

JULY 16, 2007 ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

In attendance, Bill Johnson, Leo Janssens, Dottie Munroe, Maggie Whitney, and Ed Tree. Also in attendance the AWRSD Board Chairman, David Christianson, and AWRSD committee member Laura Weiderman.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON THE AWRSD OVERRIDE REQUEST

David Christianson explained the School Committee's reasons why it has decided to come back to the voters for a reduced request for a second override, after a failed override vote in June.

David emphasized the areas that would be affected if the second override fails included, programming, staffing which included teachers, custodians, secretaries, para-professionals, and the possibility of the need to bring back fees for students who wish to participate in sports.

On a motion by Ed and a second by Leo, we as a Board offer to support the reduced override request on a vote of four to one

FISCAL 2007 RESERVE FUND UPDATE

Bill reported the \$8000 dollars transferred from the Reserve Fund to the Police Department on April 23, 2007 for overtime has not been spent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 28, 2007

Minutes of this meeting approved with the addition of Leo Janssens name included the attendance.

INFORMATION

A) SPECIAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE STATUS

At the Board of Selectmen meeting on June 19, 2007 the Selectmen voted to grant "Special Municipal Employee Status". This status allows Boards, committee or commissions member duties, to contact with Town departments over which they have no jurisdiction, without there being a conflict of interest problem.

B) LETTERS TO SENATOR BREWER AND REPRESENTATIVE RICE

Communication to Senator Brewer and Representative Rice to bring to their attention the Towns serious challenges to maintaining its road, sidewalks, bridges and dam and infrastructure, because of devastating damages from the weather to the roads and the lack of voter approval of funds needed. The letter conveyed the desperate need of revenue for the Town with which to maintain its public ways

LAWS RELATING TO MUNICIPAL FINANCE

We are now the proud owners of the "Department of Revenue and Division of local Services" book. Many questions now arise. Need to decide how we want to be involved in the budget. Should we see the revenue track? Where are we going? Are there certain things we need to do? Do we have copies of union contracts? Suggested the possibility of a sub-committee be established look at the warrant. Suggested also we get together with the Board of Selectmen and be provided with information as a Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

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Each Board member to bring suggesting and ideas and be prepared to discuss our goals for fiscal 2008 (and beyond)

B) Letters from previous meetings (Utilities VMS 2006 vs. 2007 and relocation costs of Town Hall. Letters not sent out.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy J. Munroe, secretary