

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 13, 2013

Chairman Walter called the Selectmen to order at 18:55 meeting at the Senior Center with Selectmen Smith and Chabot present.

Mrs. Walter asked Finance Committee Chair, Eric Hevy if the Selectmen could discuss two brief items prior to the Finance Committee call to order. Chairman Hevy agreed.

Mrs. Walter asked for a vote on whether both lawyers (Brian Maser and Brian Riley) from Kopelman and Paige should be present for the November 22 Special Town Meeting. Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Chabot seconded a motion to have both lawyers present at the November 22 Special Town Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Selectmen also briefly discussed a request by Kenneth Amons 35 Murphy Road to attend the Selectmen's Meeting on November 19 to discuss the paving of Murphy Road. It was agreed that Mr. Amons would be postponed to a future meeting, possibly December 3 to allow for more preparation to respond to his questions. Mrs. Walter proposed that in lieu of meeting only with Mr. Amons that, as Highway Commissioners, the Selectmen hold a hearing regarding the Murphy Road paving issue to allow abutters and others to also provide their input on the issue at the same meeting. Mr. Chabot moved and Mr. Smith seconded a motion to hold the hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:05 Finance Committee Chairman, Eric Hevy called the Finance Committee meeting to order. Chairman Hevy opened the meeting with brief remarks regarding the subject of the meeting, which was the single article from the warrant for the November 22 Meeting. Mrs. Walter read the article for all present. The warrant is Attachment 1 of these minutes.

Selectmen Smith offered to explain the history and circumstances of Robert O'Neill, Superintendent of Schools' lawsuit in which the Town of North Brookfield and the North Brookfield School Committee were collectively referred to as the "Town". Mr. Smith's research included files from the Selectmen's Office and the Town Treasurer's Office. A lengthy discussion regarding the case and the Town's appeals of the court judgment included questions from members of the Finance Committee who were not familiar with the case. During Selectman Smith's discussion of the court process a lengthy discussion focused on the dollar amount that would be taken from Stabilization to satisfy the Court's