

February 28, 2005

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2005**

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A.Wilson announced that a Special Town Meeting will be held on March 1, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at Burgess Elementary School.

A.Wilson announced that on March 17th the Burgess Elementary School budget will be presented by the School Committee at 7:00 p.m. at Burgess.

A.Wilson announced that on March 9th at 7:00 p.m. the Tantasqua budget will be presented at a public meeting at Tantasqua High School.

MOTION: To authorize Town Counsel to settle the RRI case and to authorize Town Counsel or the Town Administrator to execute any documents required, by H. White.

2nd: C. Blanchard

Vote: All in favor.

Special Town Meeting Warrant for March 1, 2005

Article #57: Glass Crusher Replacement

MOTION: To recommend no action on Article #57, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

Article #55: Insurance Proceed Appropriation – Ambulance

MOTION: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$76,000 from the Insurance Proceeds Account for the purpose of paying the cost to replace the Town's ambulance, by H. White.

2nd: C. Blanchard

Vote: All in favor.

Article #56: Ambulance Appropriation

MOTION: To see if the Town will transfer and appropriate from free cash the sum of \$44,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of replacing the Town's ambulance, by H. White.

2nd: C. Blanchard

Vote: All in favor.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant for April 25, 2005

Article #1: Town Reports

MOTION: To place and support Article #1, by H. White.

2nd: C. Blanchard

Vote: All in favor.

Article #2: Utilization of Free Cash

MOTION: To place and support Article #2 as written, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

Article #3: Town Budget

MOTION: To place and support Article #3, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

Article #4: Water Department

MOTION: To place and support Article #4 as written, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

Article #5: Sewer Department

MOTION: To place and support Article #5, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

Article #6: Sewer Project Debt

MOTION: To place and support Article #6, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

Article #7: Tantasqua Study Committee Report

MOTION: To place Article #7 on the warrant, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

Article #8: Town Meeting Time

MOTION: To place Article #8 on the warrant, by H. White.

2nd: A. Wilson

Vote: Three in favor; C. Blanchard opposed.

Article #9: Substitute Motions

MOTION: To place Article #9 on the warrant, by A. Wilson.

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2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: Three in favor; C. Blanchard opposed.

Article #10: Leash Law

MOTION: To not place Article #10 on the warrant, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: Three in favor; A. Wilson opposed.

Article #11: Uplands Bylaw

MOTION: To place and support Article #11, by A. Wilson.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

Article #12: Zoning Amendment – Petition to Redefine “Elderly”

MOTION: To place and support Article #12, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: A. Wilson

Vote: All in favor.

Article #13: Zoning Amendment – Petition to Rezone

MOTION: To place but not support Article #13, by A. Wilson.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

Article #14: Petition to Re-zone

MOTION: To place Article #14 on the warrant, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

Article #15: Elementary School Schematic Design/Project Manager

MOTION: To place Article #15 as a borrowing article as written by bond counsel, by H. White.

2nd: C. Blanchard

Vote: All in favor.

Article #16: Building Committee

MOTION: To place and support Article #16, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

Article #17: Community Preservation Committee Report

MOTION: To place and support Article #17, by H. White.

2nd: C. Blanchard

Vote: All in favor.

Article #18: Community Preservation Committee Appropriation for Historic Preservation – Cemetery

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MOTION: To place and support Article #18, by H. White.
2nd: D. Sosik
Vote: All in favor.

Article #19: Community Preservation Committee – Appropriation for Affordable Housing

MOTION: To place Article #19 on the warrant, by A. Wilson.
2nd: H. White
Vote: All in favor.

Article #20: Revolving Funds

MOTION: To place and support Article #20, by H. White.
2nd: D. Sosik
Vote: All in favor.

Article #21: Ambulance Stabilization Fund

MOTION: To place and support Article #21, by H. White.
2nd: D. Sosik
Vote: All in favor.

Article #22: Ambulance Stabilization Account Appropriation

MOTION: To place and support Article #22, by A. Wilson.
2nd: H. White
Vote: All in favor.

Article #23: Sturbridge Area Tourist Association

MOTION: To place Article #23 on the warrant, by A. Wilson.
2nd: D. Sosik
Vote: All in favor.

Article #24: Betterment Committee

MOTION: To place and support Article #24 in the amount of \$96,403.08, by A. Wilson.
2nd: H. White
Vote: All in favor.

Article #25: Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION: To place Article #25 on the warrant, by A. Wilson.
2nd: C. Blanchard
Vote: All in favor.

Special Town Meeting Warrant for April 25, 2005

Article #58: Burgess School Improvements

MOTION: To place Article #58 on the warrant, by C. Blanchard.
2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

Article #59: Gasoline Account

MOTION: To place and support Article #59, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

Article #60: Acceptance of MGL Ch. 59, Section 5(54)

MOTION: To place and support Article #60, by A. Wilson

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

Article #61: Acceptance of MGL Chapter 59, Section 57B

MOTION: To place and support Article #61, by A. Wilson.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

Article #62: Truck Scales

MOTION: To place and support Article #62, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

Article #63: Reserve Fund

MOTION: To place and support Article #63, by A. Wilson.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

Article #64: Complete Measure and Listing

MOTION: To remove Article #64 from the warrant, by A. Wilson

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

Article #65: ZBA/Planning Board Clerk Transfer

MOTION: To place and support Article #65, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: A. Wilson

Vote: All in favor.

Affordable Housing Proposal

MOTION: To place the Affordable Housing proposal in the amount of \$50,000, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

Budget

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A. Wilson said that the Finance Committee had voted to reduce stipends to zero. It was the consensus of the Board that stipends are fair, and to continue them and increase them by 3%. It will be brought up at Town Meeting for the people to decide.

Regarding the Town Clerk's salary, it was the consensus of the Selectmen to not change their position.

Regarding the Council on Aging Director's salary, it was the consensus of the Board to wait until the next meeting for further input.

MOTION: To approve the Group Insurance line item at \$785,000, by C. Blanchard.
2nd: H. White
Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To approve the Insurance Blanket line item at \$215,500, by C. Blanchard.
2nd: H. White.
Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To adjourn, by H. White.
2nd: C. Blanchard
Vote: All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

BOS Clerk _____ Date _____