



Town of Dartmouth  
400 Slocum Road  
Dartmouth, MA 02747

### Board of Selectmen

#### Select Board Members Present:

Lara H. Stone-Chairwoman  
Shawn McDonald-Vice-Chairman  
William J. Trimble

Joseph Michaud  
Michael Watson

The Chairman called the public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on **May 7, 2012** in room 304.

Board members signed the **warrant(s)** for the following bills from various departments in the amounts of:

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Warrant #</b> | <b>Warrant Description</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| 4/28/2012   | PR44             | Payroll Expense            | \$877,224.35  |
| 5/3/2012    | PD1244           | Payroll Deduction          | \$426,616.68  |
| 5/7/2012    | D1245            | DPW Expense                | \$102,339.23  |
| 5/7/2012    | T1245            | Town Expense               | \$973,606.58  |

#### **I. Appointments:**

6:30 p.m. Joint Meeting with the School Committee.

#### Revenues FY2013

- Over the past several months, various revenue projections formulated as the Governor presents his budget, House Ways & Means presents their budget, & House of Representatives adopts their budget.
- Good News- House Ways & Means & House of Representatives increased Local Aid –Lottery & Chapter 70.
- There are still chapters to come-Senate Ways & Means, Senate, Conference Committee, Governor Approval & vetoes.
- Based on current uncertainty, \$73,001,113 is the recommended revenue number for FY2013. This includes the Chapter 70 increase but not the Lottery increase.

This is done to project conservative revenues and also to support expenditure recommendations.

### Expenditures FY2013

- Major Issue-Dartmouth School Budget
- School Superintendent & School Committee present a needs based budget vs. formula driven budget or an increase of \$827,425 over formula budget.
- Issue-how to reach a number for the School Department. If the Town was to adopt the needs based budget, this would require budget reductions in level service budgets prepared by Town Departments. Schools also wanted to focus on a number higher than Minimum Net School Spending. Looking at Town spending for the School Department in the past, the Town had in most years funded the School Department above Minimum Net School Spending. After review of those numbers, my recommendation is \$32,985,988 plus Medicaid and School Transportation which is 2.3% above Minimum Net School Spending. This returns the School Department to the Net School Spending of FY2011 and could be sustainable in future projection years.

### Future Projections

- Future projections show deficits in the next few fiscal years but appear to be manageable with Net School Spending at 2.3% above Minimum Net School spending. This is due to conservative revenue assumptions-for example, increased Lottery Aid adds \$149,043, of new growth closer to recent levels adds \$100,000 and revenues from solar net metering combined with expenditure efficiencies could add sufficient funds to cover the FY2014 projected deficit of \$345,651.
- New growth continuing at a level \$100,000 above the projection for FY2015 almost covers that deficit combined with the potential increase in FY2016 would result in a similar scenario.

### Additional Budget Highlights and Issues

- Library budget is projected at a level to meet TAMI.
- By reducing the Manpower account, increases are provided for 15 hours per week of additional staffing in the Town Clerk's office, increased staffing at the Parks & Beaches to reflect higher attendance and protect public safety, and a slight increase in Weights & Measures.
- The Board of Appeals request for additional hours is unfunded.
- The Police Department requested three additional positions which the current recommended budget cannot absorb and would increase staffing from 65 to 68 officers. While part of this increase could be absorbed in this budget, it would likely create additional deficit projections. More importantly, the Police Department is recommending a re-organization in staffing which needs Select Board review, thus I am recommending that the remaining funds of \$103,329 be placed in the Reserve Fund. These funds could be transferred to the Police

Department at the October Town Meeting once there is more certainty over FY2014 revenues, settlement of collective bargaining agreements and approval of the Police Department re-organization plan.

School Department's Need Based Budget:

- The budget provided is a high needs budget only; there are many other outstanding needs.
- The budget includes:
- Increase in ESL teachers.
- Addition of Math Specialists to meet current state requirements.
- Social Workers added at the elementary level.
- Striving to be top 30% in the state. Currently Dartmouth is a Level 2 Division school; the goal is to become a Division 1 school.
- Dartmouth funds 20% less per pupil than other communities in the state. We need to do better to achieve the success the department is striving for.

7:30 p.m. Application of Ruby Tuesday, d/b/a Ruby Tuesday # 3906, 83-85 North Dartmouth Mall for a Change of Manager.

*After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the Change of Manager for Ruby Tuesday #3906.*

7:35 p.m. Application of Hawthorne Country Club, LLC, 970 Tucker Rd. for a One Day All Alcoholic License for May 9, 2012.

*After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the One Day Alcohol License for the Hawthorne Country Club for 5/9/2012.*

**II. New Business:**

**A.** Application of Chuck E Cheese, 412-418 State Rd. for an additional Amusement Device.

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted unanimously to approve the application for an additional Amusement Device for Chuck E. Cheese.*

**B.** Zoning Board Proposed Fees.

- Application fees to be revised and consolidated.
- Revising current applications.

- Streamlining the process to make it easier for residents.
- All changes will become effective on July 1, 2012.

*After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the Zoning Board Proposed Fees.*

**C.** Motion to confirm Vote to Borrow monies for Dominican Sisters' Agricultural Restriction.

*After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to confirm that the Select Board borrowed a sum of \$8,250.00 for Dominican Sisters' Agricultural Restriction Trust Fund.*

**D.** Executive Administrator Contract.

*After a motion was by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud it was voted unanimously to approve the Executive Administrator's Contract for an additional 3 years.*

*After a motion was by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve a 1.5% pay increase effective July 1, 2012 on the Executive Administrator's Contract.*

**E.** Dartmouth Library Foundation.

- At risk of dissolving.
- Holding an open recruitment event on 5/17/2012 @ 6:30 pm at the library.
- Volunteers needed.
- Vacancies currently open.
- Donations welcome.

**F.** FY2013 Budget.

*After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to recommend that the FY2013 Budget be approved as presented by the Executive Administrator with 2.3% above minimum Net School Spending.*

**G. Beach Fees.**

*After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to keep the Beach Fees at the current Fees with no changes.*

**H. Renewal Application for a Common Victualler License for Dockside, 1 Bridge St.**

*After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud it was voted unanimously to approve the renewal application for a Common Victualler License for the Dockside.*

**III. Old Business:**

**A. Town Meeting Warrant and Special Town Meeting Warrant.**

**Cemetery Rules and Regulations**

*Tabled to the next meeting (5/14/2012); more clarity is needed on this Article.*

**Appropriation from the Cemetery Sale of Lot Fund**

*After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted unanimously to approve the Cemetery Sale of Lot Fund.*

**Continue Cemetery Revolving Fund**

*After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the Cemetery Revolving Fund.*

**Liquidation of Equipment**

*After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously not to approve the Liquidation of Equipment.*

\*The Select Board stated that due to the Parks, Rec. and Cemetery Board merging in the near future it would be wise to keep the equipment and utilize it.

**Sidewalk Easement-Elm Street**

*After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted unanimously to approve the Sidewalk Easement-Elm Street. Any necessary funds will come from Chapter 90.*

**Loans for Septic System Repair, Replacements and/or Upgrade**

*After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson it was voted unanimously to approve the Loan for Septic System Repair, Replacements and or Upgrade.*

**Salaries of Elected Officials**

*After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted {3 in favor, 2 opposed (Trimble, McDonald)} to approve an average annual stipend for elected boards with no retirement and no health care, and approve a salary increase for the Town Clerk.*

**Schedule A-FY 2013 Budget Appropriation**

*Tabled to the next meeting (5/7/2012), in order for research to be done on other communities salaries of elected officials.*

**Funding Dartmouth Community Television (DCTV) Operating Budget**

*After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson it was voted unanimously to approve funding the DCTV Operating Budget.*

**Create Dartmouth Community Television (DCTV) Cost of Living Adjustment**

*After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the creation of DCTV Cost of Living Adjustment.*

**DCTV Capital Budget Funding**

*After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to approve the DCTV Capital Budget Funding.*

**Create DCTV Revolving Fund**

*After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted unanimously to approve the creation of a DCTV Revolving Fund.*

**Funding Dartmouth Senior Social Day Program**

*After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald, it was unanimously voted to approve Funding the Dartmouth Senior Social Day Program.*

**Zoning -Temporary Use for Parking Lots**

*After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was unanimously voted to approve the Zoning-Temporary Use for Parking Lots.*

**Zoning -Board of Health/Technical Research Group**

*After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald, it was unanimously voted not to approve the Zoning -Board of Health/Technical Research Group.*

\* The Select Board had concerns that the need for TRG would be non-existent if the Town Meeting voted for the prohibition of wind turbines in residential districts.

### **Comprehensive Waterways Management Overhaul**

*After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to approve the Comprehensive Waterways Management Overhaul.*

### **Laborers' Collective Bargaining Agreement**

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the Laborers' Collective Bargaining Agreement.*

### **Personnel By-Law Amendment New Title/Position**

*After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted unanimously to approve the Personnel By-Law Amendment New Title/Position.*

### **Direct Deposit-Acceptance of State Law**

*After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the Direct Deposit-Acceptance of State Law.*

## **Special Town Warrant Articles**

### **Article 1- Outstanding Bills**

*After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the Outstanding Bills.*

### **Article 2-Appropriation for Library Artwork Restoration**

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Chairwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to approve the Appropriation for Library Artwork Restoration.*

### **Article 3-Supplement to the FY 2012 Senior Social Day Program Operating Budget**

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Chairwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to approve the Supplement to the FY 2012 Senior Social Day Program Operating Budget.*

### **Article 4- Creation of a Stabilization Fund for DCTV**

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Chairwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to approve the Creation of a Stabilization Fund for DCTV.*

## **IV. Minutes: Minutes of April 30, 2012.**

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 30, 2012.*

**V. Announcements:**

- CPC Vacancy-submissions should be received no later than 5/15/2102.
- ZBA Vacancies- (permanent and alternate positions)

*After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted unanimously to adjourn.*

Attest:

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David G. Cressman, Executive Administrator

Transcribed by: Stephaney L. Santiago