

A joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, the School Committee and the Capital Planning Committee was held on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

Present: Martin Crowley, Chairman; David Sheedy, Clerk; William Dowling; George Samia, Town Administrator; Catherine Johnson, Administrative Assistant

School Committee: Jennifer Kitchenham, Gordon McKinnon, Ellen Pennington, Theresa Maltz, Aimee McAlpine, Gina Williams

Finance Committee: David Foley, Timothy Cramer, John Margie, Timothy Armond, Chris Kelly, Michele Ahearn

Capital Planning Committee: David Foley, Timothy Cramer, Gordon McKinnon, Glen Tattrie

A lengthy discussion was held with regards to the School Department budget deficit, with an emphasis on avoiding the situation in the future.

Ms. Kitchenham respectfully requested that the Board of Selectmen move the Annual Town Meeting date to June 1, 2015, in order for the School Committee to come to the Finance Committee and the Town with a more accurate budget.

Chairman Crowley expressed his concern with the ongoing habits of the School Committee and stated that the trust is just not there regarding their word and promises to the Town. Chairman Crowley stated that he did not see what would change between May 11, 2015 and June 1, 2015 in regards to the School Department budget issues.

Members of all Committees, as well as department heads were in discussion relative to capital project requests presently submitted for placement on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Mr. Samia, along with the Board of Selectmen strongly suggested that the capital project requests of this year would probably not be on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, due to the backfilling of the School Departments 1.1 million dollar deficits, but that they could be re-visited in the Summer or Fall of FY16.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, motion to adjourn.

VOTE: Yes – Crowley, Sheedy, Dowling; a unanimous vote in favor

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm

  
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Board of Selectmen Clerk