

SELECT BOARD MEETING

Friday, February 12 – 8:30 a.m.

Town Room, Town Hall

MINUTES

Call to order:

Meeting was called to order by Ms. O'Keefe at 8:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Present: Stephanie O'Keefe (Chair), Alisa Brewer, Aaron Hayden (Clerk pro-tem), Diana Stein, Gerry Weiss, Larry Shaffer (Town Manager), John Musante (Asst. Town Manager)

Finalize Override Ballot Language

Larry Shaffer announced that the Fire Fighters' union agreed to a new contract that included no COLA for FY 11 which will reduce the size of the override by \$85k. The new number is \$1,680,441

Stephanie O'Keefe presented the Summary Points from the BCG on their final recommendation for a lump sum override. She reflected on the BCG process and how it included and affects other boards.

A wide ranging discussion on the pros and cons of a menu override or lump sum override followed.

Decision - Diana Stein made a motion to put a lump sum override on the March 23rd ballot. Aaron Hayden seconded and the motion carried 3 in favor (Hayden, O'Keefe, Stein) and 2 against (Brewer, Weiss).

Decision - Diana Stein made a motion to put on the ballot the question:

Shall the Town of Amherst be allowed to assess an additional \$1,608,441 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the following expenses: Town Operating Budget (\$452,252), Elementary Schools Operating Budget (\$400,000), Regional School District Assessment (\$739,195), and Libraries Operating Budget (\$88,994) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010?

Aaron Hayden seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 am

Next Meeting

February 22nd, Atkins liquor license, fee increases for Bylaw violations

Respectfully submitted;

Aaron Hayden