

**BOARD OF
SELECTMEN
MEETING
MINUTES**

April 8, 2015

Fire & EMS Headquarters, 20 Church Street , Training Room
Chairman Kenneth Picard, Selectman James Brochu, Selectman Robert J.
Fleming, Town Manager, Blythe C. Robinson.

1 The Selectmen joined Finance Committee members Paul Flaherty, Jonathan Calianos, and Shawn
2 Craig, at their regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the FY 15/16 budget.

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4 The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm by Selectman Fleming.

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6 The Boards asked the Town Manager to discuss any changes that may affect the FY 15/16 proposed
7 budget as the draft budget is unfavorable (1,490,906). Ms. Robinson noted that the difference
8 between the FY 14/15 MURSD budget and FY 15/16 proposed is \$1,391,632 and that if the Board of
9 Selectmen’s intent is to recommend to the voters for approval of an override specific to the school
10 district this is the amount. She suggested that if the override does pass the budget would still need to
11 be reduced by about \$100,000 and she suggested that it be taken from the roadway repairs warrant
12 article.

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14 The Selectmen and the Finance Committee then discussed the timing and amount for the override.
15 They agreed that override ballot amount be as stated above and that the roadway budget be reduced.
16 They also discussed setting a date of June 4th for an adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting and
17 waiting to vote on all articles that require a raise and appropriate vote until that date because by that
18 time we will know if the override passed on May 18th and whether the school budget changes in any
19 way.

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21 Warrant for a Special Town Election

22 The Board reviewed the warrant for a special town election to be held at the Nipmuc Middle/High
23 School on May 18, 2015 with one ballot question as follows:

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25 **BALLOT QUESTION 1:** Shall the Town of Upton be allowed to assess an additional One million
26 three hundred ninety one thousand six hundred thirty two dollars (\$1,391,632.00) in real estate and
27 personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Town’s assessment for the Mendon-Upton
28 Regional School for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, Two thousand fifteen?

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30 **YES** _____ **NO** _____

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32 **Motion #1:** A motion was made by Selectman Picard to approve the special town election warrant
33 for May 18, 2015.

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35 Second: Selectmen Brochu, unanimous: Chairman Fleming.

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37 ADJOURN MEETING

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39 **Motion #9:** At 8:30 Motion was made by Chairman Fleming to adjourn the regular meeting.

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41 Second: Selectman Picard, Unanimous: Selectman Brochu.

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43 Respectfully submitted,
44 Blythe Robinson, Town Manager