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January 6, 2014 2014

Present: Ron Mikol, Kevin Walsh, Harold Simmons, Joe Dean and Dana Metzler, Christine Muir

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members of the board in attendance at the meetings on December 2, 2013 and December 9, 2013 approved the minutes of both meetings.

During the discussion of the minutes of December 2, the board reviewed a letter drafted by Dana regarding the verbal altercation that occurred during that meeting. The letter will be edited and reviewed by all; we will meet again next week to finalize, sign, and submit to the Board of Selectmen.

We also reviewed and adjusted the budget planning calendar, to reflect Monday holidays in February & April. We decided to add the BOS to the agenda for Feb 3, 2014 so the Selectmen can offer their input on the Police and Fire budgets before the Advisory Board meets with those departments. We also expect the BOS budget to be submitted on or before February 3.

Old Business

Jim Frey stopped by on his way out of a School Committee Budget & Finance meeting. The state has certified the district's E&D fund for FY13 so the books for that year are closed. The balance certified is approximately \$619,000. The \$400,000 (or so) to be used for FY14 was pre-encumbered so the balance for the account is current. There is still a shortfall in the FY14 budget, though, and E&D funds will be used to balance that budget. However, alternative funding sources, or cost reductions, will be necessary for FY15.

The School Committee is hosting a joint meeting for officials from Groton & Dunstable on Wednesday, January 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Library conference room.

We adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Dana Metzler
Christine Muir
Harold K. Simmons
Kevin Walsh
Ron Mikol