

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 23, 2007**

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6:50 p.m. - Algonquin High School, 79 Bartlett Street, Northborough, MA

PRESENT: Dawn Rand, Chairman
William Pantazis, Vice Chairman
Leslie Rutan, Clerk
Jeff Amberson
Fran Bakstran

OTHERS: Barry M. Brenner, Town Administrator
John Coderre, Assistant Town Administrator
Diane Wackell, Executive Assistant
June Hubbard-Ward, Treasurer/Collector
Attorney David Doneski, Kopelman & Paige

TOWN MEETING PREPARATION

The Board discussed last minute details for the Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Brenner updated the Board on an earlier meeting between himself, the Treasurer/Collector, the School Business Manager and the Acting School Superintendent. At this meeting, a discussion took place about reducing the Assessment by the Regional School Committee for the Regional School District to finance the K-8 Schools in order to avoid the need for an override.

Also at this meeting, Mr. Brenner had recommended the following alternative compromise: that in order to eliminate the need for the Proposition 2½ Override for three full-time existing, but not occupied teaching positions, the Northborough School Committee would need to vote to defer filling one of the positions (\$50,000), to reallocate funds within the FY 2008 K-8 Operating Budget to fund one of the positions (\$50,000) and that the last position (\$50,000) would be funded by the Town from the additional State Aid as proposed in the Governor's Budget.

Selectman Bakstran moved the Board vote to accept the recommendation of the Northborough School Committee to amend the amount of the appropriation in Warrant Article #7 to \$50,000 and remove the Proposition 2½ Override Language; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to approve appropriating \$50,000 for the Northborough School's Operations based on the Governor's Budget for State Aid; Selectman Bakstran seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

RECESS TO THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to recess to the Annual Town Meeting; Selectman Bakstran seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

Meeting recessed to the Annual Town Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant to the
Board of Selectmen