

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Working Session**  
**Minutes of March 23, 2011**

Chairman Gandt called the meeting to order at 4:10PM. Board members present, in addition to Chairman Gandt, were Martha Morrison, Laura Powers, Eldon Goodhue. Nancy Luther was absent. Of the Selectmen's staff, Town Administrator Virginia Wilder and Board Secretary Donna Rich were in attendance. Other persons present during all or part of the meeting were residents Ken Vogel and Jeanine Cunniff and Town Accountant Pam Wood.

**Purpose:** Chairman Gandt explained the purpose for today's meeting was to have a consensus on those articles remaining on the warrant and in order to begin structuring an override question or questions.

Selectman Morrison made a motion to remove the Elementary School Technology Equipment Article for \$50,000, seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted: 4-0.

After discussion, Chairman Gandt proposed that there be two (2) override questions: 1) Masconomet over guideline amount of \$191,539.00 and 2) Purchase of a Highway Dump/Sander/Wing/Plow Truck in the amount of \$145,000.00.

There was discussion regarding the Highway Dump/Sander/Wing/Plow Truck and the risk associated with putting it on an override question. Selectman Goodhue inquired how much the taxpayer would pay, if the question passed at the polls. A rough estimate was reported as \$70 for one year. Selectman Goodhue noted that taxes have risen 100% in 10 years and that times have changed so we owe it to the taxpayers to "hold the line". He further commented that he finds it difficult to ask the taxpayers for a 4 1/2 % tax increase.

Selectman Powers stated her opposition to putting Masconomet as a stand alone override question. She commented that it was unfair and unbalanced to single out one department. Mr. Vogel explained the consequences on the education at Masconomet if the Override Question fails at the polls. Discussion ensued regarding different scenarios of these articles and amounts that could be placed on the Override Question. Suggestions from Ken Vogel and Jeanine Cunniff were entertained.

A consensus was agreed upon that the Highway Dump/Sander/Wing/Plow Truck would be one of the Override Questions.

**Warrants:** The Selectmen signed and approved warrants in the amount of **\$386,979.59**. The breakdown is as follows:

Warrant FY11:	
077T	\$ 81,854.47
077	\$ 204,772.53
078	\$ 100,352.59

At 5:40 PM, Selectmen Morrison made a motion to adjourn and Selectman Powers seconded the motion; so voted: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary  
Selectmen's Office

*Approved as amended at the June 6, 2011 Board of Selectmen's meeting.*

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