

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
July 16, 2008
Slade Building**

Members present: Paul Hale, Chair
Kristie Casey, Vice Chair
Matt Castriotta, Clerk

Finance Committee: Mark Dymek, Chair; Kellianne Becker, Vice Chair; Jennifer Chase Williams and Ed Blanchard

Staff present: Deb Roussel, Town Administrator

Meeting commenced at 6:08 p.m.

Mr. Hale reviewed plan of action for layoffs, should override election on July 29th not be successful. Department heads were to supply list of names for appropriate notice from Treasurer.

Copies of revised assessment letter from Quabbin were distributed to members; savings of approximately \$3,000 from former assessment was noted. Report of error in debt assessment for FY09 also noted, regarding inclusion of debt for district office construction, however no authorization from Town meeting had occurred according to Town Clerk's records. Treasurer Dunbar is withholding payment for that portion of the debt assessment.

Finance Committee questioned ability of State to dictate budget figure, as reported in newspaper. Ms. Roussel and Ms. Casey explained process of State law to allow District to operate until such time as the towns adopt a budget.

Copies of correspondence from Veteran Director were distributed, noting predicted shortfall in veteran's benefits line in the amount of \$19,000 by year-end, as two individuals have filed for benefits effective July 1, 2009. \$5,000 is budgeted annually, however is 100% reimbursable on the following fiscal year Cherry Sheet. Funds sufficient through end of August and probability Special Town Meeting will be required to revote school assessment. If funds are necessary in the interim will request reserve fund transfer.

Finance Committee received FY08 W#28 and FY09 W#1 tear sheets. Ms. Roussel responded to questions on disparities in line items representing Town Meeting appropriations by special article that need to be carryover into the new fiscal year and need.

Mr. Blanchard asked about the over expenditure in the snow and ice accounts, questioning if there was an excess of funds transferred, creating a balance in the line item, what would happen to the surplus. Ms. Roussel reported her belief that funds would be closed out to free cash, since the transfer from Stabilization to line items was voted by Town Meeting, however would verify with Town Accountant.

Motion M. Castriotta
To adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm
Vote: All in Favor

2nd: K. Casey

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Roussel,
Town Administrator

Approved: July 21, 2008.

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