

Board of Selectmen
Minutes
Special Meeting – April 13, 2016

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Mayor Perez at 7:00 PM.

Attendance: Sel. Albanesius, Sel. Arcelaschi, Sel. Bird, Sel. Bourque, Sel. Shaughnessy, Sel. Perez, Sel. Sedlack.

Town Manger Robert Geiger, Director of Finance Bruce Stratford

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Discussion/Action on Town of Winchester, Town Manager's Proposed Budget for 2016-17

The town manager presented three documents captioned:

- Town of Winchester, Fund 179 Capital Project Balance, FY 2017 Budget Worksheet, dated 3.15.2016
- Town of Winchester, Fund 179 Capital Project Balance, FY 2017 Budget Worksheet, dated 4.13.2016
- Town of Winchester, Proposed Revisions to Town Manager's FY17 General Fund Budget submitted on March 15, 2016.

Discussion with the Town Manager and Director of Finance ensued. There was a period of questions and answers regarding the proposed line item budget for FY17. There was discussion of some possible reductions in certain lines but no action was taken at the time.

Attention then turned to the Board of Education budget. (Sel. Sedlack did not participate in this discussion citing his conflict as a member of the W.L. Gilbert School Corp.)

Discussion focused on the proposed allocation for education in the amount of \$20, 505,000 and whether or not some of that could be or should be allocated in the town budget (Town Aid-Education). Wide-ranging discussion continued but no action was taken at that point.

Mayor Perez suggested consideration of the Fund 179, Capital Project information with the following results:

Motion by Mayor Perez, second by Sel. Arcelaschi

To postpone for one year the contribution of \$100,000 to the sinking fund to replace a fire truck. UNANIMOUS.

Motion by Sel. Bourque, second by Sel. Albanesius
To increase by \$178,000 the town portion of the West Street Bridge Engineering.
UNANIMOUS.

Motion by Sel. Bourque, second by Mayor Perez
To increase to \$288,572 town funded General Road Repair. UNANIMOUS.

Motion by Mayor Perez, second by Sel. Bird
To postpone for one year the contribution of \$175,000 for Plow Truck #3.
UNANIMOUS.

Motion by Mayor Perez, second by Sel. Bird
To postpone for one year the contribution of \$250,000 for the Salt Shed. UNANIMOUS.

Motion by Mayor Perez, second by Sel. Bourque
To postpone for one year the contribution of \$200,000 to Soldiers Monument.
UNANIMOUS.

Motion by Mayor Perez, second by Sel. Bird
To postpone for one year the contribution of \$230,000 for the Roof-Town Hall.
UNANIMOUS.

Mayor Perez summarized that two issues would be dealt with at the next Special Budget Meeting (April 14, 2016): (1) Final action on the Education budget and (2) final action on the proposed budget scenarios presented in the Proposed Revisions... document.

Sel. Bourque proposed action on two items:

Motion by Sel. Bourque
To reduce the bottom line on the proposed Education Budget by \$100,000. FAILED for lack of a second.

Motion by Sel. Bourque
To add one maintainer to the Public Works Dept. budget proposal. FAILED for lack of a second.

Motion by Sel. Sedlack, second by Sel. Albanesius
To adjourn the meeting at 9:04 PM. UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Sedlack
Acting Secretary