

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JULY 30, 2003
SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
"APPROVED"**

Present: Thomas D. Hartnett, Chair; George F. Dillon, Jr., Vice Chair; Virginia C. Wood, Member; Administrative Officer Jean E. Kitchen and Maria Casey, Administrative Secretary.

Absent: John L. Saball, Clerk and Peter S. Cunningham, Member

The meeting began at 9:10 a.m.

Also in attendance for this meeting were Town Clerk Onorina Maloney and Town Accountant Valerie Jenkins.

Nashoba Valley Technical High School (NVTHS)

Ms. Kitchen requested this Special Session Meeting to inquire if the Board of Selectmen (BOS) wanted to call a Special Town Meeting in order to authorize the additional funds, \$152,402, for Nashoba Valley Technical High School. Town Meeting would need to be held within 45 days from the date of certification of the NVTHS budget, which was certified on July 8th. Due to NVTHS's treasurer being on vacation, the Town was not even in receipt of this budget until Tuesday afternoon, July 29th.

Ms. Kitchen stated that the BOS would have to decide today whether or not to call a Special Town Meeting. If a Special Town Meeting were going to be called, the BOS would need to sign and post the Warrant immediately.

Option for having a Special Town Meeting as follows:

- Town Meeting would have to be held on August 14th at the School. The School is available; however, parking would be an issue as they are under construction.
- The cost of the Town Meeting checkers, according to Ms. Maloney, is approximately \$162.
- Would Town Meeting quorum requirement be met?
- If the other member Towns voted their monies for NVTHS budget, having a Town Meeting would be a moot point. Ms. Kitchen has spoke to Littleton, Pepperell and Townsend who would not be holding Special Town Meetings.

Ms. Jenkins stated that there is money available due to GDRSD assessment being lowered which was affected due to Dunstable voting down the override question in the amount of approximately \$250,000. She also stated that currently there are budget items that will need to be corrected at the Special Town Meeting in order to balance the budget. They are as follows:

- \$ 62,523 Additional money voted at ATM for NVTHS
 - \$ 75,000 Engineering for Gilson Road Elementary School Site
 - \$150,000 Earmarked for Special Articles
 - \$152,402 NVTHS Bans and Additional Assessment
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- \$439,925 deficit

Ms. Rena Swezey, Assessors' office, affirmed after speaking with Mr. Dan Bazin at the Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services, that in fact we do need to list the override amount for GDRSD on the Tax Recap Sheet.

The Board was in unanimous consensus that there would not be a need to call a Special Town Meeting.

The meeting ended at 10:10 a.m.

Approved: _____
George F. Dillon, Jr., Vice Chair

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Casey,

Administrative Secretary

Date Approved: August 11, 2003