

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES

March 30, 2011

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A meeting of the Orleans Board of Selectmen was held on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, in the Nauset Room of the Town Hall. Present were Chairwoman Margie Fulcher, Vice-Chairman Sims McGrath Jr., Clerk Jon R. Fuller, Selectman David M. Dunford, Selectwoman Susan B. Christie, Town Administrator John Kelly, Director of Finance David Withrow, and Recording Secretary Kristen Holbrook.

Chairwoman Fulcher called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Review Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrant and Vote Recommendations:  
(00:00:11)

The Board met with Town of Orleans Fire Chief William Quinn regarding his three proposed articles for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Chief Quinn asked the Board to consider placing an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant in order to create a new full time EMS Coordinator position, as it would ultimately save his department in overtime funds.

**On a motion by Mr. Fuller, and seconded by Mr. Dunford, the Board voted not to place an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant "to Create a New Full Time EMS Coordinator Position". The vote was 5-0-0.**

Town of Orleans Fire Chief William Quinn spoke to the Board regarding his yearly struggle to manage the overtime in his department. Chief Quinn stated that there has been an increase in the multiple call-outs in recent years. Chief Quinn also cited the numerous vacations, compensation time and sick time that must be back filled. Chief Quinn proposed that by adding two additional full-time Firefighter/EMT Positions would reduce the need for overtime.

**On a motion by Mr. Dunford, and seconded by Mr. Fuller, the Board voted not to place an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant "to Create Two New Firefighter/EMT Positions". The vote was 5-0-0.**

Chief Quinn provided the Board with information on an amendment to the Orleans general Bylaw Section 62-1: Alarm Systems. Mr. Kelly spoke to the Board regarding amending the Bylaw to add a section to address AED devices.

**On a motion by Mr. Dunford, and seconded by Mr. Fuller, the Board voted not to place an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to amend General Bylaw Section 62-1: Alarm Systems. The vote was 4-1-0. Mr. McGrath voted no.**

*Brian Kavanaugh* asked the procedure for placing an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Kelly clarified the difference between the Annual Town Meeting warrant and the Annual Town Ballot.

*Dave Abler*, a resident of Orleans, spoke to the Board urging them to vote favorably on the school's override request.

*Deb Ehnstrom*, a resident of Orleans, urged the Board to support the school district's request for an override.

**On a motion by Mr. McGrath, and seconded by Mrs. Christie, the Board voted to close the public hearing. The vote was 5-0-0.**

The Board continued their discussion with Chairman of the Open Space Committee, Alan McClennan, to discuss proposed articles for the Annual Town Meeting.

**On a motion by Mr. Fuller, and seconded by Mrs. Christie, the Board voted to place an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant "Authorize the Conservation Committee to Lease Putnam Property for Agricultural Use" contingent on Town Counsel review with the Board's recommendation to be made at the Annual Town Meeting. The vote was 5-0-0.**

Review of Proposed Budget and/or Financial Plan Items Currently Pending: (02:05:11)

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with information regarding the projections for the reductions to the local aid budget.

Mr. McGrath stated that he supports the recommendations of the Finance Director.

**On a motion by Mr. Fuller, and seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Board voted to reduce the Local Aid Budget Projection line item in the FY12 budget by \$45,000. The vote was 5-0-0.**

**On a motion by Mr. McGrath, and seconded by Mr. Dunford, the Board voted to support an increase in the Massachusetts Municipal Association Conference Funding line item in the FY2012 budget in the amount of \$4,000. The vote was 5-0-0.**

Mrs. Fulcher recused herself from the meeting.

Mr. Kelly asked the Board to consider authorizing him to move forward with acting: director of Public Works on a temporary basis, through the end of 2012.

**On a motion by Mr. Fuller, and seconded by Mr. Dunford, the Board voted to remove the Department of Public Works Reorganization funds from an expense**

**On a motion by Mr. Fuller, and seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Board voted to place a question on the Annual Town Ballot for general override purposes in the amount of \$120,000 to fund the FY2012 School Budgets. The vote was 5-0-0.**

**On a motion by Mr. Dunford, and seconded by Mr. Fuller, the Board voted not to place a question on the Annual Town Ballot for general override purposes in the amount of \$150,000 to fund the Technical Review and Cost Analysis of the CWMP Options. The vote was 5-0-0.**

Mr. Dunford stated that the Board should consider using the \$107,000 surplus in the 2012 budget to reduce the budget further.

**Mr. Dunford moved that the Board to find the best way within the budget to return the excess 107,000, to the taxpayers. There was no second and the motion failed.**

Vote to Approve the FY2012 Budget: (04:12:20)

**On a motion by Mr. McGrath, and seconded by Mrs. Christie, the Board voted to approve the Town of Orleans Budget for FY 2012 as amended.**

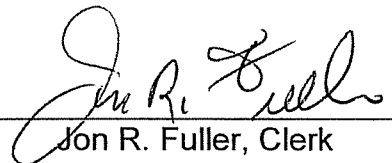
After a brief discussion, Mr. McGrath withdrew his second, Mrs. Christie withdrew her second and the Board postponed their vote on the FY2012 budget until the April 6, 2012 meeting.

Adjourn: (04:15:29)

**On a motion by Mr. Fuller, and seconded by Mr. Dunford, the Board voted to adjourn. The vote was 5-0-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Holbrook

  
Jon R. Fuller, Clerk