

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN MEETING FINAL  
March 11, 2009  
Sanford Hall, Medway Town Hall 7:00pm

**Present:** Chairman Glenn Trindade, Selectmen Andrew Espinosa and Dennis Crowley, Town Administrator, Suzanne Kennedy and Board Secretary, Wendy Harrington was present.

**Absent:** *Selectmen Richard Dunne and John Foresto*

7:00p.m. – The selectmen were present to present their budget to the Medway Finance Committee at their regularly scheduled meeting.

Chairman Trindade presented the BOS FY10 Budget, key areas included:

1. Maintain the number of employees and services providing this FY.
2. Include contractual increases, step increases and state mandates. With a key provision of assuming wage freezes for all municipal and school employees.
3. The removal of all non recurring expenses both municipal and school.
4. There will still be a shortfall after all of the above and \$140K will be moved from Free Cash, understanding this is not an ideal practice, but necessary given the financial situation of the town/state/country.

Chairman Trindade reviewed the Budget Highlights, reviewed FY10 Revenue Projections, reviewed significant changes from FY09 (Education, DPS and Library services), discussed what happens if the town does receive additional state aid. Postponing the Annual Town Meeting was mentioned as other local communities have begun that process. How to notify the taxpayers effectively was discussed. Administrator Kennedy explained that ATM must convene, but then could postpone to another date.

Dr. Evans, Superintendent, discussed her latest conversations regarding obtaining state aid. At a meeting with other superintendents there was a presentation by Secretary of Education, Paul Revell who explained that stimulus money in foundation aid will provide 153 towns (towns that have been under funded in Ch. 70 money in recent years) monies to become fully funded. She understands that Medway will receive \$1.6 million more in FY10 and similar funds in FY11. She has received no formal/paper with this information to date, but working diligently to obtaining something in writing.

Dave Verdolino, School Business Manager, was part of a telephone conference with Roger Hatch and Mr. Soloman, I.D.E.A. Spending and understands there will be an increase of \$671,000 for Medway in IDEA monies, which will be a permanent increase. Dr. Evans believes 50% of this money is fairly flexible as to what it can be spent on, while the other 50% is fixed.

This is a total of 2.2 Million more to Medway this year, these monies must be used within 27 months and Dr. Evans believes it should be used for non-recurring expenses. She also stated that she believes it should be used to enhance the Town and Schools in the IT departments and the like.

Chairman Trindade explained that there will be remainder Free Cash to be spent and he has asked CIPC to be prepared to present their list of recommendations in the coming weeks.

Selectman Crowley commended Dr. Evans for looking at non-recurring that would help the Town AND the Schools.

The Selectman's presentation ended at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Harrington  
Board Secretary

\*Approved 4/21/09