



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Paul R. Szatkowski, Selectman

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

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Tuesday, July 19, 2011
7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton and Selectman Szatkowski. Also in attendance was Town Counsel Martin J. Lawlor.

First Selectman Knickerbocker called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Joint Session with Board of Finance:

Consideration of recommendation for the Plumtrees Road Pump Station

The Board of Selectmen had presented a recommendation to the Board of Finance to approve and forward the request to the Board of Finance for the Plumtrees’s Pump Station contract award to Kovacs Construction Corporation in the amount of \$526,448. This is based on a recommendation from the Public Utilities Commission and the town engineer and utilities supervisor.

The Public Utilities Commission had determined that the 1964 pump station on Plumtrees Road is beyond repair and had approved recommending to the Board of Selectmen, a request for funding to replace the pump station. Town Engineer Andrew Morosky and Utilities Supervisor Kelly Curtis were in attendance at the meeting and discussed the history of the pump station and its maintenance.

Discussion took place by the Board of Finance on the need to replace the pump station. Town Engineer Andrew Morosky and Utilities Supervisor Kelly Curtis were present and explained the history of the work that has been done to the

pump station. They noted approximately 1000 homes are affected by this pump station. The work is anticipated to take about 4 months.

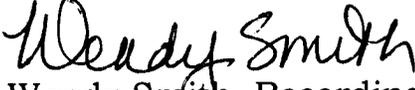
It was explained to the Board of Finance, that the cost to pay for the pump station is included in the utility department rates and will be paid back by the users. The Public Utilities Commission, like with the Stony Hill Sewer Project and similar projects, can not borrow funds on their own. The Town secures the bonds and generally, they are paid back from the user fees.

Board of Finance member James Roden expressed concern over the fact that the utilities department owes the general fund around \$3,000,000 and believes that the Board of Finance needed to approve these transfers.

The Board of Finance tabled the request to discuss later on their agenda.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary