

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Mike Dougherty called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

2. Roll Call of Boards:

Board of Finance:

Michael Dougherty (Present)
Fred Chmura (Present)
David Fortin (Present)
Ronald Cabana (Excused)
Roy Bradrick, Jr. (Excused)
Glenn Lessig (Present)
Michael Bernardi, (Alternate) (Present)
Jeffery Kelleher, (Alternate) (Present)
David Richardson, (Alternate) (Present)

Board of Education Members Present:

Cindy Alberts
Megan Bard Morse
Joan Fortin
Hans Frankhouser

Board of Selectman Members Present:

Michael Alberts
Frank Olah

Others Present (Administration):

Viktor Toth, Janice Thurlow, Karen Fitzpatrick

Others Present:

Pat Boyd (State Representative), Linda Bernardi, Wayne & Dorothy Durst, Tara Smock, Preston Shultz,
Terri Lasota (Recording Secretary)

3. Public Comment:

State Representative Pat Boyd briefly talked about the State's 2019 fiscal year surplus and the deficits for the 2020 and 2021 fiscal years. He also encouraged keeping communications open for information and other town needs. First Selectman Mike Alberts asked Representative Boyd about steep grant requests, Rep. Boyd said the Governor-Elect has been putting feelers out regarding important issues.

4. Round Table Discussion

A. Board of Education

Megan Bard Morse talked about items affecting the BOE budget, noting high school tuitions, health insurance, and potential sources of revenue for the Board of Education. Superintendent Viktor Toth

and business manager Janice Thurlow talked about the possible \$500 per student capital improvement surcharge under consideration by the academy; they also discussed the 8-10% health insurance increase with the board members explaining that the cost increase is mainly due to the 31 new entities entering into the plan, though the actual increase amount could level off to approximately 5%. Board members also discussed added revenue sources via paid pre-school and opening school enrollment to out of town students and any effect these potential new revenues would have in consideration of Proposition 46, and Ct State Statue 10-222.

B. Board of Selectmen

First Selectman Michael Alberts talked about the 2019 Fiscal Year Opportunities listed on his handout:

- ◇ Likely \$2.5 million bridge financing request
- ◇ Minor adjustments to individual hours of several positions
- ◇ Potential creation of approximately 12 hour ZEO position
- ◇ 2.5% AFSCME increase for unionized staff; increases for elected and appointed personnel
- ◇ Higher Transfer Station fees
- ◇ Increased revenue from increased permit charges and potential building permit increases
- ◇ Potentially much increased expense for QV911 service. 250%?
- ◇ Continue to seek efficiencies e.g. \$50/hr. savings for legal services and expedited invoice processing, and electronic time management system.
- ◇ Continue to tap into CCM resources for access to information
- ◇ Continue to work on position descriptions for non-elected employees
- ◇ How do we make Woodstock a more attractive, business friendly environment for farming and non-farming enterprises?

C. Board of Finance

D. Fortin and D. Richardson talked about last year's budget and Proposition 46, and the lack of Woodstock's growth. G. Lessig noted the only increase for BOE was from Woodstock Academy, adding the need for bridges & fire department which are things tax payers are asking for.

5. Public Comment: Preston Shultz expressed his concern about the grades K-8 cost changes.

6. Announcements: None

7. Adjournment: G. Lessig **MOTIONED** to **ADJOURN**; D. Fortin **SECONDED**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. The meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Terri Lasota, Recording Secretary

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