

**Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
Friday, May 13, 2011
Minutes**

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

Absent: Selectmen Ray Apel

Board of Finance: Chairman Brad Sullivan, Dennis Donovan, Doug Traynor, Miner Vincent and Ona NejdI

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the United States flag.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Both the town budget and the Board of Education budgets failed to pass. The Board of Finance will meet Monday, May 16, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Green Room of the Town Hall to discuss reductions in the budgets. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium of the Town Hall. The referendum is Wednesday, May 25, 2011. Department heads are urged to attend Monday night's Board of Finance meeting to discuss what cuts can be made to their budgets.

Mezzetti recommended taking out the Selectmen's stipend.

Walter recommended taking back the superintendent and assistant superintendent's raises.

Dennis Donovan suggested reducing capital by \$400,000, take \$400,000 from the surplus and put it towards capital.

Fritz asked the Selectmen to email him possible suggestions and he will forward them to the Board of Finance.

NejdI asked the Board of Selectmen how much they think the budget needs to be reduced by. Walter suggested reducing the budget by one percent above last year. Fritz said the only way to get to zero is to reduce the town by \$700,000. A reduction that big in the town would be a big reduction in services and personnel. Mezzetti and Sullivan agreed zero is not fiscally responsible.

There was a discussion of the budget and possible solutions but no definitive outcome.

ADJOURN

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino

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