

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 7, 2015  
6:00 P.M.  
Groveland Town Hall*

Attendance: Chair Elizabeth Gorski, Selectmen Joe D'Amore and Bill Dunn, and Finance Director, Denise Dembkoski

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:10pm.

FY16 Budget and Warrant Discussion:

At the Board's request the Police Chief and Deputy attended the meeting to explain their need for an additional full-time police officer. The Chief explained that for an additional \$20,454.99 (plus benefits) we could have two full-time officers covering each shift. Currently the night shift has one full-time officer and one reserve. The reserves are not trained at the same level as full-time officers and it is getting hard to find reserves that are available to cover the needed shifts.

The Board discussed the potential liability for having reserves covering so many shifts because training money is being spent of the full-time staff, not the reserves. The feel as though new federal training requirement are almost like an unfunded mandate the town needs to cover.

VOTES OF THE BOARD:

BUDGET -

The Board discussed the budget and the requested increases. Selectman D'Amore stated that he supports the addition of a patrolman, 2 highway employees, and part-time help in the cemetery. Selectman Dunn stated he would support the addition of a patrolman, 1 highway employee, and the part-time help in the cemetery. Chair Gorski stated she supports the addition of a patrolman, 1 Sr. highway employee, and part-time help in the cemetery, but would like to stipulate that the individual hired for the police department is already academy trained.

Selectmen Dunn made a motion to add one full-time police officer, one highway senior operator, provide funds for the part-time cemetery help, increase the fire chief to 19 hours and 2 ½% salary increase, and approve a 3.8% increase for the Assessing Manager.

*Selectmen D'Amore seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.*

The Board then voted the budget as recommended by the Finance Director with the above additions. (See attached Board of Selectmen recommended budget)

ANNUAL & SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANTS –

Selectmen D'Amore made a motion to approve all Annual & Special Town Meeting articles with the exception of ATM Article #17 because it had been withdrawn.

*No second – motion fails*

Selectman Dunn made a motion to approve all articles in the Special Town Meeting warrant as presented.

*Selectman D'Amore seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.*

The Finance Director went through and recapped each article and the Board took a roll call vote on each article accordingly. (See attached warrants and votes for full context)

ARTICLE 1 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 2 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 3 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 4 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 5 Unanimous Favorable Vote to approve budget article as just voted

ARTICLE 6 Selectmen D'Amore and Dunn voted against the Superintendent's requested wage increase, they voted to support a 2 ½% as they provided to the fire chief. They both voted favorably on the rest of the article. Chair Gorski voted favorably on the article as presented

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ARTICLE 11 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 12 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 13 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 14 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 15 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 16 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 17 Selectman D'Amore voted favorable action, Selectmen Gorski and Dunn did not vote

ARTICLE 18 Selectmen Gorski and D'Amore voted favorable action, Selectman Dunn did not vote

ARTICLE 19 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 20 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 21 Selectmen Gorski and Dunn voted unfavorable action, Selectmen D'Amore did not vote

ARTICLE 22 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 23 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 24 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 25 Selectmen D'Amore and Dunn voted favorable action, Chair Gorski voted unfavorable

ARTICLE 26 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 27 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 28 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 29 Unanimous Favorable Vote

ARTICLE 30 Unanimous Favorable Vote

*The Board voted on a motion by Selectman D'Amore and seconded by Selectman Dunn to close the Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants.*

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman D'Amore and seconded by Chair Gorski to approve the Executive Session minutes from February 24, 2014 and regular meeting minutes from April 22, 2014 and release them to the Finance Committee. Vote passed 2 -0-1  
Selectman Dunn abstained since he was not on the board at that time.

8:04 P.M.

Adjournment:

The Board voted on a motion by Selectman D'Amore, seconded by Selectman Dunn to adjourn.  
The Board voted unanimously.

*True Attest:*



*Denise M. Demboski*  
*Finance Director*

**Minutes Unanimously Approved on April 27, 2015**