

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Katherine Ives, Assistant Town Clerk, at 7:02PM.

**Item #1:** To elect a Moderator.

Richard Ives nominated Robert Kelleher, seconded by Sheila Johnson. A motion to close nominations was made by Leonard Bissonnette, seconded by Donald Francis. Motion carried. A vote was taken and Mr. Kelleher was duly elected.

**Item #2:** To hear and act upon the General Town Government Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, in the amount of \$5,834,798 as recommended by the Board of Finance.

A motion to approve was made by Jeffrey Otto, seconded by Marion Kervin.

Discussion was held on the proposed 2014/2015 "Other Financing" amount of \$595,000.

Discussion was held on the proposed Teen Center by the Recreation Department.

A motion was made by Courtney Tanner-Bellows, seconded by Marion Kervin, to amend the General Town Government Budget by removing all expenses related to the Teen Center which are listed under the Recreation Department Budget, line item #5501, for a total amount of \$54,800. Discussion was held until Sheila Johnson called the question.

A motion was made to vote by secret ballot by Courtney Tanner-Bellows, seconded by Aaron Kerouac. A vote was taken and the motion failed.

A vote was taken on the amendment, 64 against the amendment, 54 in favor.

Amendment failed.

The moderator called for a vote on Item #2.

A motion was made by Lenny Bissonnette, seconded by Aaron Kerouac to vote by secret ballot. A vote was taken and the motion failed.

The moderator called for a vote on Item #2. A vote was taken and the item was declared accepted and approved.

**Item #3:** To hear and act upon the Board of Education budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, in the amount of \$17,030,324 as recommended by the Board of Finance.

A motion to approve was made by Jeffrey Otto, seconded by Donald Frances.

Discussion was held on declining high school enrollment and the proposed full-day kindergarten. The moderator called for a vote on Item #3. A vote was taken and the item was declared accepted and approved.

**Item #4:** To discuss and vote upon a Resolution to appropriate \$841,600 for the costs of the Capital Funding Program consisting of various capital projects for the Town and its Highway, Parks and Recreation and Fire Departments, and the Town Schools.

A motion to accept was made by Jeffrey Otto, seconded by Richard Ives.

Discussion was held on the proposed replacement of a Mortlake heavy-rescue truck, the proposed replacement vehicle for the Recreation Department and the lack of proposed funding for a new fire/security alarm system in the schools.

A motion to amend the item by removing the \$466,000 fire truck was made by Ronald Shurilla, seconded by Marion Kervin. A vote was taken and the amendment failed.

The Moderator called for a vote on Item #4. A vote was taken and declared accepted and approved.

**Item #5:** To authorize the First Selectman, and if applicable, the Board of Education, to apply for, accept and expend any private, state or federal grants, either solely or jointly with other municipalities, and authorize the Board and other officials to take any action related thereto.

A motion to approve was made by Jeffrey Otto, seconded by Donald Frances. A vote was taken and the item was approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Leonard Bissonnette and seconded by William Skene. A vote was taken the meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Ives  
Assistant Town Clerk