Minutes


Selectmen: P. Cunningham, F. Dillon, T. Hartnett, V. Wood, J. Kitchen (Administrative Officer)

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. with the Chair, Win Nordblom presiding.

Town Accountant’s Report

Ms. Jenkins handed out a draft of the Deficit Analysis and a draft of the FY2004 Budget. She expertly went over:

- The items causing the deficit and the options to offset that deficit.
- The possible use of free cash.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 3, 2003 meeting were corrected, moved, and approved. The minutes of the September 30, 2003 meeting were moved and approved.

Reserve Fund Transfer

The Senior Center requested an $1100.00 transfer to cover paying an individual to replace the Meals-on-Wheels worker out on leave. G. Boles moved, M. Flynn seconded. Vote: 6 in favor, 1 abstention (J. Wilson).

The Library requested a $5945.00 transfer to cover paying an individual to replace a worker out on maternity leave. G. Boles moved and M. Flynn seconded. Vote: 5 in favor, 2 abstentions (S. Shuman and J. Wilson).

The Committee discussed covering absences and Town Departments having contingency plans for such emergencies.

Public Hearing

The public hearing to discuss the Town Meeting Warrant Articles was opened at 7:30 P.M.

The Warrant Articles were read, discussed, and the public hearing closed at 9:20 P.M.

Recommendations on Articles

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10. Station Ave. feasibility study For 6 1 0
11. Transfer $-EMS to Fire Dept. For 7 0 0
12. Replace fire cistern on Wallace Rd. For 7 0 0
13. Supplemental $ for Lost Lake station For 5 1 1
14. Zoning to control growth For 4 3 0
15. Public way – Nicole Lane no action
16. Transfer town land to V.H. Shea For 6 1 0
17. Rezone land on Sandy Pond Rd. no action
18. Transfer funds within Fire Dept. For 7 0 0
19. Transfer $500K to Stabilization Fund For 7 0 0
20. Reduce Free Cash to lower tax rate For 7 0 0

Other Business

J. Cochran was assigned to the Highway and Health sub-committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart J. Shuman
Recording Secretary