

**Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
Thursday, February 3, 2011
Minutes**

Present: First Selectman William W. Fritz, Jr.; Selectmen, Dolly Mezzetti, Thomas Vicino and Ray Apel.

Absent: Carol Walter

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the United States flag.

VISITORS

A brief discussion took place between Hal Dolan and Fritz regarding bonding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 26, 2011

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to approve the minutes from January 26, 2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

None

BUDGET REVIEW

Carol Walter submitted her budget recommendations in writing to the First Selectman.

- Selectmen – Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to increase the First Selectman's Salary by \$2,400 effective December 1, 2011. The motion was unanimously approved. The rest of the budget was unchanged.
- Fire Department – Walter recommended reducing physicals, psychological testing and repair and maintenance. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to approve the budget at \$286,650 without changes. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Communications – Walter recommended reducing overtime. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel, to approve the budget at \$475,996 without changes. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Police – Walter recommended reducing armory supplies. Apel made a motion, seconded Mezzetti, to approve the budget without changes. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Animal Control – Walter recommended reducing employees to one. Currently there is one full time employee and one part time employee for weekends. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to approve the budget at \$62,232 without changes. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Health District – Walter asked why this line item went up by \$700.00 after the budget was presented. Fritz said it is based on population and the per capita went up.

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- Economic Development Commission – Apel recommended removing the special appropriation request for \$3,300,000. Fritz said that appropriation did not get approved and is not in the budget. . Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel, to approve the budget at \$4,350 without changes. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Other General Government – Walter questioned the town’s continued payments to various organizations that do not provide direct benefit to the people of Clinton. Walter recommended reducing Hazardous Waste Site. There was no increase to the Hazardous Waste budget from last year. \$500 was put back into the budget for the Tree Committee because they can apply for grants if they have a line item in the budget. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to approve the budget at \$358,899 without changes. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Library – Apel recommended reducing library personnel by \$15000. Mezzetti made a motion to approve the library budget at \$693,500. Vicino seconded the motion for discussion. After a brief discussion Apel agreed to approve the library budget at \$693,500. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to approve the town budget for \$14,626,032 and send to the Board of Finance. The motion was unanimously approved.

SELECTMEN’S REPORTS

Apel and Vicino had nothing to report.

Mezzetti said Families Helping Families Pancake Breakfast was very well attended. Mezzetti thanked Public Works for keeping the roads in great shape.

This Saturday the Friends of Morgan Football is hosting their annual Dodge Ball Tournament at The Morgan High School.

Tonight is the first budget meeting for the Board of Finance. February 15, 2011 the Board of Education will present their budget to both the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance.

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Administrative Assistant