

June 24th, 2010

Selectboard Present- Alphonso Barker, Jackie Knight, Louise Chabot, and Jim Collins

Budget Committee Present- Mellette Pepin, Ronnie Sanborn, Fran Szostek, Ron Chadwick, John Ross, Scott Roberts, George Cummings and Megan Jackman

The TM spent the beginning of the meeting explaining the scenario of the failed town meeting articles and how they apply to the timeline allowed for committing taxes. The Budget Committee is invited to this session to help create those articles. Workshop setting would apply to taking notes as there will be several working ideas. Motions and major ideas will be recorded.

Jim mm to work on the Elected Officials and Administration articles per Special Town Meeting, Louise s. 4-0

Jim mm to set July 12th at 6:30 pm for the Special Town Meeting, Louise s. 4-0

Alphonso started the discussion by addressing that the Selectboard wages should be reduced.

John Ross pointed out that the perception that the Town leaders are overpaid is incorrect. Stand by our leaders.

Megan Jackman wants to see reductions in the Selectmen and Assessor lines

Scott Roberts believes that the reason for the failed articles is due to the misperception of the TM raise and the Selectboard not recognizing it. Support the TM.

Jim mm to reduce the BOS wages to 9,500 per year, Louise s. 3-1 (Alphonso voted no)

The conversation switched to the Treasurer's raise. Alphonso mm to cut the Treasurer's salary to FY 2010 value. Motion died on the floor.

Jim mm to raise \$75,413 for Elected Officials, Louise s. 4-0

The TM was directed by the BOS to write a letter of support for the Treasurer to submit to the Advertiser.

John Ross explained that he believes that the Town has a bargain for a TM and that he has gotten more done in one year than the last two managers combined.

Louise excused herself from the meeting.

There was a lot of discussion of support for the TM. Scott Roberts suggested that the BOS propose the budget created by the Budget Committee adding in the Tax collector's raise.

Alphonso mm to change the Administration budget to \$169,140, Jim s. 3-0

The TM clarified that the intent of the BOS is to provide articles in the Special Town Meeting that can be raised or lowered. It was affirmed by mutual consent.

Scott Roberts explained that he supported the changes made to the articles but that support of the TM was necessary.

Scott Roberts (Budget Committee)mm to support the TM through a support letter in the paper, John s. 7-0-1 (Mellette abstained)

Alphonso mm to adjourn, Jim s. 3-0