

Chairman Tolley opened the public hearing.

FY15 Budget Public Hearing

1. Cape Cod Regional Tech School Budget

Represented by Superintendent Bob Sanborn who reviewed the two requested articles: the FY15 annual assessment and the proposed establishing of a stabilization fund to be used for capital needs. The last major capital project, replacing the roof, was paid for through the operating budget and donations. Mr. Sanborn explained that there were 21 new Yarmouth students attending Cape Cod Tech this school year. Ms. Chris Greeley spoke in favor of the FY15 budget article, the budget process and recognized a number of honor students from Yarmouth and their accomplishments. Ms. Vida Morris congratulated Mr. Sanborn on the school's MCAS scores and staying within the operating budget for capital needs.

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen recommend Article 4, the FY15 CCRT school operating budget.

Motion by: Tracy Post

Seconded by: Jim Quirk

Yea 4 Nay 0

2. DY School Budget

Represented by Superintendent Carol Woodbury DY Finance Director Larry Azer. Mr. Azer presented, through a PowerPoint presentation, the FY15 assessment of \$27,472,270 or 4.86% increase from the previous year if distributed equally between the two towns. Ms. Woodbury reviewed positive achievements within the district. Mr. Hinchey asked a few technical questions relating to mathematical equations within the PowerPoint Presentation. Ms. Vida Morris asked about deficit figures on the second to last slide, which Mr. Azer explained the slide. Ms. Morris asked about the current deficit and if it was laid out in the presentation. Ms. Woodbury provided answers to the plans on how the school intends to reduce the current year deficit due to special education costs. Ms. Post asked if the SPED costs will be a long or short term problem. Ms. Woodbury stated that looking at the history will aide in pattern recognition however it is all subject to the needs of each individual. She suggested that setting aside funds to assist with unforeseen SPED costs. Ms. Post asked about the teacher salary budget and the percentage increase, which Mr. Azer stated that the increase was 1.4% with reduction of staff and step increases. Ms. Post also asked about the transportation costs estimated for FY15 and what steps is the district taking to control or decrease costs. Mr. Azer reviewed the current transportation needs of the district and staffing transportation for St. Pius X School. Mr. Stone about the percentage increase and where the school shows the state reimbursements within the budget.

The Board decided to not make a recommendation at this evenings meeting but postpone until March 4th.

The Board took a short recess.

3. Capital Budget

Represented by Capital Budget Committee Vice Chairman Carol Wall and Assistant Town Administrator Peter Johnson-Staub. Ms. Wall spoke about the 10-year Facility Plan preliminary priority ratings, Water revenue capital items, Ambulance receipts, routine capital items. Mr. Quirk asked if repairing a vehicle vs. replacing a vehicle would be more cost effective. Mr. Angell spoke to the Board about the Highway truck and the need to replace the vehicle. Mr. vonHone spoke to the Board about the boat request. Chief Frederickson spoke to the board about the Police Headquarters/dispatch repairs and replacements needed. The Board decided to not make a recommendation at this evenings meeting but postpone until March 4th.

4. Operating Budget

Mr. Hinchey stated that the Finance Committee voted to recommend the operating budget, without amendments. Mr. Hinchey's PowerPoint Presentation reviewed the Board of Selectmen goals, the challenges, the progress made, how the operating budget has been amended since the last presentation in December, proposed Free Cash Grants, and the options available to fund the DY school deficit. Ms. Post stated that using Free Cash towards school is not reoccurring and not dependable. Ms. Vida Morris asked about the difference between the DY 2 ½ increase on slide 2

▪ Barbara Beeler	\$50.00
▪ David & Lena Bolton	\$100.00
▪ Joan Nickerson	\$25.00
▪ Carol Rawling	\$100.00
▪ Karen O'Toole	\$50.00
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	\$325.00

Total Donations \$1,686.00

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen approve the Consent Agenda.

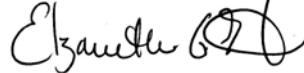
Motion by: Tracy Post **Seconded by:** Mike Stone Yea 4 Nay 0

Adjourn

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen adjourn the meeting at 10:50pm

Motion by: Jim Quirk **Seconded by:** Mike Stone Yea 4 Nay 0

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth G. Hartsgrove