

**SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 24, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.
SELECTMEN'S CONFERENCE ROOM – TOWN HALL**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman William R. Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: William R. Davidson, First Selectman; Howard Lasser, Selectman; George Walker, Selectman; David Grogins, Town Attorney; members of the public; Virginia Giovanniello, Recording Secretary.

APPROVAL OF RATE BILL & TAX WARRANT: Howard Lasser made motion that the Selectmen approve the Rate Bill & Tax Warrant, as voted on by the Board of Finance at a meeting on May 16, 2012, to lay a tax of 24.54 Mills on the Dollar on the Grand List of October 1, 2011, seconded by George Walker. Motion carried unanimously.

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION FINAL REPORT: The Board of Selectmen acted on the following proposed changes on the final report of the Charter Revision Commission. The Board of Selectmen has the discretion to determine which proposed changes get presented to the voters (including all or none).

1. CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

C2-6D	Approved
C4-2	Approved
C4-3	Approved, but not adopt the deletion of the last two sentences.
C4-10B	Approved
C4-11B (2)	Approved
C4-13	Approved
C6-1	#7, 8 & 9 - Approved verbiage change
C6-9	Approved
C7-6	Approved
C8-5F	Approved
C8-7D	Approved
Addendum A: I, II & III	Approved

2. C4-1
C4-4
C4-6
C4-11
C5-3 (new numbering)
All approved as presented.

3. PETITIONS:

Petition for Town Meeting	C4-7:	Change title of Section
Petition for Town Meeting	C4-7A:	Change to 4%
Petition for Town Meeting	C4-7C:	Change to 2% to overrule
Overrule Selectmen:	C4-8:	Change title
Overrule Selectmen	C4-8A:	Change to 4%
Overrule Selectmen	C4-8C:	Change to 2% to overrule
Proposed Ordinance	C4-9B:	Change to 4%
Town Meetings	C9-5	Change to 4%

All Approved as presented.

5. TOWN MANAGER PROVISIONS:

C4-12 Changes appointment procedure

C5-1 Describes duties of First Selectman if put in TM. This sentence should be eliminated "During the absence or disability of the First Selectman, another member of the Board of Selectmen chosen by the members of such board shall perform his duties, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Charter".

C5-2: Changes duties of First Selectman if change to TM

C5-3: Changes who hires and fires if TM

C5-4: Changes title to C5-3 and changes succession (this is the new 5-3)

New C5-3 is in group 2 and this new 5-4 is really a number change.

All changes approved.

C6-11: Town Manager (TM) duties (is all new) Approved

C8-2: Change preparation of Budget if change to TM

C8-5A: Makes changes in special appropriation process if TM. Last sentence only adopted if the Town adopts the TM provision in group 5 "The Board of Selectmen when requested by the Town Manager any Town department may also transfer unexpended balances from one appropriation to another within the same department in accordance with the CT General Statutes."

At conclusion of discussion, William Davidson made motion to approve Group 5, Town Manager Provisions, seconded by Howard Lasser. George Walker opposed, and motion carried by majority.

6. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS:

C8-5 Increase authority of BOS to approve special appropriation from \$20,000 to \$50,000

C8-5B This section moved to section 9 below.

7. NON-BINDING QUESTIONS:

C9-1C: Authorizes such non-binding questions.

Mr. Davidson stated he was not in favor, but willing to move.

Mr. Davidson made motion to approve group 7, Non-Binding Question, seconded by Howard Lasser. Motion carried unanimously.

8. C9-3B: Changes authority of Annual Town Meeting for increase or decrease budget if 4% show up.

At conclusion of discussion, William Davidson made motion to accept as modified by taking out the last phrase "and no decrease shall reduce any line item to an amount which is less than the amount of that line item in the current annual education and municipal budgets," seconded by Howard Lasser. George Walker opposed, and motion carried by majority.

9. C8-5B: Gives right to petition actions of Board of Finance Approved

10. C3-2A (1) Provides for election of First Selectman alone Approved

C3-2A (2) Provides for election of other Selectmen to be elected together - Did not approve the deletion of the first sentence.

ADJOURN: Howard Lasser made motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., seconded by George Walker. Motion carried unanimously.

William R. Davidson
First Selectman

Howard Lasser
Selectman

George F. Walker
Selectman