



**Board of Selectmen
Town Hall Hearing Room
August 31, 2010
Special Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Selectmen Erik Tolley. Selectmen present: Suzanne McAuliffe, Bud Groskopf, Tracy Post and Curt Sears. Also Attending: Town Administrator Robert C. Lawton, Jr. The Board of Selectmen gave the pledge of allegiance.

Discussion/Vote on Potential Special Town Meeting

Mr. Lawton informed the Board that the School Committee certified a new assessment, \$357,000 delta between what was appropriated and what is being requested. Mr. Lawton recommended that the Board call a Special Town Meeting for September 29th and there be two articles be placed on the Warrant; one to reduce and adjust the Town operating budget up to \$357,000 and the second article would be to appropriate the school assessment. Ms. McAuliffe stated that she would like to stay within the \$250,000 reductions. Mr. Lawton gave possible examples of staff and service reductions. There was much discussion on the assessment and District budget. Brad Egon spoke about the School Committee perspective on the budget and how a possible compromise will need to be met in order to prevent a district meeting. Mr. Egon informed the Board that on September 8th the School Committee will be discussing opportunities to close the budget gap.

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen accept the Town Administrators suggestion of opening a warrant with two articles; first article is to decrease the Town budget up to \$357,000 the second article will be to appropriate the DY school Assessment.

Motion by: Tracy Post **Seconded by:** Curt Sears Yea 4 Nay 1

There was discussion regarding the motion and possible reductions within the Town operating budget.

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen close the warrant holding the Special Town meeting on September 29, 2010.

Motion by: Tracy Post **Seconded by:** Suzanne McAuliffe Yea 5 Nay 0

Discussion on TA Search Committee

Chairman Tolley wanted a discussion on the procedure and policy for the Committee be put in place before a committee is formed. Ms. McAuliffe spoke against setting a policy which future boards would be bound to for future search processes. She also stated that she felt comfortable with the Appointment Chair Sears' recommendations. Ms. Post suggested that the Selectmen be the Search Committee. There was discussion on that suggestion and it was a consensus that was not a task the Selectmen should take on or have the time to tackle it. Mr. Tolley asked if the Board should rate the 13 recommendations and narrow it down to five. Ms. McAuliffe against spoke in favor of approving the top five recommendations in Mr. Sears' memo.

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen appoint Peter Carnes as Chair, Jerome Sullivan, Dewitt Davenport, Karen Green and James Quirk to the TA Search Committee to work with the Search Consultant.

Motion by: Bud Groskopf **Seconded by:** Suzanne McAuliffe Yea 5 Nay 0

Continued Discussion on Goals

Mr. Lawton updated the Board on the licensing and permitting software which the Town is undergoing and is listed as one of the Goals. There will be a presentation on a future agenda so the Board and public may see what services it will be able to stabilize within many different departments.

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen adopt the 2010-2011 Board of Selectmen goals.

Motion by: Suzanne McAuliffe **Seconded by:** Bud Groskopf Yea 5 Nay 0

Mr. Lawton updated the Board on the measures being taken for Hurricane Earl. The Regional Emergency Shelter will be open. Notices will be posted on Channel 18.

Mr. Lawton gave the Board a possible list of Wastewater topics for future meetings. The October 19th meeting will be taking place at 4pm.

Suzanne McAuliffe stated that she was unhappy with the disrespect with which a Yarmouth Elected Official underwent at the last School Committee meeting.

Bud Groskopf announced the Tell It To Bud Times for the week.

Tracy Post announced openings on the Regionalization Committee and anyone interested in serving on the committee to see the Administration Office.

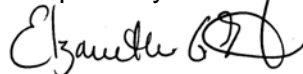
Curt Sears spoke about the Sewer Implementation Committee openings.

Adjourn

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen adjourn at 8:23pm.

Motion by: Bud Groskopf **Seconded by:** Suzanne McAuliffe Yea 5 Nay 0

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth G. Hartsgrove