, March 12, 2012

7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: William Kingston, Chairman, J. Philip Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Also in attendance were Comptroller Robert Kozlowski, Assistant Comptroller Brad Heering, Town Treasurer Thomas O’Leary, Selectman Straiton and Selectman Szatkowski.

William Kingston called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1.) Consideration of recommendation from the Board of Selectmen – funding of a replacement Lowboy Dump Truck

Patricia Smithwick made a motion, which was seconded by Claudia Stephan, to approve the Board of Selectmen recommendation to purchase a replacement Lowboy Dump Truck (\$90,000) for the Highway Department, funding would come from the Highway Department current 2011-2012 budget accounts for 240-209 Sand and 240-210 Salt plus an insurance reimbursement of \$18,000. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Comptroller Robert Kozlowski advised that he anticipates additional savings in the current Highway budget due to the mild winter. A Special Town Meeting date of Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. had been established by the Board of Selectmen.

2.) Consideration of establishing the date for the Public Hearing for FY 2012-2013 recommended budget.

Eileen Freebairn made a motion, which was seconded by Claudia Stephan, to establish the date of Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. for the Public Hearing for FY 2012-2013 recommended budget. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. The Public Hearing will be held at the High School.

3.) Deliberation on FY 2012-2013 budget

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TOWN CLERK

100 Selectmen's Office	Requested FY 2012-2013	\$193,103
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$193,103
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$194,666

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by J. Philip Gallagher, to increase 100-101 First Selectman Salary by \$1,563 (2% increase) to fund account at \$79,718. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, and William Kingston. Voting against the motion: Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by Patricia Smithwick, to fund Account 100 – Selectmen's Office at \$194,666. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, and William Kingston. Voting against the motion: Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

110 Treasurer	Requested FY 2012-2013	\$6,925
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$6,925
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$6,925

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Claudia Stephan, to accept the Board of Selectmen recommendation to fund Account 110 – Treasurer at \$6,925. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

120 Finance Department	Requested FY 2012-2013	\$372,914
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$372,914
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$372,914

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to accept the Board of Selectmen recommendation to fund Account 120 – Finance Department at \$372,914. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

130 Town Clerk	Requested FY 2012-2013	\$218,378
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$218,378
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$219,489

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Eileen Freebairn, to increase 130-101 Town Clerk Salary by \$1,111 (2% increase) to fund at \$56,642. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan and William Kingston. Voting against the motion: Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion passed.