

Minutes of the Special Budget Review Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room – April 14, 2011 – 7 p.m.

Members present: Justin Donnelly, Joseph Sangiovanni, Dennis Kreps, Sam Fuller, Brian Kost, Ryan Anderson, alts. Peter Boyd, and Eric Harrington Absent: J. Lennon
Also present: First Selectman Tom Frenaye, Director of Finance Deborah Cerrato, Secretary Bobbie C. Kling

Chairman Justin Donnelly called the special budget review meeting to order.

He asked for Citizen Comment: None

Overall Budget Review:

First Selectman Tom Frenaye submitted his report to the Board, noting his budget reductions since April 11, 2011. He reduced the municipal budget by \$100,700.

Deborah Cerrato reviewed the power point spread sheet detailing the proposed budget for 2011-2012. She noted it included the \$100,700 of reductions by the First Selectman and the \$47,000 subtracted from the Police Department budget line item, cruisers, as the BoF had approved the purchase of two vehicles using the Off Duty Fund in the current budget. The numbers also include the \$200,000 reduced from the Board of Education. It was noted that the \$28,000 of reductions submitted by the First Selectman at the April 11 meeting, were also included in the figures.

The BoF noted that the BoF Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) specified a 1% mill rate increase for the first year, and 3% for next year; the Board of Education did not sign. The First Selectman met his goal of 1 percent.

After discussion, Mr. Kost moved to reduce Farmland Preservation by \$100,000; Mr. Kreps seconded. Vote: Donnelly, Sangiovanni, Fuller against; Anderson, Kost, Kreps voted in favor of the motion. The vote was tied 3 to 3; the motion failed. Farmland Preservation (Open Space) remained at \$200,000.

Mr. Kost moved to reduce the Contingency to \$200,000; Mr. Anderson seconded.
The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

This action brought the mill rate increase to .96%.

Mr. Kost moved to approve the 2011-12 budget at an increase of .96%. Mr. Sangiovanni seconded.

Discussion: Mr. Kreps felt the BoF should review the Capital Expenditures as recommended by ACCE. The \$94,000 LOCIP grant needs to be re-allocated as the Fflyer Road project (\$31,000) was deleted by the BoF at the April 11 meeting.

Mr. Kost moved to re-designate the LOCIP grant of \$94,000 against the Pavement Management Plan; Mr. Anderson seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Kost moved to adopt the proposed budget at .96% mill rate increase. Mr. Kreps seconded.

Mr. Anderson stated he had an issue with the figures. He thinks that the mill rate outside the trash fee, should be at zero percent increase. We should make it a zero increase, and then add the trash fee in. There will be tax increases by the state and there are residents who have a fixed income.

Vote: Mr. Anderson voted against the motion; Donnelly, Kreps, Fuller, Sangiovanni, Kost, voted in favor of the proposed budget. The motion to adopt the proposed budget for 2011-12 was approved; 5 to 1 vote.

It was noted that the Board of Finance would not meet April 18.

The meeting was voted adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary

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