

Members present: Kevin McCormick                      Christopher Rucho  
                         Allen R. Phillips                      John O'Brien

Member absent: Steven Quist

Mr. McCormick convened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

**Budget discussion with the School Committee and Finance Committee**

The Board of Selectmen met in open session with the School Committee and Finance Committee. The Superintendent of Schools, Tom Kane, mentioned that the town Administrator's budget leaves the School Committee with the task of making cuts at the school and the committee does not wish to make additional cuts at this time. Mr. Kane previously proposed changes to the school funding formula by adding vocational education to the list of fixed costs because this cost was uncontrollable by the school. This effort failed.

The latest proposal by the schools is to seek \$9,351,108 which puts the school budget gap at \$215,142.

There was a discussion about using ambulance receipts to fund the budget gap. In addition, there was a thought of closing out the vocational education revolving fund to help fund the school budget gap.

Mr. Kane requested that Town Meeting rescind/reject reauthorization of the vocational education revolving fund at the May town Meeting.

The School Committee is looking to make up the school budget gap with \$88,181 from free cash and unassigned revenues for \$9097, vocational educational revolving fund and overlay surplus. Additional funds would be needed to bridge the gap.

Mr. Gaumond agreed to work with the Superintendent to help the School Committee with a motion to help them bridge the budget gap. The Selectmen would be kept apprised of the discussion.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Mr. Rucho at 9:01 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Phillips, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: May 19, 2010

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Leon A. Gaumond Jr.

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Kevin M. McCormick, Chairman

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Allen R. Phillips, Vice Chairman

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Steven Quist, Clerk

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Christopher A. Rucho, Selectman

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John O'Brien, Selectman