

February 10, 2003

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2003**

Present: Arnold Wilson, Chairman
 Charles Blanchard
 Hal White
 Doris Sosik
 James Malloy, Town Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Budget Issues

It was the consensus of the Board to put the following items on hold: Board of Selectmen Purchase of Services; Town Administrator Dept. Head Salary and Salaries/Wages; Matching Grant Funds; Town Accountant Dept. Head Salary and Salaries/Wages; Board of Assessors Dept. Head Salary and Salaries/Wages; Finance Director Dept. Head Salary and Salaries/Wages; Town Counsel Purchase of Services; Town Clerk Dept. Head Salary and Salaries/Wages; Conservation Commission Salaries/Wages; Planning Department Dept. Head Salary and Salaries/Wages; Zoning Board of Appeals Salaries/Wages; Police Department Dept. Head Salary and Salaries/Wages; Fire Department Dept. Head Salary and Salaries/Wages; Building Inspector Dept. Head Salary; Animal Control Officer Dept. Head Salary; Education: Burgess Elementary School, Tantasqua Town Share and Tantasqua Transportation Assessment; Department of Public Works Dept. Head Salary, Salaries/Wages and Supplies; Town Road Maintenance Road Construction; Landfill Salaries/Wages; Board of Health Salaries/Wages; Inspections & Testing Barn Inspection; Council on Aging Dept. Head Salary and Salaries/Wages; Joshua Hyde Library Dept. Head Salary and Salaries/Wages; Recreation Salaries/Wages and Supplies; Historical Commission Supplies; Unclassified: Group Insurance and Medicare Tax.

MOTION: To recommend approval of the figures suggested by J. Malloy, except those items that were put on hold, by H. White.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To keep the Board of Selectmen Purchase of Services account at \$850, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To keep the Town Administrator Matching Grant Funds account at \$15,000, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To approve the Town Counsel Purchase of Services account at \$60,000, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To keep the Town Clerk Out of State Travel account at \$1,225, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To change the DPW Purchase of Services account to \$46,989, and the Supplies account to \$50,000, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To put \$632 back into the Barn Inspection account, by H. White.

2nd: C. Blanchard

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To keep the Recreation Supplies account at \$1,800, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To keep the Historical Commission Supplies account at \$250, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To set Wages at 4% increase based on the merit system, by C. Blanchard.

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2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

It was the consensus of the Board that all salary and wage accounts remain on hold until J. Malloy has calculated the figures. The Board also agreed to hold the Burgess and Tantasqua accounts until their budget has been approved. C. Blanchard said that if there is a 10% cut across the board, it would have a big impact on Chapter 70 for Burgess. J. Malloy added that there would also be a big impact on the tax bill for residents. A. Wilson said that he was appalled at the lack of maintenance at Burgess. C. Blanchard suggested contacting John DeStefano to discuss the situation, and ask for a review of capital expenditures over the past 10-15 years.

MOTION: To keep the Medicare Tax account at \$127,680, by H. White.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To convene in executive session under MGL Chapter 39, §23B, Paragraph #6: To consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease or value of real property if such discussion may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body, not to reconvene in open session, by H. White.

2nd: C. Blanchard

Roll call vote: All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

BOS Clerk

Date