

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
May 4, 2009**

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

Also present were Town Administrator William Wrigley and Town Counsel Jon Witten. Chairman Ruggiero called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Administrative Assistant Susan McLaughlin joined the meeting at roughly 6:45 p.m.

The meeting was called for the Board to discuss taking a position on certain articles in the warrant.

Article 5 – General Budget FY 2010: Mr. Ruggiero said he would make a statement that the Board voted to support this level funded, level service budget.

Article 34-4&5 – Ms. Farrell mentioned that Capital Planning had voted to support the fire truck and turnout gear. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to support recommendations of the Capital Planning Committee.

Article 41 – Senior Tax Relief – Board supports.

Article 44 – Have to pass this statute for Medicare eligibility – Board supports.

Article 39 – Mr. Dungan had questioned if the \$50K requested for the historic inventory was the best use of CPC funds. Ms. McLaughlin, as member of Historical Commission, explained this was a two year project, and the committee needed to be sure they had enough funding to evaluate 280 properties. Last time this was done was 26 years ago and only went up to 1910 – this inventory will go up to 1960. The project will go through RFP process, will allow the committee to apply for some grants, and have a voice against 40B. She explained that this is the primary responsibility of the Historical Commission and an appropriate use of CPC funds. Board supports.

Article 45 – Formalizing a new regulation, Permitting Authority for Trench Regulations – Board supports.

Article 54 – General bylaw amendment to use paper ballot on articles over \$500K. This article was brought forward by a group of citizens and Board sponsored, as a means to prevent Town Meeting “intimidation.” Board supports.

At 6:55 pm, Mr. Dungan moved to adjourn; Ms. Sturgis seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Farrell, Clerk of the Board

Approved as submitted, June 16, 2009