



**SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.
SELECTMEN'S CONFERENCE ROOM – TOWN HALL**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: First Selectman William R. Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PRESENT: William R. Davidson, First Selectman; Howard Lasser, Selectman; George Walker, Selectman; William Leverence, Controller; Chief Robin Montgomery; Major Jay Purcell; interested members of the public; Nanci Hutson, The News-Times; Virginia Giovanniello, Recording Secretary. Board of Finance Members: Irv Agard; Ron Jaffe; Robin Appleby; Phil Kurtz. Board of Education: Art Colley, Director of Finance, Technology and Operations; Chairman Ray DiStephan; Susan Queenan; Victor Katz.

2013/2014 TOWN BUDGET WORKSHOP: The 2013/2014 Town Budget was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Art Colley discussed the Board of Education budget including Operations, health benefits, sewer costs and security and SROs in the schools. Discussion followed.

Chief Montgomery and Major Jay Purcell presented the Police Department budget. Discussion followed.

Major Purcell explained a request that will be on the Selectmen's March 4th agenda. As stated in Chief Montgomery's memo dated February 7, to expend funds from the Police Department Outside Service Fund in the amount of \$14,000, which includes a cost overrun contingency. The request is for a three-project proposal for minor capital improvements to the Police Department facility to repurpose existing photo darkroom to be used as an investigative interview room, renovate existing Sergeant's office and purchase a Digital Photo ID System. The Selectmen will take action on this item on March 4th.

Discussion followed on the cost of SROs and the primary function and the placement of SROs in the town budget. Howard Lasser suggested that the Selectman place one SRO position in the town budget, stating it would be an added value to the community and also compliment the efforts of a social worker. The Selectmen questioned what the task of an SRO might be in some of the lower grades. Mr. Davidson and Mr. Walker also agreed to the one position. At conclusion of discussion, Mr. Lasser made motion that the Selectmen include \$125,000 exclusively for the hiring of a School Resource Officer (SRO), seconded by George Walker. Motion carried unanimously.

The Selectmen discussed their recommendation for the Board of Education budget and will continue their budget deliberations on February 28th.

ADJOURN: Howard Lasser made motion to adjourn at 10:08 p.m., seconded by George Walker

William R. Davidson
First Selectman

Howard Lasser
Selectman

George Walker
Selectman