

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
May 5, 2008**

Present at the meeting that was held at the Hale Middle School library were Chairman Stephen Dungan and Selectmen Kathleen Farrell, Thomas Ruggiero, and Ellen Sturgis.

Selectman Jason Robart was absent.

Also present were Town Administrator William Wrigley, Town Counsel Jon Witten, and Administrative Assistant Susan McLaughlin.

Chairman Dungan called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to deal with any pre-Town Meeting business before Annual Town Meeting.

Ms. Farrell moved to reconsider the Board's earlier vote in support of Article 40, the NRSD's proposed borrowing for the high school track and field rehabilitation. Ms. Sturgis seconded, and all voted in favor.

A discussion followed, in which Ms. Farrell presented her reasons to vote against the borrowing and the other Board members expressed their opinions. Mr. Ruggiero arrived after much of the discussion around whether to reconsider the Board's position on Article 40.

Ms. Farrell moved to rescind the Board's earlier vote in support of Article 40; Ms. Sturgis seconded. Ms. Farrell and Ms. Sturgis voted in favor; Mr. Dungan and Mr. Ruggiero voted opposed. The motion to rescind the earlier vote on Article 40 did not pass.

Individual members volunteered to present the Board's support of several major articles to Town Meeting.

Ms. Farrell moved that the Board support capital request 38-8, renovation of the Town Building 3rd floor; Mr. Ruggiero seconded. Following discussion, Ms Farrell voted in favor; Mr. Dungan, Mr. Ruggiero, and Ms. Sturgis voted opposed. The motion to support Article 38-8 did not carry.

At 6:50 p.m., Ms. Farrell moved to recess the meeting; Mr. Ruggiero seconded; and all voted in favor.

Mr. Robart joined Town Meeting in progress.

At approximately 10:15 p.m., the Board took the following action during Town Meeting.

During consideration of Article 40, High School Track and Field rehab, it was reported that the Town of Bolton had voted against the borrowing requested by NRSD. Given the School District regional agreement, this made Stow's vote moot in a practical sense.

Town Counsel advised the Selectmen to vote on the article, regardless of Bolton's vote. Ms. Farrell moved that the Board vote to move No Action on the Nashoba track and field article; Mr. Robart seconded; and all voted in favor.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., Town Meeting was recessed to continue the following night, May 6, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McLaughlin
Administrative Assistant, Board of Selectmen

Approved as amended, May 27, 2008