

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting

March 10th, 2014

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm.

The Chair moved directly to Kate Brown- RSU #5 Director: Mrs. Brown updated the board on the withdrawal process and budget preparations. Budget Priorities for the year were set in late sum of 2013. She reviewed the several priorities and how they would be addressed in the budget process. Those reviews included Instructional Support, Van Drivers and Custodians, Teacher Flex Times, Technology increase, Capital Investments. Budget process has begun with the proposed budget being presented to the Directors on 3/25, public comment accepted at meeting on 3/26, public hearings being held 4/9 at Pownal Elementary, 4/30 at Durham School, 5/14 at Freeport, Board adoption on 5/14 and budget adoption meeting on 5/28. Discussion also ensued regarding standards based diplomas. Mr. Morris noted that standards would need to begin at elementary school levels. Some discussion as to what happens to schools with withdrawal. The withdrawal committee from Freeport has plans to tentatively have a plan by 4/15. It was noted that any agreement with Freeport should include funding of 300K-500K for capital projects. It was queried as to whether the three towns needed a "mediator".

Alan and Heidi Curry – it was noted that they may need a permit from the Fire Marshalls Office for change of use to a public gathering building. They will check on that. The Board didn't want them going to far financially before obtaining all permits that were necessary. They appriceiated it but would agree to pay for the stop sign program in order to create a safe intersection. MOTION by Mr. Morris, 2nd by Mr. Fauver, that the Selectmen authorize an agreement with the MDOT to make Allen Road/Elmwood road and the Curries driveway a 4 way stop, with the funding for the non-sate portion of the project to be paid by the Currys. SO VOTED. Mr. Bennett will contact Kyle Hall at MDOT.

Hutch Hodsdon was present to discuss the Planning Board Budget. He felt there should be \$3000 left over from previous years for legal review. Other than that the Planning Board Budget will be the same as last year.

PCWA Annual Report – No Changes from last year.

Compensation Policy – go with small changes for this year.

General Govt and PCWA Budget – ok to move forward.

Payroll Warrant # 66– Motion by Mr. Fauver, 2nd by Mr. Morris to approve as presented. SO VOTED.

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AP Warrant # 67 – Motion to approve as presented by M. Fauver, 2nd by Mr. Morris. SO VOTED.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – motion to approve as printed by Morris, 2nd by Mr. Fauver. SO VOTED.

Budget Reviews – The Board will meet on Monday March 17th at 4 PM to review the Public Works Budget, and again on Tuesday march 18th at 4 PM to review the Public Safety Budget.

Planning Board Appointment – Motion by Mr. Giddinge to appoint Russell Schmidt as alternate member of planning board. 2nd by Mr. Fauver contingent upon volunteer form being provided. SO VOTED,

Meeting with Durham regarding joint Road Commissioner – will be set up shortly.

It was noted that Mike Rogers from bureau of Taxation will be at meeting on April 7th which will begin at 6 PM. It was suggested that each board member pick an exemption program category to become well versed on. Mr Morris will do Farmland, Mr. Fauver – Open Space and Mr. Giddinge will do Tree Growth.

Abatement Request by Christopher Bourgeois – After review of material and letter of recommendation to deny request, motion by Mr. Giddinge, 2nd by Mr. Fauver to deny the abatement request. SO VOTED.

Meeting Dates – upcoming meeting dates were set for March 24th, April 7th, April 21st, May 5th, May 19th, June 2nd, June 16th, and June 30th.

Seaver was reminded to prepare a warrant article for town meeting for the sale of town land.

Meeting to Adjourn at 9:30 pm. SO VOTED