

**TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MAY 6, 2006 JOINT MEETING W/ADVISORY BOARD
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE, TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: Jonathan Dennehy, Chair, Mark Carlisle, Clerk (came in at 9:30 a.m.), Chris Gagnon, Member, Kevin Paicos, Town Administrator, Advisory Board members, Bill Johnson, Dottie Munroe and Leo Janssens, Town Counsel Debbie Phillips, Deputy Moderator Bill Webber, Police Chief Larry Barrett ConCom members Tim Driskell, Lorraine DeSouza and Gary Howland, Town Planner Eric Smith, and Planning Board members John MacMillan, Joe Kalagher and Bruce Whitney.

At 9:25 a.m. Dennehy called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of this meeting was to go over any last minute items for Town Meeting. He asked Kevin Paicos to begin the discussion.

Paicos stated that he wanted to go over the warrant and noted that on Article 23 the tax rate impact amount was incorrect and should be changed to \$.10 and added that the total tax impact of Town Meeting would be \$.62 not \$.72.

Paicos state that there were a few grammatical errors in Article 12 that were changed. He went on to say that Article 15 doesn't need to be voted at Town Meeting and can be dismissed.

Police Chief Larry Barrett stated that Article 18 regarding Police Mutual Aid Agreements requires that the chapter and section of the law be approved so that Ashburnham can enter into mutual aid agreements with the surrounding towns.

Paicos stated that a substitute motion for Article 20 would be made with changes that were discussed and decided upon after a meeting he had with Chris Gagnon, the new Selectman. Gagnon noted that he would like to bring up one more change in Section 9.70 Maternity Leave stating that by law it allows 8 weeks unpaid leave and that this should be changed to one month paid leave not 3. Dennehy agreed that this should be changed. Paicos stated that these changes will require a vote of both boards.

Bill Webber inquired on section 2.73 as to whether they would be paid 3 times the rate of pay as described and Paicos responded that this is already in place but not formalized.

Dennehy asked for a motion to approve this article as amended. Carlisle motioned and was seconded by Gagnon. Motion carried. It was noted that the Advisory Board did not have a quorum at this time.

Paicos noted that on Article 21 the present charge should be changed to \$13.00 from \$15.00. He also stated that in Article 22 the \$13,000 would be from taxation. He noted that Article 23 is all set.

Paicos stated that in Article 25 the actual article is incorrect and should read total new debt in the amount of \$250k. He added that the motion in the briefing book is correct.

Paicos stated that the Advisory Board didn't take a position on Article 33 and added that there wasn't a quorum today to do so. Paicos also noted that Town Counsel made some changes to Article 34 and because of this the entire motion will be read with the changes. Paicos also noted that copies of the changed article will need to be made and stated that Sylvia would make the 200 copies needed as handouts at Town Meeting. John MacMillan asked if the handout would be the motion and Dennehy suggested that they read the article in full with the changes.

Paicos stated that Article 41 would be dismissed and MacMillan stated that he would make the motion to commit this back to the Planning Board for further review.

It was noted that a minor typo was made in the Article 44 motion and it was changed.

At 10:01 a.m. the meeting was moved to upstairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Turcotte, Administrative Assistant