

**SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 10, 2014 – 4:00 P.M.
MEETING ROOM 133 – TOWN HALL**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman William N. Tinsley called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: William N. Tinsley, First Selectman and Martin Flynn, Selectman; Interested members of the public; Virginia Giovanniello, Recording Secretary. **ABSENT:** William B. Davidson, Selectman

BOARD OF EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000: The Selectmen discussed correspondence received from the Board of Education dated December 4, 2014. Mr. Tinsley noted that under the provisions of the Town Charter, the BOS has 14 calendar days [December 18] to forward the BOE request, along with recommendations and comments, if any. The BOE then has 30 calendar days to act on all, part, or none of the request, then returning their action to the BOS for a final 14 day evaluation and subsequent final decision pending the potential necessity of a special town meeting. Mr. Tinsley noted he met with the Interim Superintendent of Schools Ralph Iassogna and the Interim Director of Business & Operations Greg Miller and the Town Controller William Leverage to discuss the request. In that meeting, they were able to mitigate \$123,000 of the request. The two areas mitigated were the Worker's Compensation Insurance and the budgetary contribution that the BOE makes to the Town's Medical Insurance account. There still remain eight other areas where further detailed information and understanding is needed.

MOTION: Mr. Flynn read a Resolution of the Board of Selectmen [attached] into the meeting record. Mr. Tinsley made motion to accept the Resolution as read into the record. Motion seconded by Mr. Flynn, and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: At conclusion of discussion, Mr. Flynn made motion to adjourn at 4:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Tinsley. Motion carried by majority.

Resolution of the Board of Selectmen
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Whereas, the Board of Education, on December 4th, 2014, presented the Board of Selectmen with a written request for a \$400,000 special/supplemental appropriation (see attached) for its 2014/2015 fiscal year budget, and

Whereas, the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with Charter Section C8-5.F. must pass the request to the Board of Finance within fourteen calendar days of the written request (by December 18, 2014) with such comments and recommendations as the Board of Selectmen deems advisable to the Board of Finance, and

Whereas, the Board of Selectmen wishes to use the entirety of its allotted fourteen calendar days to further evaluate the request, and therefore withholds formal referral of the following comments and recommendations to the Board of Finance until December 18, 2014, in the event that the Board wishes to meet and revise its comments and recommendations in the interim period, and

Whereas, in the absence of a subsequent change (prior to December 18, 2014) of Board of Selectmen comments and recommendations to the Board of Finance, the Board of Selectmen consent to the following as its final comments and recommendations as of December 18, 2014, then and,

Therefore, The Board of Selectmen, based on the current status of its review, would recommend that the Board of Finance evaluate and consider the Board of Education's \$400,000 special/supplemental appropriation request in the following (minimum/maximum) range:

Minimum consideration: an amount equal to, but not less than, the extraordinary and one-time legal and payroll costs associated with the employment action taken with former Supt. of Schools Anthony Bivona.

Maximum Consideration: An amount not to exceed \$277,000 which assumes

1. That Board of Education expenses for, and contributions to the Health Care Insurance Account will be fixed for 2014/2015 at \$5,691,000, and that the Board of Education agrees to such fixed expense and contribution, and
2. That Board of Education expenses for Workman's Compensation premiums will be fixed at \$208,000, and that the Board of Education agrees to such fixed expense.

Further, the Board of Selectmen recommends that the following options be considered for the funding of any resulting appropriation:

- 1) Transfer of (\$100,000) funds from Municipal Budget Cash-to-Capital projects as follows:
 - a. \$100,000 for Phase II Demographic Study – (Re-budget/delay until July 2015/FY 2016).
- 2) Transfer of (\$32,750) funds from Municipal Budget Leasing program as follows:
 - a. \$9,000 annual lease cost for one police vehicle replacement – (Re-budget/delay until July 2015
 - b. \$13,750 annual lease cost for Park and Rec – Replacement Truck/Sander – (Re-budget/delay until July 2015)
 - c. \$10,000 annual lease cost for CFC replacement vehicle – (Re-budget/delay until July 2015)
- 3) Other Transfers or use of contingency funds as may be considered by the Board of Finance, and
- 4) Use of unrestricted fund balance

Adopted December 10, 2014