

**Minutes of the  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Wednesday, February 20, 2019 @6:00 p.m.  
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

First Selectwoman Catherine Iino called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:03 p.m. In attendance were Selectman Lou Annino, Jr., Selectman Nancy Gorski, and Finance Director Regina Regolo. Visitors Robert Rimmer was in attendance until 7 p.m. Robert & Marcella Sassi came in at 7:30 p.m.

Selectwoman Iino moved to appoint Christopher Daley (D) to the Energy Task Force. Motion was seconded by Lou Annino and passed unanimously.

Regolo distributed updated drafts of the MYCIP and the operating and capital budgets for 19/20. She explained that the exhibits reflected the proposed changes except for the proposed increase in personnel for the Highway Department. She reminded the board that if they decide to add the position, the fringe benefit line items would need to be increased.

The board began a line-by-line review of the operating budget. Although the current draft includes a 2% increase in wages for salaried, elective, and nonunion positions, the Board of Selectman has not resolved wage levels. Negotiations with UPSEU for the Highway employees begins in the near future. Those line items along with the Highway Foreman line item reflect no increase at the moment. There was a brief discussion about the possibility of reconstituting the Joint Committee on Compensation. The board asked for additional information on the following: Tax Collector Expenses; Town Engineer; Emergency Management; and Highway Other/ Building Maintenance.

The next two meetings are scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. The board is stilling looking for additional data to support the Highway Foreman's request for an added staff member. Iino hopes to have that information for the next meeting. Regolo will file an agenda for another Special Board of Selectmen meeting to continue working on the budget for Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

With regard to the revenue side of the budget equation, Iino reported that the Governor's initial budget includes overall reductions in state funding as well as an assessment related to the teachers' pension of \$39,738 for FY19-20 and \$82,063 in FY20-21. She reported that the proposed solar farm could bring in over \$80,000 in tax revenue to the town. She is concerned that anticipated savings to the town of \$400,000 would be lost if the Board of Education decides not to proceed with the restructuring.

Annino moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Gorski and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Regolo  
Acting Recording Secretary