

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER: Chm. Woods called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The following persons were present: Chm. Julie Woods, Vice Chm. Kevin Kuros, Clerk Michael Potaski, Town Manager Jill Myers and BOS Assistant Tracy Leavitt. Also present was Finance Director David Genereux.

NEW BUSINESS:

To approve and sign the overall bond sale: Finance Director Genereux informed the board that on April 1, 2008 the town sold \$6,780,003.77 worth of bonds to FTN Financial Capital Markets at an average interest rate of 3.79%. He noted that overall the town received fourteen bids.

I, the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts (the "Town"), certify that at a meeting of the board held April 8, 2008, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appears upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Voted: that the sale of the \$6,725,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2008 Bonds of the Town dated April 1, 2008 (the "Bonds"), to FTN Financial Capital Markets at the price of \$6,780,003.77 and accrued interest is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on April 1 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2009	\$250,000	4.25%	2019	\$315,000	3.55%
2010	265,000	4.25	2020	325,000	3.60
2011	280,000	4.25	2021	345,000	3.65
2012	285,000	4.25	2022	360,000	3.70
2013	290,000	4.25	2023	370,000	3.75
2014	305,000	4.25	2024	390,000	3.80
2015	325,000	4.125	2025	405,000	3.85
2016	330,000	4.00	2026	420,000	3.90
2017	335,000	4.00	2027	435,000	3.95
2018	340,000	4.00	2028	355,000	4.00

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated March 20, 2008, and a final Official Statement dated April 2, 2008, (the "Official Statement"), each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Bonds shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Official Statement.

Further Voted: that the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment listed below to be financed with the proceeds of the \$115,000 borrowing authorized by the vote of the

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Town passed November 15, 2005 (Article 6) is hereby determined pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(9) to be as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Borrowing Amount</u>	<u>Maximum Useful Life</u>
DPW-Sidewalk Tractor	\$115,000	10 Years

Further Voted: that the consent to the financial advisor bidding for the Bonds, as executed prior to the bidding for the Bonds, is hereby confirmed.

Further Voted: that the Bonds may be secured in whole or in part by insurance or by letters or lines of credit or other credit facilities, as shall, in the discretion of the Treasurer, be in the best interests of the Town.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a continuing disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds from time to time.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

I further certify that the agenda for the meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto, was posted on the bulletin board of the town at least 24 hours before the meeting in compliance with Article 7, Section 7(b) of the Town Charter.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that notice stating the place, date and time of the meeting was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in the office of the Town Clerk or on the principal official bulletin board of the Town at least 48 hours, including Saturdays but not Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the Bonds were taken in executive session, and that the official record of the meeting was made available to the public promptly and remains available to the public, all in accordance with G.L. c.39, s.23B as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Chm. Woods asked Mr. Genereux to inform the public on the difference of a Ban and Bond. Mr. Genereux explained that when an article is brought forth to seek permission for borrowing it begins with a vote at Town Meeting. After approval the town is responsible for gathering as much information as possible before going out for permanent debt (Bond). Mr. Genereux noted that the cost of issuance for a bond is usually \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00. He informed the board that if a town only has a few borrowings it is not worth bonding until other projects can be included to make it worth while and that is when you would Ban (Bond Anticipated Note).

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Town Bond Rating: discuss correspondence from Moody's: Finance Director Genereux reviewed the Moody's rating, which is done yearly. He explained that currently the town is healthy enough to maintain an "A2:" rating but, have a "Negative Outlook". Mr. Genereux then informed the board that FY09 is extremely important if we want to maintain our bond rating. He re-iterated some of the grave concerns noted by both Moody's and the auditors, Melanson Heath and Company. The concerns being 1.08 million in general fund decline, the dependence on free cash, and slower projected revenue growth in FY2008 and FY2009. Mr. Genereux stated that the concerns put forth by Moody's and the auditors clearly states that the town must address the issue of revenues not meeting expenditures. Mr. Genereux informed the board that the non-discretionary costs, particularly health insurance, continue to be examined, but at this point there appears to be little movement within those budgets. Sel Potaski stated that the bottom line is to encourage the community to not continue to raid stabilization because the implications are too profound too be acceptable. Mr. Genereux stated that the goal is to bring forward a budget with consensus.

OLD BUSINESS:

Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant (Articles and Motions) – Review and Vote Recommendations: Ms. Myers reviewed the motion for Article 5. Mr. Genereux informed the board the current balance of stabilization is \$1,398,000.00. he went on to explain that if at Town Meeting stabilization is used to fund Articles 3,4,15,11,12 and the special fund deficit the balance would end up being \$709,000.00 which would not include the school contract settlement. There was consensus among the board that the trend to delete and replenish stabilization yearly needs to end. Sel. Potaski noted that the board has three commitments; to live within our revenues, BOS and FinComm. together to fund the School Town Building Maintenance Fund every year and not to raid stabilization. Sel. Potaski went on to say that as a town we are stuck with a huge health care cost and currently we are unable to control it. He ended by saying somehow we have to find the money to pay the bills and we cannot shutdown essential services. Sel. Kuros stated that the cost of health care is our biggest concern and we need to take a serious look at a dramatic recession on health care or be ready to face decimating services. Chm. Woods asked how much money is needed to meet the existing obligations with out using stabilization. Mr. Genereux responded by saying approximately \$1.4Million. Sel. Kuros asked to move the remainder of the warrant review to the 4/14/08 agenda. Chm. Woods asked who will be addressing Article 32 at Town Meeting. Sel. Potaski informed the board that Mr. William Brown will speak on behalf of Article 32. Sel. Potaski explained that there is a silent majority in town that truly believes in keeping a healthy level of savings and the goal of the article is to not allow the town to find new and creative ways to spend left over free cash but, to give the money back to those in which it originally came from. Chm. Woods asked Sel. Potaski's recommendation. He responded by stating he is supportive and will present a detailed list of cuts/savings on April 14th. Chm. Woods stated that the notion that money is spent frivolously is not practical. Chm. Woods noted that if Article 32 passes she will vote to set the ballot to allow citizens to vote. The board agreed to continue the discussion to April 14, 2008.

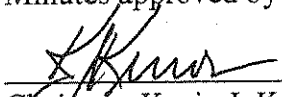
ADJOURNMENT: At 8:38 PM

MOTION by Sel. Potaski, seconded by Sel. Kuros to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by, Tracy Leavitt, Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

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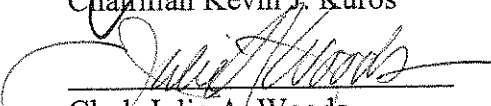
Minutes approved by Board of Selectmen:



Chairman Kevin J. Kuros



Vice Chairman Michael Potaski



Clerk Julie A. Woods

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