



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Richard C. Straiton, Selectman
Paul R. Szatkowski, Selectman

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 9, 2010
7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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PRESENT: First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton and Selectman Szatkowski.

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

Presentation to the Board of Finance – FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendations

First Selectman Knickerbocker presented the Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget recommendations as follows:

Account 100 Selectmen’s Office

Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$ 185,315

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommendation includes a reduction of \$1,000 to 101-102 Secretary – Admin. Assistant.

Account 110 Treasurer

Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$6,750

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 110 Treasurer at \$6,750.

Account 120 Finance Department

Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$369,882

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 120 Finance Department at \$369,882.

Account 130 Town Clerk
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation **\$211,580**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 130 Town Clerk at \$211,580 and includes a reduction of \$3,200 (130-304 Mileage of \$200, 130-305 Codification/Microfilming of \$2,000 and 130-313 Contracted Services of \$1,000).

Account 140 Assessor
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Recommendation **\$185,496**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 140 Assessor at \$185,496 and includes a reduction of \$19,380 (140-105 Part time clerk of \$17,180, 140-201 Office Expense of \$2,000 and 140-313 Contracted Services of \$200).

Account 150 Tax Collector
FY 2010-2011 Recommendation **\$186,679**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 150 Tax Collector at \$186,679 and includes a reduction of \$3,010 to 201 Office Expense.

Account 160 Professional Services
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation **\$186,380**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 160 Professional Services at \$186,380.

Account 170 Probate Office
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation **\$3,600**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 170 Probate Office at \$3,600.

Account 180 Building Inspection
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation **\$207,899**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 180 Building Inspection at \$207,899 and includes a reduction of \$2,450 (180-201 Office Expense \$950 and 180-301 Dues and education \$1,500).

Account 190 Data Processing
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$134,723

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 190 Data Processing at \$134,723.

Account 200 Social Services
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$58,038

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 200 Social Services at \$58,038, and includes a reduction of \$1,150 (200-301 Dues and Education of \$500, 200-304 Mileage of \$150 and 200-361 Eviction Storage of \$500).

Account 210 Town Insurance
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$771,550

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 210 Town Insurance at \$771,550.

Account 220 Fleet Maintenance
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$330,773

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 220 Fleet Maintenance at \$330,773 and includes a reduction of \$ 26,956 (220-101 Fleet Manager – fix typo of \$297, 220-206 Equipment and Supplies of \$2,500, 220-208 Maintenance – Highway of \$9,000, 220-215 Maintenance-Police of \$5,000, 220-308 Clothing Allowance of \$753, and 220-403 Capital Equipment of \$10,000).

Account 230 Public Works
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$302,782

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 230 Public Works at \$302,782 and includes a reduction to 230-313 Contracted Services of \$17,100 (Progeos software).

Account 240 Highway Department
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$1,565,191

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 240 Highway Department at \$1,565,191 and includes a reduction of \$689,877 to 240-105 Part time Salaries of \$22,464, 240-106 Negotiated Salaries of \$49,172, 240-207 Maintenance and Repairs of \$2,870, and 240-404 Road Construction of \$615,371. He also noted that the Board of Selectmen is recommending that \$615,371 in road construction be funded through a bond package.

Account 250 Planning & Zoning

Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$204,388

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 250 Planning & Zoning at \$204,388.

Account 260 Building Maintenance

Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$740,150

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 260 Building Maintenance at \$740,150 and includes a reduction of \$196,050 (260-207 Maintenance and Repairs \$6,350, 260-313 Contracted Services adding \$15,000, and 260-405 Capital Construction of \$204,700. The Board of Selectmen is recommending that \$493,200 be considered for funding in a bond package which would provide funding to replace old shingle roofing and install new gutters at the Municipal Center (\$71,000), paint all trim on exterior of Municipal Center (\$15,000), replace shingle roof and some decking & repairs at the YMCA Building (\$50,000), repoint brick exterior of building and remove upper part of west chimney at the YMCA Building (\$55,000), replace garage for animal dropoff at the Animal Shelter (\$20,000), paint building and metal roof/replace lights at the Animal Shelter (\$15,000), repairs to Salt Storage Building at the Public Works Garage (\$32,200), replace boilers and appurtenances at Johnson School (\$215,000) and replace pedestrian bridge at Bennett Park (\$20,000).

Account 270 Tree Warden

Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$84,400

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 270 Tree Warden at \$84,400 and includes a reduction of \$5,000 to 270-313 Contracted Services.

Account 290 Emergency Management

Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$28,500

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 290 Emergency Management at \$28,500.

Account 300 Fire Marshal
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$87,750

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 300 Fire Marshal at \$87,750 and includes a reduction of \$3,200 (300-105 Assistants Part time of \$2,000 and 300-201 Office Expense of \$1,200).

Account 310 Bethel Fire Department
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$181,600

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 310 Bethel Fire Department at \$181,600 and includes a reduction of \$7,100 to 310-403 Capital Equipment.

Account 320 Stony Hill Fire Department
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$144,050

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 320 Stony Hill Fire Department at \$144,050 and includes a reduction of \$7,100 to 320-403 Capital Equipment.

Account 330 Registrar of Voters
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$77,986

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 330 Registrar of Voters at \$77,986.

Account 340 Town Boards & Commissions
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$117,767

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 340 Town Boards & Commissions at \$117,767 and includes a reduction to 340-506 ZBA of \$1,000 and 340-507 Inland-Wetlands of \$3,000.

Account 350 Health Department
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$260,489

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 350 Health Department at \$260,489 and includes a reduction to 350-201 Office Expense of \$174 and 350-313 Contracted Services of \$4,438.

Account 360 Police Department

Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$3,535,511

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 360 Police Department and includes a reduction to 360-206 Equipment and Supplies of \$100, a reduction to 360-306 Professional Services of \$3,000 and a reduction to 360-403 Capital Equipment of \$6,450. Added back bike,

Account 380 Parks & Recreation

Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$881,639

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 380 Parks & Recreation at \$881,639 and includes a reduction to 380-206 Maintenance & Supplies of \$1,308, 380-313 Contracted Services of \$34,000 (which is recommended to be funded in a bond package), and a reduction to 360-316 Programs of \$396.

Account 390 Employee Benefits

Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$5,059,561

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 390 Employee Benefits at \$5,059,561.

Account 400 Non Gov't Agency Subsidies

Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$18,871

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 400 Non Gov't Agency Subsidies at \$18,871 and includes an increase of a total of \$5,000 at \$1,000 each to 400-333 WECHAR, 400-334 Mental Health Center, 400-335 Women's Center, 300-336 Ability Beyond Disability and 400-338 Regional Commission. As these agencies directly support Bethel residents, Selectmen felt it is important to fund these accounts.

Account 405 Intra Gov't Agency Subsidies

Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation \$373,239

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 405 Intra Gov't Agency Subsidies at \$373,239 and includes a reduction to 405-349 VNA of \$20,000.

Account 410 Utilities, Charges & Services
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation **\$2,380,404**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 410 Utilities, Charges & Services at \$2,380,404 and includes an increase to 410-321 Utilities of \$190,000 for the Water Hydrant charge.

Account 420 Misc. Charges & Transfers
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation **\$452,032**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 420 Misc. Charges & Transfers at \$452,032.

Account 430 Senior Center
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation **\$126,012**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 430 Senior Center at \$126,012 and includes a reduction to 430-105 Asst. Center Director of \$3,120 as salary increases are not included in departmental budgets, 430-317 Activities of \$2,000 and 430-403 Capital Equipment of \$2,500 for the Feasibility Study. The Board of Selectmen anticipates forwarding this project request to the Public Site & Building Committee.

Account 435 Library
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation **\$737,618**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 435 Library at \$737,618.

Account 440 Debt Service
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation **\$4,539,603**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 440 Debt Service at \$4,539,603.

Account 450 Board of Education
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation **\$37,504,875**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 450 Board of Education at \$37,504,875.

Account 460 Board of Education – Building Maintenance
Board of Selectmen FY 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation **\$333,335**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 460 Board of Education – Building Maintenance at \$333,335.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the special meeting at 8:25 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary