



APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 10, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Selectmen's Meeting Room

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

Also Present: John W. Coderre, Town Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

R. Nieber moved that the minutes of the October 28, 2010 and November 4, 2010 meetings be passed over until completed; J. Hight seconded; approved unanimously.

R. Nieber moved approval of the January 6, 2011 joint meeting minutes with the Financial Planning Committee; B. D'Amico seconded the motion; approved with J. Hight abstaining since she was not at the meeting.

Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School Presentation

Assabet Valley provided a Student Profile handout. Superintendent Nawrocki reviewed the material with the Committee. As of 10/1/10, total Northborough enrollment was 39.

For FY2012, the Assabet Valley School Committee voted a \$17,300,000 proposed budget, which is a 2.4% increase.

Northborough's assessment is reduced in FY2012 to \$517,488 due to reduced enrollment. The FY2011 assessment was \$680,836 for 53 students. Only 41 students are projected for FY2012. Total school enrollment in FY2012 is 1,088.

A brief overview of the building project at Assabet was provided. The project is being delayed until next year. Total estimated cost is \$70 million. Northborough's share would be based upon a three-year average of enrollment. Preliminary estimates of Northborough's share of debt service is 6.97%, or approximately \$213,000 in FY2013.

The building project will require all 7 Towns to approve the project.

FY2012 State Aid Update – Governor's House 1 Budget.

The Town Administrator provided an overview of the Governor's House 1 Budget released at the end of January.

Snow and Ice Budget Update

The Town Administrator reviewed deficit spending in the Snow and Ice Account. B. D'Amico moved to approve deficit spending in the Snow and Ice Account; D. McInnis seconded the motion; approved unanimously.

Other Business

- The GFOA presentation will be on February 14th with the Selectmen.
- The School Committee is scheduled to meet with the Appropriations Committee on February 19th.

Adjournment

9:20 p.m. J. Hight moved to adjourn; R. Nieber seconded, approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Coderre

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