

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11 2009 - 6:30 P.M.
HALIFAX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m. with Selectman John H. Bruno II, Margaret T. Fitzgerald and Troy E. Garron present.

The following business was discussed:

AGENDA

Town Administrator Charles Seelig added an Executive Session on collective bargaining. Selectman Fitzgerald added an Executive Session on security of the Town.

With the above additions, the Agenda for Monday, May 11th, was unanimously approved.

TOWN MEETING

A. Revenue Sources

Seelig stated there is enough money to fund all of the articles on the town meeting warrants and have money left in reserve.

B. Charitable Organization Articles

Garron will present the petition articles from charitable organizations if no one is present to put them on the floor.

C. Water Commissioners

Fitzgerald had met with Water Commissioner Bonnie Wood who agreed to leave the lease agreement for the water tower at 50/50 (water/general revenue) and Fitzgerald agreed to amend the MTBE Stabilization fund to include all water related issues.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT SEARCH

Christine Harrington came into the meeting and asked the Board if it would accept her resume for the Town Accountant position even though the deadline had passed. Moved by Fitzgerald and seconded by Bruno, Board unanimously extended the deadline to the end of the Selectmen meeting and accepted Harrington's resume for consideration.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

At 6:40 p.m., the Board convened a joint meeting with Finance Committee members Peter Beals, Kim Roy, Greg Tilley and Richard Wright to consider a request for transfer of funds between accounts.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Bruno, Board Selectmen unanimously approved the following transfer to cover costs for the rest of Fiscal 2009, as allowed by MGL Chapter 44 Section 33B:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
#158 Park – Wages	#420 Park - Expense	\$375.00

Moved by Wright and seconded by Tilley, Finance Committee approved the transfer of funds as noted above.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Garron and seconded by Bruno, Board voted was follows to enter into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. with Selectmen John Bruno, Margaret Fitzgerald and Troy Garron to discuss collective bargaining issues and with Police Chief Michael Manoogian to discuss security of the Town:

John H. Bruno II - Yes
 Margaret T. Fitzgerald - Yes
 Troy E. Garron - Yes

Fitzgerald said a statement may or may not be made at the end of the Executive Session and the Board would reconvene in open session.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Bruno, Board voted as follows to come of Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.:

John H. Bruno II - Yes
 Margaret T. Fitzgerald - Yes
 Troy E. Garron - Yes

TOWN MEETING ARTICLE - FIREFIGHTER CONTRACT

While the contract was not yet signed off by the Union, the Board wanted to provide funding if the latest proposal by the Town was accepted by the Union. Moved by Garron and seconded by Bruno, Board voted as follows to recommend funding the Special Town Meeting Firefighter Contract article in the amount of \$11,000 for Fiscal 2009 and, if approved, to increase the Fiscal 2010 budget figure by \$26,000. The Selectmen will make clear to town meeting that no increase in wages will take effect until such time as a contract is signed by all parties.

WAGE AND PERSONNEL - CALL FIREFIGHTER STIPENED

Finance Committee Chairman Kim Roy came into the meeting and informed the Board that the Finance Committee is going to put a hold on the Retainer for Call Captain being proposed by Wage and Personnel. The Committee does not feel Wage and Personnel has had time to fully research the issue and its ramifications. This proposal was submitted to Wage and Personnel shortly before town meeting when Wage and Personnel convened a second public hearing to address a merit increase request in lieu of an earlier proposal to change the Water Superintendent's salary grade.

There being no further business, moved by Garron and seconded by Bruno, Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. to attend the Annual and Special Town meetings.

Troy E. Garron
Clerk

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