

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 15, 2014

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Community Room at the Police Station with Mrs. Walter and Mr. Hevy also present.

Finance Committee member present were Mr. Lubelczyk, Mrs. Maggio, Mrs. Orsi, Mr. Hubacz and Mr. Locatelli. Also present was Jason Petraitis. Sergeant Daley came in at 7:36 PM.

I. BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Smith handed out 2 sheets, Preliminary Budget Figures and School Choice In/Out figures. Mr. Smith walked the committees through the deficit and the fact that it increased by approximately \$51,000.

Mrs. Orsi asked why can't the funds be transferred to the appropriate accounts? Mrs. Walter explained how the problem happened, which was basically a bookkeeping error. In June the Town Meeting article for the O'Neil bill was rescinded from the General Insurance account, but was not entered into the books properly. This problem was found by the auditors who were on site this fall.

The second sheet was the School Choice In/Out figures. Mr. Smith stated that the update from the Superintendent was that we currently have 24 new students coming in, and 17 of the 36 students are no longer being claimed as of 9/9/14.

The Finance Committee discussed other options for reducing the budget by possibly cutting the budget across the board using a straight percentage calculation. They also discussed an option of using Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds. Mr. Smith mentioned that there was an additional \$45,000 of Choice In monies that the school is going to receive, and the Selectmen and School Committee will be exploring the option of tapping into that funding.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

There being no further business, at 8:15 PM, Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric M. Hevy
Board of Selectmen Clerk