

## ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2007

In attendance, Bill Johnson, Leo Janssens, Dottie Munroe, Maggie Whitney, Marie Zbikowski, Jamie Piedrafite and Frank Lombardo.

### WARRANT ARTICLES FOR NOV. 15, 2007 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Article 1 - To see if the Town will vote to rescind the quorum requirement of the Town Bylaws, which established a total of seventy-five registered voters be required to conduct a Town Meeting. Members of the AB each gave their reasons regarding their vote on this article. On a vote of 4 yes, and 3 no the Board recommends this article.

Article 2 - Concerns the transfer of \$20,000 from Free Cash to defray the costs of the Town's moving to temporary quarters at Oakmont Regional High School. Although we had questions as what exactly this expense of \$20,000 covered the Board recommended this unanimously.

Article 3 - This article addresses the Low Impact Development Bylaw, which the interest is the land uses in Town and the affect on our streams, lakes and water supplies. Leo attended a meeting and gave a thorough report on the meeting. After a long discussion on the article, the Board recommends the article by a 7 to 0 vote.

Article 4 - This article speaks to the transfer of \$5,550 from available funds to pay some outstanding bills from fiscal year '07. Recommended unanimously by the Board.

Article 5 - The Board recommended this article pertaining to the transfer the Town's interest in certain property on Sherbert Road to the "Habitat for Humanity" by of vote 7 yes.

Article 6 - This article addresses whether the Town should adopt a new section in the zoning by-laws regarding setting a one year moratorium on the Village Center Zoning District. On a vote of 6 no and 1 yes the Advisory Board does not recommended this article.

Article – 7 The Board recommended the Town transfer the sum ofn\$80,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to the FY'08 Budget Reserve Fund to cover of the replacement costs of the Westminster Street Bridge on vote of 6 to 1.

Article 8 – By a unanimous vote the Advisory Board recommends by transfer from available fund the sum of \$2,316 to the AWRSD to update the phone system at the Overlook Middle School.

Article 9 – Again by unanimous vote the AB recommends the transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 to AWRSD to repair the gym door and the HVAC system at the John R. Briggs School.

Article 10 – This article addresses the transfer from available funds into the Town’s Stabilization Fund from Free cash, the AB recommends this on 7 to 0 vote.

#### REPORT FROM THE CAPITAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Bill thanks Leo for heading up the Capital Sub-committee and also Maggie and Jamie for their willingness to serve on this committee.

Questions that need answers:

Will the Rail Trail come under this plan?

Will the Town Barn “move” come under this plan?

Will the road re-construction come under this plan?

Also, Bill hopes to get together with the Town Administrator to co-ordinate when Paul needs the Capital Budget. In addition, does the TA have any plans for the Capital Plan?

Leo will not call a meeting of the Sub-committee until he receives a capital plan from each town department.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Bill received information from Paul Boushell regarding the Advisory Board’s questions on a detailed accounting of the Town Hall move to Oakmont, the cost of lawyers feed in regards to the Piano Museum, and the heating costs of VMS and the Town Hall for the past several years. Bill stated the information on the report was incomplete and unacceptable. Bill to meet with Paul to get the information our Board requested.

Also, the Revenue and Expense Report, year to date, which has a ton of information for our Board, we should have received this report by now.

MMA Meeting, anyone wishing to attend takes care of registering individually.

Maggie brought to the meeting a “Report and Recommendation of the Town of Westminster”, which is distributed to the residents of Westminster before their annual town meeting, in which each article is clearly explained in an effort to present to the voters a better understanding of the purpose of the articles.. Maggie to be charge of putting such a report together and Bill to get a copy to each member of our Board.

NEXT MEETING TBA

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy J. Munroe, secretary