



SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 26, 2008

The Board of Selectmen held a Special Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in the Merrill Seney Community Room.

PRESENT: Lawrence K. Groh, Jr., First Selectman; Sarah F. White, Selectman; Kathleen A. Hiatt, Selectman; Michael Martin, Finance Director; Jeffrey Barske, Town Clerk; Rene Morin, Tax Collector; Kevin Kennedy, Director of Planning & Development; Renee Waldron, Recreation Director; Carolyn Werge, Conservation Officer; Rita Reiss – NECCOG; other concerned citizens

BUCKLEY HILL ROAD PROJECT

Mr. Groh presented the resolutions for the Buckley Hill Road project. Ms. Reiss explained the project and the associated resolutions. Ms. Reiss explained that the Town was awarded an additional \$71,900.00 for the completion of the project. Ms. Reiss explained that this was a part of the Worcester Urban Area project and that Buckley Hill Road is considered an urban connector. Ms. Reiss said that the money is being offered because of increased costs and that the bids received were slightly higher.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, to have the First Selectman sign the resolution authorizing the Town to accept up to \$71,900.00 over the original funding for the Buckley Hill project.

<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Miss White</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

BUDGET WORKSHOP

- The Board discussed the budget request for department 1301, Finance & Treasurer. The Board decreased the request for line item 522130 from 1,000 to 800 and line item 522150 from 1,150 to 1,000.
- Mr. Groh stated that he received a letter from a concerned citizen in regard to recreation programs.

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- The Board discussed the budget request for department 1302, Tax Collector. The Board decreased the request for line item 522110 from 100 to 85 and line item 522140 from 500 to 390.
 - The Board discussed the budget request for department 1501, Town Clerk. The Board decreased the request for line item 522130 from 400 to 200 and 522140 from 1,200 to 800.
 - The Board discussed the budget request for department 3301, Building Official. The Board decreased the request for line item 522310 from 150 to 100, line item 533020 from 750 to 500 and line item 533150 from 700 to 200.
 - The Board discussed the budget request for department 6000, Economic/Community Development. The Board decreased the request for line item 522130 from 1,000 to 800, line item 522140 from 2,000 to 1,800, line item 533150 from 1,000 to 800 and line item 533410 from 1,000 to 800.
 - The Board discussed the budget request for department 4101, General Services. Ms. Hiatt explained that she spoke to a representative from TVCCA in regard to their budget request. Ms. Hiatt stated that there are 37 stops per day for meals on wheels serving 50 participants. Ms. Hiatt also stated that the increase is purely driven by the increase in cost for food and gas and that TVCCA has made efforts to cut overhead costs. The Board increased the TVCCA line item from 4,000 to 8,890. The Board also decreased the budget request for line item 522747 from 475 to 200.
 - The Board discussed the budget request for department 4201, Public Health. The Board eliminated the line item for Day Kimball Homecare's flu clinics.
 - The Board discussed the budget request for department 5301, Recreation Commission. The Board decreased the budget request for line item 524009 from 3,200 to 2,200, line item 524017 from 1,000 to 900, line item 522310 from 2,500 to 2,200 and line item 525014 from 300 to 200.
 - The Board discussed the financial impact of potential upcoming retirements from the Highway Garage. Miss White suggested not filling a vacant position in the Highway Garage if one comes available.
 - The Board discussed the budget request for department 8155, Contingency Fund. The Board decreased the budget request for line item 544880 from 40,000 to 30,000.
 - Miss White suggested eliminating one of the memberships the Town has to organizations such as NECCOG, COST and CCM. The Board reviewed the budget request for department 1102, Board of Selectmen. The Board eliminated the membership for COST.
 - The Board discussed the budget request for department 6204, Conservation Commission. Miss White expressed concerns in regard to the increase for this department of 19.5%.

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- The Board discussed the capital expenditure requests for the truck and the sweeper/catch basin cleaner for Public Works.
 - The Board discussed the budget request for department 4201, General Services. Miss White expressed concerns with funding the Tourtellotte scholarship.
 - The Board discussed the budget request for department 1302, Tax Collector. The Board discussed the extra time line item which is used to cover the tax collection season.
 - The Board discussed the budget request for department 1202, Data Processing. The Board decreased the budget request for line item 522150 from 500 to 100.

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Mr. Groh, that the Board of Selectmen forward the budget which reflects the \$130,830.00 increase in Town operating funds, the \$416,450 in capital expenditures and transfers, and the \$330,297.00 in debt service for a total increase of \$877,577.00 or 15.1%.

<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Miss White</i>	<i>-No</i>

ADJOURN

Motion made by Ms. Hiatt, seconded by Miss White, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:28 a.m.

<i>Ms. Hiatt</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Miss White</i>	<i>-Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Groh</i>	<i>-Yes</i>

Recorded and transcribed by:
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