

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MAY 29, 2013**

Chairman Belanger called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, at the Leicester High School media room. Members present were Douglas Belanger, Sandra Wilson, Thomas Buckley, Dianna Provencher and Matthew Dennison. Also present was Town Administrator Robert Reed.

Members of the Advisory Board were present to review remaining articles for consideration of support.

Article 17 – Operating Budget

Mr. Belanger stated that the Operating Budget will be level funded at FY'13 appropriations. We will continue Proposition 2½ Override discussions in the coming weeks and months to prepare for Fall STM and Ballot vote. Budgets can be adjusted at that time.

Issues noted by various individuals:

- Rick Antanavica – elected officials' stipends should be done away with under these financial conditions
- Rick Antanavica – do not use Free Cash funds at this time but wait for Fall STM
- Mark Armington – hold off on funding \$80,000 police cruiser at least
- Rick Antanavica – two small trucks are better than one large dump truck for Highway Dept
- Doug Belanger – noted \$200,000 extra anticipated in Chapter 90 funding prompted our selecting the large dump truck, a preference of the Supt
- Bonnie Layden – still need more police officers, hopefully Override will be approved

Article 26 – Canane driveway (Selectman Provencher left the room during this discussion.)

- Rick Antanavica – driveway was done wrong to begin with, the rain damage was an act of God. Originally viewed area of concern and estimated \$4000 for repairs, then it was \$8000, now we're looking at \$15,000.
- Tom Buckley – 10" storm-drain was replaced by Highway with 20" storm-drain, which has helped since. Minutes reflect outcome of discussions at Selectmen's meeting but we never acted on the matter.
- Bob Reed – minutes dictate that we work toward a compromise, but landowner refused to do so.
- Doug Belanger – this was put on the Warrant for the townspeople to decide

(Attorney Cove entered the meeting at this time. Ms. Provencher returned to the meeting.)

Advisory Board – asked, should they not have a quorum tonight, how can they make recommendations on those articles which remain open for consideration. Atty. Cove stated it is only a recommendation, which is okay to make without a quorum. He also noted that any articles where the Advisory Board recommends against approval and the appropriation is more than \$3000 must be handled through ballot vote.

Article 29 – Road Conversion - Michelle Buck entered the meeting, explaining that the developer reports that all issues at Carey Hill Estates have been remedied, but the area has not been viewed by Town reps. Atty. Cove recommended the Town accept the roads as public ways. There is \$10,000 deposited by developer as security for any future road/drainage maintenance failures. Withdrawals shall be made after 21-days written notice to the Town and without remediation of the failure. Language in the Motion protects the Town.

MOTION: Ms. Wilson moved to recess meeting, to reconvene on Town Meeting floor.
Mr. Buckley seconded. UNANIMOUS

The Board recessed the meeting at 6:45pm. The Town Meeting opened by Moderator at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan LeChasseur, Administrative Assistant