

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN JOINT WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES MARCH 18, 2008
APPROVED**

BOS Present: George Dillon, Jr., Chairman; Joshua A. Degen, Vice Chairman; Stuart Schulman, Clerk; Peter Cunningham; Mihran Keoseian

FinCom Present: Jay Prager, Chairman; Thomas Sangiolo; Joseph Crowley; Michael Flynn; Georgana Cochran

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Interim Administrative Officer

Mr. Dillon called the joint meeting of the Board to Order at 7:06 p.m.

Joint meeting with FinCom to review the draft FY09 line item budget dated 18 March 08 (3:15 p.m.) and the Major/Minor Capital items. See attached.

Many Boards and Commission members, department heads and employees were present. Also at least one member of the press and a member of interested citizens.

After much discussion between the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and others present the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen agreed on the line item draft budget dated March 5, 2008 (11:30 p.m.) and the Major/Minor Capital items on the attached with the following minor exceptions:

1. The Board of Selectmen by a vote of three (3) for, one (1) abstaining to not accept the voluntary refusal of the \$950 stipend of the Board of Selectmen member. The Board of Selectmen voted three (3) for, one (1) abstention to reduce the stipend of all selectmen by a total of \$950. The FY09 line item 1020 under the Board of Selectmen would remain at \$3950 but the Annual Town Meeting Article would change to reflect the following for FY09:
 - A. (1) Chairman @ \$910
 - B. (4) Members @ \$760 each

2. Under Minor Capital the Board of Selectmen voted to conduct a further review of the GPS unit (\$7410) requested by the Conservation Committee. The Board of Selectmen requested that Josh Degen, liaison to the Conservation Commission, perform due diligence and report back to the Board of Selectmen with recommendations.

ADJOURN

Mr. Degen moved to adjourn at 11:16 p.m. Mr. Schulman seconded. Unanimous vote.

Approved: _____
Stuart Schulman, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted,

Date Approved: March 32