

## **Shutesbury Board of Selectmen Friday April 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Members present: Chairwoman Elaine Puleo and members Al Springer and April Stein.

Also Present: Town Administrator Rebecca Torres, Administrative Secretary Leslie Bracebridge recording.

Chairman Puleo opened the meeting at 7:38 A.M. at the Shutesbury Town Hall

### **Topics**

#### **1, 2, 3: Discuss Annual Town Meeting, House/Senate budget, and Final Shutesbury budget review:**

- The House numbers came in far short of the Governor's budget.
- Budget Review from meeting of the Finance Committee:
  - The Committee recommended the late request for \$20,000 from the Buildings Committee to tile the senior lounge and address the school roof, considering them to be non-repeating capital items.
    - Investigation of the school roof: It is likely a localized leak, not a roof failure. There are potentially 10 more years in the current roof.
    - There will be more costs associated with the roof
  - The \$20,000 gives the Buildings Committee more on-going funds to work with.
  - We still have \$900,000 free cash, after the \$140,000 for the loader, \$30,000 for OPEB and \$20,000 for the Buildings Committee. take away the \$200,000 (for potential DEP expense) and the Treasurer is "very comfortable" with \$700,000 in free cash.
- Shutesbury will likely get more local aid, because the Senate budget typically comes in higher than the House.
- The final Chapter 70 adjustment was a \$6960 increase to Chapter 70 aid.
- Upon going through the final numbers with the Town Accountant, Becky reports that we've had an increase in PILOT revenues of at least \$8400.
- We have a balanced budget with conservative aid numbers and we have incorporated as much into the budget as possible including funding from Free Cash for a loader, OPEB, and building projects.
- The Finance Committee had suggested taking a little bit from a lot of places, but the revenue adjustments were sufficient to balance the budget.
- Line 177 "GAP" column heading "\$ change" is the change from 2013.
- \$700,000 is before the influx of this year's free cash. The estimated influx to free cash of \$85,000 is conservative because Health insurance has dropped off this year and the \$13 – 14,000 in unemployment was not touched, and we did not have over-runs in snow removal this year.
- Lines 133 to 136 will be returned as they were inadvertently zeroed out.
- There has been a lot of attention to the purchase of a loader.

**Selectmen unanimously voted to sign the May 4, 2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.**

**Selectmen unanimously voted to sign the May 4, 2013 Annual Town Election.**

### **Select Board Action Items**

1. Minutes of the April 9, 2013 were not available for approval.
2. Selectmen unanimously voted to sign a letter to Highway Superintendent Timothy Hunting.
3. In the week that followed this meeting Selectmen sign Payroll Warrants totaling \$84,205.31 and Vendor Warrants totaling \$450,712.28.)

### **Topics the Chairman Could Not Reasonably Have Anticipated:**

Review of the current lockdown of Watertown and surrounding Boston area, including the Tufts College campus where Chairman Puleo's son is, due to a man-hunt for the April 15<sup>th</sup> Boston Marathon bombing suspect(s).

Chairman Puleo was at the finish line of the 2013 Boston Marathon waiting for her daughter Jessie to finish the race at the time of the blast which killed 3 and maimed many others. We are extra grateful to have her here with us today.

The Select Board **adjourned at 8:33 A.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Bracebridge  
Administrative Secretary  
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