



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, February 26, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: First Selectman Burke, Selectman Szatkowski and Selectman Cleary.

First Selectman Burke called the Special Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Appointment – Public Site & Building Commission: First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint James Lacey (D) to the Public Site & Building Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This fills the expired term of Christopher Trodahl.

Board of Selectmen deliberation on Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Town and Education Budgets for recommendation to the Board of Finance:

Account # 100	Selectmen’s Office	
	Budget 08-09	\$188,423
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$186,222*
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$186,222*

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First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 100 - Selectmen’s Office at \$186,222 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 110	Treasurer	
	Budget 08-09	\$6,750
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$6,750
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$6,750

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 110 - Treasurer at \$6,750 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 120	Finance Department	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$336,216
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$345,889*
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$336,216*

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First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 120 – Finance Department at \$336,216 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This provides for a reduction of \$9,673 to line 120-101 Comptroller's Salary.

Account # 130	Town Clerk	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$208,007
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$211,147
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$211,147

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 130 – Town Clerk at \$211,147 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 140	Assessor	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$180,426
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$201,007*
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$185,407*

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First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 140 – Assessor at \$185,407. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This provides for a reduction to 140-105 Part-time Clerk (eliminates increase from part-time to full-time - \$15,600).

Account # 150	Tax Collector	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$174,425
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$181,525*
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$181,525*

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First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 150 – Tax Collector at \$181,525 for FY 2009-2010.

Account # 160	Professional Services	
	Budget 2008-2009	
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$181,380
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$176,380

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 160 – Professional Services at \$176,380 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 170	Probate Court	
	Budget 2008-2009	
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$2,650
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$2,650

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 170 – Probate Court at \$2,650 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 180	Building Inspection	
	Budget 2008-2009	
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$196,155
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$206,059*

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First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 180 Building Inspection at \$206,059 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 190	Data Processing	
	Budget 2008-2009	
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$134,388
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$134,388

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 190 – Data Processing at \$134,388 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 200	Social Services	
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Budget 2008-2009	\$56,521
Requested 2009-2010	\$58,188*
Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$58,188*

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First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 200 – Social Services at \$58,188 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 210	Town Insurance	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$732,403
	Requested 2009-2010	\$759,699
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$759,699

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 210 – Town Insurance at \$759,699 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 220	Fleet Maintenance	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$311,550
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$314,751
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$314,751

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 220 – Fleet Maintenance at \$314,751 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 230	Public Works	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$321,979
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$297,287*
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$297,287*

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First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 230 – Public Works at \$297,287 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 240	Highway Department	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$1,529,692
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$1,549,351
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$1,549,351

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 240 – Highway Department at \$1,549,351 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 250	Planning & Zoning	
	Budget 2008-2009	
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$192,316
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$201,184*
		\$201,184*

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 250 – Planning & Zoning at \$201,184 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 260	Building Maintenance	
	Budget 2008-2009	
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$680,006
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$619,564
		\$619,564

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 260 – Building Maintenance at \$619,564 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 270	Tree Warden	
	Budget 2008-2009	
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$83,700
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$84,400
		\$84,400

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 270 – Tree Warden at \$84,400 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 290	Emergency Management	
	Budget 2008-2009	
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$38,538
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$28,500
		\$28,500

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 290 – Emergency Management at \$28,500 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 300	Fire Marshall	
	Budget 2008-2009	
		\$83,161

Requested FY 2009-2010	\$86,310
Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$86,310

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First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 200 – Fire Marshall at \$86,310 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 310	Bethel Fire Department	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$163,850
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$183,400
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$180,200

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 310 – Bethel Fire Department at \$180,200 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This provides for a general reduction to line 310-301 Dues & Education by \$3,200.

Account # 320	Stony Hill Fire Department	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$155,450
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$140,450
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$140,450

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 320 – Stony Hill Fire Department at \$140,450 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 330	Registrar of Voters	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$79,886
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$77,486
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$77,486

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 330 – Registrar of Voters at \$77,486 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 340	Town Boards & Commissions	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$109,448
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$108,017
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$108,017

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 340 – Town Boards & Commissions at \$108,017 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 350 Health Department
Budget 2008-2009
Requested FY 2009-2010 **\$253,457**
Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010 **\$260,711**
\$260,711

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First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 350 – Health Department at \$260,711 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 360 Police Department
Budget 2008-2009
Requested FY 2009-2010 **\$3,412,978**
Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010 **\$3,479,041**
\$3,455,641

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First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 360 – Police Department at \$3,455,641. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This provides for a general reduction to 360-104 Dispatchers, Clerical of \$23,400.

Account # 380 Parks & Recreation
Budget 2008-2009
Requested FY 2009-2010 **\$913,202**
Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010 **\$902,166**
\$902,166

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First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 380 – Parks & Recreation at \$902,166 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Discussion took place regarding the funding of the mower/snow blower through the Parks & Recreation Capital Equipment account, or funding through the 5 Year Capital Account. For now, funding was left in the Parks & Recreation Account; the Board of Finance may choose to fund it elsewhere.

Account # 390 Employee Benefits

Budget 2008-2009	\$4,272,996
Requested FY 2009-2010	\$4,441,154
Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$4,441,154

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 390 – Employee Benefits at \$4,441,154 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 400	Non-Gov't Agency Subsidies	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$ -0-
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$40,518
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$13,871

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 400 – Non-Gov't Agency Subsidies at \$13,851 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This provides funding for 400-360 Hospice at \$2,500, 400-362 Veterans Holding Company at \$5,000 and 400-372 New Opportunities at \$6,371.

Account # 405	Intra Gov't Agency Subsidies	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$426,483
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$389,214
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$369,214

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 405 – Intra Gov't Agency Subsidies at \$369,214 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This provides for a reduction of \$20,000 from 405-349 Visiting Nurse Association.

Account # 410	Utilities, Charges & Services	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$2,340,078
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$2,115,227
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$2,115,227

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 410 – Utilities, Charges & Services at \$2,115,227 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 420	Misc. Charges and Transfers	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$368,574

Requested FY 2009-2010	\$320,574
Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$320,574

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 420 – Misc. Charges and Transfers at \$320,574 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 430	Senior Center	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$128,018
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$132,584
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$130,584

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 430 – Senior Center at \$130,584 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This provides for a reduction of \$2,000 to 430-317 Activities.

Account # 435	Library	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$744,430
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$737,618
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$737,618

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 435 - Library at \$737,618 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 440	Debt Service	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$3,956,602
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$4,187,023
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$4,187,023

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 440 – Debt Service at \$4,187,023 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Account # 450	Board of Education	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$36,567,417
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$37,181,750
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$36,567,417

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 450 – Board of Education at \$36,567,417 for FY 2009-2010. This provides for a reduction of \$614,333. Voting against the motion: Selectman Cleary. Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Burke and Selectman Szatkowski. Motion passed. Selectman Cleary offered that rather than reduction proposed, he would prefer to have the Board of Finance get everyone – all the bargaining units (education and town) together to commit to an across the board pay freeze for one year.

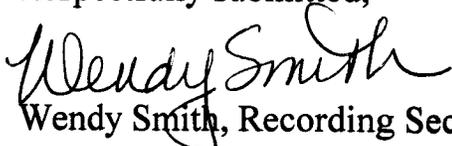
Account # 460	Board of Education – Building Maintenance	
	Budget 2008-2009	\$350,829
	Requested FY 2009-2010	\$336,406
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation FY 2009-2010	\$336,406

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding Account # 460 – Board of Education – Building Maintenance at \$336,406 for FY 2009-2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend a total town budget and education budget of \$59,969,737 which consists of \$19,215,297 (.74% decrease over current budget) for the town budget, total debt service budget of \$4,187,023 (5.82% increase over current budget) and a total Board of Education budget of \$36,567,417 (zero % over current budget). Voting against the motion: Selectman Cleary. Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Burke and Selectman Szatkowski. Motion passed.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:42 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary