



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room "A"

PRESENT: William Kingston, Chairman, Bruce Cornwell, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Also in attendance were Comptroller Robert Kozlowski, Assistant Comptroller Brad Heering, members of the Board of Selectmen and various department heads and representations from the Board of Education.

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

Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Department Budget Presentations

250- Tax Collector – this account was tabled

380 - Parks & Recreation **FY 2014-2015 Budget Request**

\$941,524

Eileen Earle, Director of Parks & Recreation and Patrick Morton, Parks & Recreation Commission member, presented the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget request for the Parks & Recreation Department. She noted an increase to the part time salaries account due to the increase in minimum wage and the maintenance account includes funding for the downtown to replace benches and trash cans. The park maintenance account has been increased as well to reflect the addition of tree work for the park and education complex. She acknowledged a recent scout project that did a major refresh at Bennett Park, replacing table tops and several other cost saving initiatives.

450 - Board of Education **FY 2014-2015 Budget Request**

\$42,129,368

Board of Education Chairman Lawrence Craybas, Superintendent of Schools Kevin Smith, Associate Superintendent Janice Jordan, and Director of Fiscal Services Theresa Yonsky presented the Board of Education Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget Request.

They noted the biggest drivers to their budget were the cost of health insurance and salaries. They've been actively seeking cost saving alternatives with the health insurance plans and are running various wellness programs to invite a healthier lifestyle.

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