

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

February 25, 2010

Present: Chairman Elaine Kelly
Rick Nieber
Janice Hight
Dan McInnis
Bob D'Amico
Tony Poteete

Also Present: Town Administrator John W. Coderre

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

D. McInnis moved acceptance of the January 28, 2010 meeting minutes as amended correcting the vote of 5-0-1 to 4-0-1; R. Nieber seconded; minutes approved as amended 5-0-1. J. Hight abstained since she was not at the January 28th meeting.

Assabet Regional Vocational School Presentation

Superintendent Mary Jo Nawrocki and Business Manager Pat Collins presented the Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School Student Performance Profile and Budget Assessments.

Total FY11 budget is \$16,900,000, a \$485,000 increase over FY10.

Northborough's assessment will increase from \$611,150 to \$680,836, an 11% increase. Northborough's enrollment is up by 6 students, a 12.77% increase. Northborough's share of the Assabet budget has increased from 6.96% to 8.03%.

Assabet is using the Governor's House 2 budget figures for planning and are committed to not requesting additional funding if these figures change.

The final budget figures will be provided once the document is printed.

Pat Collins discussed the MSBA Renovation Project for Assabet. Their goal is to submit a warrant article for the April 2011 Annual Town Meeting to approve funding for the project. A handout was provided with a tentative schedule.

MSBA will reimburse 54% of the project. The project includes roof, HVAC, windows, lighting, plumbing and possibly science class updated. There are no cost estimates available at this time, but are anticipated in December 2010.

The project requires unanimous approval by all 7 communities.

Northborough will likely be responsible for approximately 3-4% of project costs.

Snow and Ice Budget

8:45 p.m. Town Administrator explained the snow and ice budget. J. Hight moved and R. Nieber seconded to approve deficit spending in the FY10 snow and ice account.

Preliminary Budget

Town Administrator distributed the power point presentation on the preliminary budget reviewed at the February 22nd Selectmen's Meeting.

Adjournment

9:12 p.m. J. Hight moved to adjourn; R. Nieber seconded; approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Coderre

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