

## MINUTES

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010  
7:30 PM  
SHOVE BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM**

Present: Gerald Stomski, First Selectman  
Barbara Perkinson, Selectman  
George Hale, III, Selectman

Also Present: about six townspeople and Jamie Cura, VOICES

First Selectman Gerald Stomski called the special meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:30 PM in the Shove Building Conference Room.

### **1. Discussion on 2010 – 2011 Budget Matters**

First Selectman Stomski informed those present that the budget was voted down. Some areas need to be looked at further, but he did not believe the pay plan was a place to cut. He presented the idea that funds for the fireworks might be raised privately. The old Senior Center costs about \$13,000 to heat in the winter, maybe the offices should be moved during the colder months. The Fire Chief informed him she would be willing to give up her stipend as Fire Chief. Other suggestions were made. Advertising of the budget vote was also discussed; feedback showed that many were not aware of the date of the budget vote. Selectman Perkinson suggested signs around Town. Selectman Hale also agreed that many were not aware of the vote, if more people voted the budget might not have gone down, it is reasonable to ask more people to vote. Information needs to get out. This would be a good topic to discuss at a Selectmen's meeting. Another thing that is not known is whether the budget was voted up or down. Why did the budget not pass? If the budget needs to be lower, what is the number? First Selectman Stomski noted that an effort needs to be made to cut; the percentage has to come down. We need to find a happy medium, but he stated he did not want to cut services. Selectman Hale stated he wanted to resurrect his discussion about letting department heads each make a 2% cut to their budgets, let them decide where the cuts should be made, not considering the pay plan. Don't let the Board of Finance decide where the cuts should be, let the department heads do it. This would send a message to the voters that the cuts are not arbitrary cuts. First Selectman Stomski thought this could be discussed at the next department head meeting; feedback would give an idea of where cuts could be made.

### **2. Schedule Of Town Meeting – 2010-2011 Proposed Budget**

**MOTION:** Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Hale seconded to schedule a Town Meeting for June 14, 2010 at the Old Town Hall, 8:00 P.M to present the revised budget. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**3. Schedule of Referendum 2010-2011 Proposed Budget**

**MOTION:** Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Hale seconded to schedule the referendum for the 2010-2011 budget on June 24, 2010 at the Senior / Community Center, 6 AM to 8 PM. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Hale seconded to adjourn the special meeting at 7:45 PM. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

FILED SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL  
Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leigh  
Clerk Pro Tem