

The weekly meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 7:35 p.m.

Present: Theresa E. McNulty, Chairman; Joseph L. Miksch, Clerk; Robert M. Condon
George Samia, Town Administrator, Catherine Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. McNulty made a statement addressing the events of last weeks Board of Selectmen meeting.

Mr. Joseph Dutcher, East Bridgewater representative to Southeastern Regional School District and Southeastern Regional School District Superintendent Lopes was present to present the preliminary budget summary for Southeastern Regional.

Mr. Lopes summarized the budget in the following format:

- The FY12 proposed budget of \$21,294,145 represents an increase of 4.68% over FY 11
- Local Assessments are up 2.9% (\$215,079).
- Proposed budget maintains current staffing levels.
- Health Insurance increases continue to be a concern.
- 392,000 for MSBA project will provide \$30M in renovation at no increase in costs to districts.

Action Items

M/Miksch, s/Condon, a unanimous vote approve, with additions, the minutes of the February 7th and February 8, 2011 meetings.

Town Administrator Report

Mr. Samia explained that a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 2:00 p.m., with a representative of the Inspector General's office to discuss the next step in the process of paying the \$53,000.00 bill for snow removal from the school roofs.

Open Forum

Mr. John Ridder and his daughter, Ms. Janelle Rotondi, were present to request clarification on a letter read by Ms. Cheryl Pooler, Administrative Assessor, sent by Ms. McNulty, on Board of Selectmen letterhead, to the Board of Assessors regarding property owned by Mr. Ridder.

Ms. Rotondi requested clarification on a number of issues. Ms. McNulty explained that due to possible litigation on this matter, she would be unable to answer any questions concerning the letter referred to in Ms. Rotondi's request.

Ms. Rotondi, for the record, requested, then proceeded to read her questions in their entirety.

M/Miksch, s/Condon, with discussion, to reorganize the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Condon expressed his interest in giving serious thought to the motion. Mr. Miksch stated that due to Mrs. McNulty's recent actions, he feels the need to revamp the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Condon stated that he hoped this motion would be the first order of the Board at next week's Board of Selectmen meeting.

Numerous members of the audience expressed their concerns in the following areas:

1. Board of Selectmen policies and procedures
2. Independent investigation of the recent violation of procurement laws.
3. Transparency within the Town Government.

Mr. Condon stated, with the Board of Selectmen's permission, he would look into getting the answers to the many questions posed at tonight's meeting and would report back to the public as soon as he receives clarification on all issues raised.

M/Miksch, s/Condon, motion to adjourn.

VOTE: Yes – McNulty, Miksch, Condon; a unanimous vote in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Board of Selectmen Clerk