

February 13, 2006

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 13, 2006**

Present: Arnold Wilson, Chairman  
Hal White  
Doris Sosik  
David Schmida  
William Emrich  
James Malloy, Town Administrator

The Chairman called the regular session to order at 7:40 p.m.

**Budget Review**

J. Malloy reviewed the Finance Committee's Report with the Board (copy on file). It was the consensus of the Board to hold action on all items regarding salaries and wages.

J. Malloy said that the Betterment Committee voted to recommend the web site cost be transferred to the Town Administrator's Purchase of Services Account.

**MOTION: To change Account #11232-52000 Town Administrator Purchase of Services to \$10,435, by A. Wilson.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: W. Emrich**

**Vote: All in favor.**

Regarding the Police Department budget, A. Wilson asked why the Police Chief's salary line item did not show the Quinn Bill amount. J. Malloy said that it was supposed to have been broken down under Salaries/Wages/Quinn Bill Incentive, and said that he would look into it. The Board put a hold on Overtime Expenses. J. Malloy noted that Police Dept. Purchase of Services could be lowered to \$42,450.

Regarding the Education budget, A. Wilson said that there will be a public hearing on the Burgess budget on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and a public hearing on the Tantasqua budget on March 7<sup>th</sup>, and Jim Wettlaufer will give a presentation in executive session at a meeting at the Town of Holland. It was the consensus of the Board to hold action on Burgess and Tantasqua items.

**MOTION: To approve the Tantasqua Debt Assessment at \$570.872, by A. Wilson.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: W. Emrich**

**Vote: All in favor.**

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Regarding Snow and Ice Control, A.Wilson noted that it has been under funded over the last few years, and G. Morse has requested that it be increased. It was the consensus of the Board to hold action in order to consult G. Morse, DPW Director.

Regarding Landfill/Recycling Center, J. Malloy said that according to Wally Hack of DEP, it is necessary to inspect the facility on a regular basis; every other month an inspection is to be done by a professional engineer. He will look into getting a figure on what it would cost to get an engineer to make inspections. He said that the Operations and Maintenance Plan will be scanned and submitted to DEP. It was the consensus of the Board to hold action pending further information.

Regarding the Insurance Blanket under Unclassified, J. Malloy suggested it be increased by \$6,000 to cover the required insurance under the McNamara Law for the firefighters.

**MOTION: To increase the Insurance Blanket Account #19102-57410 to \$241,000, by A. Wilson.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: W. Emrich**  
**Vote: All in favor.**

Regarding Reserve Fund Account #19102-57800, it was the consensus of the Board to hold action pending further information from the Finance Committee.

Regarding Central Purchasing, it was the consensus of the Board to increase Town Building Cleaning Account #19152-52325.

**MOTION: To change Town Building Cleaning Account #19152-52325 to \$28,885, by A.Wilson.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: W. Emrich**  
**Vote: All in favor.**

**MOTION: To approve everything except those items on hold, by H. White.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: D. Schmida**  
**Vote: All in favor.**

J. Malloy suggested that the Board review the items listed in the Executive Summary (copy on file) and come up with a plan on how to prioritize them. A. Wilson stressed the importance of maintaining the Town buildings, fleet and equipment.

**MOTION: To convene in executive session under MGL Chapter 39, §23B, Paragraph #3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation; and #6: To consider the purchase,**

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**exchange, taking, lease or value of real property; not to reconvene in open session, by D. Sosik.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: H. White**

**Roll call vote: All were in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

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BOS Clerk

Date