

July 23, 2014

A joint meeting of the School Committee, Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, July 23, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. at the Multi-Service Center, Room 320.

Present School Committee: Cliff Sylvia, Rhonda Veugen, Geoff Swett, Student Rep Nicole Russo

Absent School Committee: Mike Flaherty, Mel Lazarus

Present Board of Selectmen: Alan Slavin, Peter Teitelbaum, Judy Whiteside

Absent Board of Selectmen: Steve Holmes, Patrick Tropeano

There was a quorum of the Finance Committee present.

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

Discussion of FY'15 & FY'16 Budgets

The questions addressed were (1) Where are we? and (2) What adjustments do we need? The overall concern was about the projected \$600,000 short fall for the 2015-2016 budget.

The school department indicated that 32 positions were cut, the supply budget was reduced, and grade/school reconfigurations were all done for the current budget. Every part of the budget was and will continue to be examined.

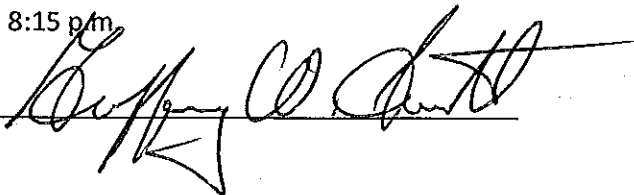
During discussions on more income to the town, the Town Administrator replied that the Onset Parking Plan may generate \$10,000.00, the meters will generate between \$100,000 and \$110,000 but that money should be used for maintenance like painting and creating a sheath for the dock. They are hoping to generate money from Wal-Mart and hotels, but indicated that would take some time. When contracts are settled with the Unions, we will invariably end up needing to find an extra 4% as a result of no increase in 2013-2014.

School Committee members expressed concerns on a way to fund a Resource Officer and losing highly qualified teachers as a result of Wareham's salary structure. It was suggested that 'Free Cash' go into the stabilization fund to help make some capital improvements, but the 'Free Cash' has not yet been certified. The Town Administrator indicated that the Town should be signed up for Mayflower Municipal Health by October 1.

There was further discussion on debt exclusions as a possible source of income. It was stated that debt exclusions are for large initiatives that last over time. It was noted that Northeastern University and Bridgewater State University are conducting a study on economic development.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cliff Sylvia", is written over a horizontal line.