

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Working Session
Minutes of March 30, 2011

Chairman Dick Gandt called the meeting to order at 4:02PM. Board members present in addition to Chairman Gandt, were Martha Morrison, Nancy Luther, Eldon Goodhue and Laura Powers. 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 resident Kim Sherwood.

Chairman Gandt announced that they have received fifty-five letters from parents requesting support for the Elementary school budget, one from a Masconomet Regional High School parent requesting support for the Masconomet budget, and four letters requesting support for the Town Library's budget at the MAR level.

Vocational School Articles: Ms. Wilder began by explaining that after investigating the two Vocational School articles it was determined that until the schools are officially merged there should be two articles, one is the annual assessment and the other is the Town's share of debt related costs for the building of the new merged school.

Selectman Powers made a motion to approve Article 6, North Shore Vocational School District Assessment and Article 7, Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District Assessment as presented, seconded by Selectman Luther; so voted: 5-0.

Article 22, Masconomet Regional School Committee Representation: Chairman Gandt is displeased with the document, however, at this late juncture, no changes will be initiated. Selectman Luther made a motion to approve Article 22, Masconomet Regional School Committee Representation as presented, seconded by Selectman Morrison; so voted: 5-0.

Ballot Questions: Ms. Wilder clarified that the Board is in agreement that the Ballot Questions stand as voted on Monday night; the Board members voiced their agreement.

Special Town Meeting Warrant: Ms. Wilder informed the Board that the document would be finalized with numbers up to Town Meeting. Selectman Luther made a motion to accept the Special Town Meeting as presented, seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted: 5-0.

Citizen Petition: Resident Kim Sherwood asked for clarification on the process for the citizen petition to change Town Meeting from first Tuesday to the Saturday. Chairman Gandt explained the process that would occur at Town meeting; in addition Selectman Luther quoted the process could take up to two years to take effect, if voted positively by the Towns people.

At 4:37 PM, Selectmen Luther made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary
Selectmen's Office

Approved as amended at the May 23, 2011 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

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