

**TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MAY 8, 2010 – 9:00 P.M.
AUDITORIUM – OAKMONT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Ed Vitone, Chair, Maggie Whitney, Clerk, Ron Reed, Member, Doug Briggs, Town Administrator and Sylvia Turcotte, Assistant to the Town Administrator.

Also present for part of this meeting were Advisory Board members: Bill Johnson, Duncan Phyfe, Meredith Fagan, Belden Divito and Jamie Piedrafite.

At 9:15 a.m. Vitone called the meeting to order.

I. Discussion – Benefits for Elected Officials

Vitone stated that he had a discussion with Linda Ramsdell, the Town Clerk on the history of benefits for elected officials in the Town. He determined that she would maintain the health insurance benefits and forego the stipend for longevity. He stated that they would grandfather her for the health insurance.

Reed motioned to not have benefits for elected officials but would grandfather her for health care benefits only. Whitney seconded and the motion carried.

Briggs noted that they would reduce Article 2 by \$1,000 on three lines, in the Town Clerk budget line, the bottom line and the Town Clerk salary line.

II. Approval of Special Election Warrant for June 15, 2010 (Contingent on Article 5 passing at the Annual Town Meeting)

Vitone stated that they now have the number for Article 5 for the school override and the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Board will have to make their recommendation. He stated that he agrees there's a need but that it's up to each individual on how to pay on their own capacity. *He stated that he recommends this to go to the ballot and it's up to the voters. Reed motioned to recommend this article as stated by Vitone and Whitney seconded. Motion carried.*

III. Last minute discussion – Annual Town Meeting

Vitone then brought the discussion to Article 22, the Waterways Fund. He noted that this fund was from the boat excise taxes. He added that from now on the Lakes Coalition would go to the Board of Selectmen for approval first before they expend from this fund.

Reed made the motion in favor of Article 22 and was seconded by Whitney. Motion carried.

Article 27 was discussed and it was determined that they would note pass over this article. Briggs noted that if they passed over this article they would eliminate Parcel 52 and part of Parcel 48. Vitone agreed that they would not pass over.

The Board was asked to sign the Special Election Warrant for June 15th. Reed motioned to sign the Special Election Warrant for June 15th contingent upon Article 5 passing at the Town Meeting. Whitney seconded and the motion carried.

There was some discussion on the revision of Article 2 noting that line 9 would be reduced to \$47,590 and the Total line reduced to \$12,550,379. It was also noted that the FY09 Total was incorrect and it should be \$12,332,161. The Town Clerk's salary to be voted on would also be reduced to reflect the new rate of \$37,835 which is less the \$1,000 longevity amount.

IV. Adjournment

At 9:25 a.m. Reed motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Whitney. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Turcotte, Assistant to the Town Administrator