

## MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, February, 14 2012 @ 6:30 p.m. Town Office Building

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held Tuesday, February 14, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m in the Town Office Building. In attendance were First Selectwoman Catherine lino, Selectman Fred Dudek, Selectman Louis Annino, Jr., Chair of the Board of Finance John McMahon, and Board of Finance members Nancy Gorski, Hilary Kumnick, Mark Williams, and Gwenne Celmer. Finance Director Regina Regolo was also in attendance.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by First Selectwoman Catherine lino.
2. **Discussion of budget priorities with Board of Finance:** lino reported that three areas of priority were used as general guidelines during the three special meetings held earlier in the month to finalize FY 2012/2013 Town Budget. First priority was to minimize/eliminate increases: the BOS is trying, in general, to limit line item increases to no more than 2.5%. Second, the Board sought to take into consideration the recommendations of the Auditors in an effort to increase efficiency. Third, the BOS has chosen to take a long-range view in terms of planning for capital expenditures.

The Board of Finance inquired about specific capital elements. A lengthy discussion focused on budgeting for highway/paving and other capital projects down the road. The BOF has drafted a letter to be sent to taxpayers explaining the mil rate/grand list relationship in anticipation of June tax bills. Further discussions included an inquiry about the Town Office Building project, a brief discussion about refinancing the town debt while rates are low, and an inquiry about the playing fields projects, and the snow budget.

3. **Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn: Annino      Seconded: Dudek. All in favor – motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Disbrow

2/16/12