

# OFFICE OF THE Advisory Board TOWN HALL **511 MAIN STREET DUNSTABLE, MA 01827-1313** (978) 649-4514 x222 FAX (978) 649-4371 finance@dunstable-ma.gov

October 1, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Ron Mikol, Harold Simmons, Kevin Welch, Dana Metzler, Christine Muir, Joe Dean

The meeting opened at 7:07 p.m.

# FY2013 Transfers

Town Treasurer Bonnie Ricardelli and Assistant Assessor Vicki Tidman attended the meeting tonight, to determine what course of action to take in response to Verizon's request for an abatement on a personal property bill from 2009. The amount of abatement is \$23,530.18, plus approximately \$6500 in interest. The interest payment would nearly wipe out the Treasurer's account, so Bonnie is looking for guidance on whether or not to request a transfer for the expense.

Ron suggested that we wait to make a recommendation until we know whether or not there will be a Special Town Meeting. We don't think Bonnie should pay the interest bill from her account as that will affect her ability to pay other bills until after this board meets again to refill her account.

# Previous Meeting Minutes

The September meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Ron attended a Budget & Finance subcommittee meeting last week, in which the interim Superintendent Anthony Bent indicated that the schools may be looking for additional funding beyond this year's appropriations. The next Budget & Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for November 15, at 7pm in the high school library. Ron suggested that several of us might try to attend.

## **GLVRTHS**

The Greater Lowell Regional Vocational & Technical High School has submitted a proposal for renovating the school building. Dunstable has 30 days from the date of that school committee's approval of the project scope and budget to give its own approval or rejection.

## New business

Dana has requested additional information from Andy Gould, accountant, regarding how the Council on Aging's Ruth Tully is paid when anticipated grant money is received.

Ron asked Dana to take a first look at building our FY14 revenue number.

It is not confirmed, but FEMA reimbursements for the October 2011 snowstorm may have bee received, in the amount of approximately \$34,000.

Free cash is still not certified.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.