

**BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN  
MEETING  
MINUTES**

**October 29, 2014**

Town Hall Board of Selectmen Conference Room

Chairman Robert J. Fleming; Selectman Kenneth Picard; Selectman James Brochu; Town Manager, Blythe C. Robinson; Executive Assistant, Sandra Hakala.

1 The meeting was called to order at 7:30am by Chairman Fleming.

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3 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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5 **Review Special Town Meeting Warrant – November 18th**

6 The Town Manager explained the updates from the prior versions of the warrant:

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8 • Article #1 gives the Town the ability to amend the operating budget to manage the  
9 shortfall due to lower than expected grand list growth. The final amount hasn't been  
10 determined (through the recap sheet process). Options include a reduction in the  
11 insurance budget and some use of free cash. Transfers within the budget might also be  
12 looked at but until the amount is known this hasn't been determined.  
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14 • The Affordable Housing Trust met Monday night and increased the request of CPC funds  
15 to \$200,000  
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17 • Since some work at Kiwanis Beach to take down the fence around the tennis courts had  
18 already been done and paid for the amount of the article for this project has been  
19 increased by \$1,000 to \$43,000  
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21 • The article on public safety signage was removed at the request of the Selectmen, to be  
22 considered in the spring  
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24 • Due to the budget issue the typical article to put funds in stabilization was removed  
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26 • Some other minor edits to various articles have been made.

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28 **Motion #1:** Motion was made by Selectman Brochu to approve the Special Town Meeting  
29 Warrant on November 18, 2014

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31 Second: Selectman Picard, Unanimous: Chairman Fleming

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34 **OTHER TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED**

35 **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual First Night Upton**

36 Ms. Robinson has spoken with Sharon Bliss and she was willing to cover the cost for custodial  
37 services but was still questioning the cost for use. A Little Common Sense is wavering in their  
38 participation and it is unclear if the program will proceed as planned. It is still unclear what the  
39 specific use would be at Town Hall.

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41 **3 Milford Street**

42 Mr. Maloney had been approached by the church and had made a low bid. His offer of 140K was  
43 accepted. It has been speculated that he intends to use the space for two condominiums with  
44 underground parking.

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46 *Job Sharing*

47 The Town Manager continues to explore potential job sharing opportunities with neighboring  
48 communities. Recreation Director, Nursing Services and Conservation Agent positions were  
49 discussed as possible future endeavors.

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51 **ADJOURN MEETING**

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53 **Motion #2:** At 8:10am motion was made by Selectman Brochu to adjourn the regular meeting.

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55 Second: Selectman Picard, Unanimous: Chairman Fleming

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57 Respectfully submitted,

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60 Sandra Hakala

61 Executive Assistant

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