



TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes **APPROVED**

Monday June 15, 2009

6:00 P.M.

Town Offices

Members present: Selectwoman Elizabeth Coughlin, Selectman Robert Jackson, Selectwoman Ashley O'Neill, Selectman Rich Lemoine, Selectwoman Karyn Puleo.

Staff Present: Town Administrator Rosemary Cashman, and Admin Assistant Therese Gay

Selectwoman Puleo called the meeting to order. The Board was introduced. Selectwoman O'Neill read this evening's agenda.

1. 6:00 P.M. Appointment – Senior Work Off Abatement Program

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Lemoine, second by Selectwoman O'Neill to appoint Ann Lambert, Claudette Rondeau, and Grace Ann Steed as Library Aides, and to appoint Rita Evicci and Rachel Gray as Council on Aging Aides.

2. 6:15 P.M. ATM & STM Articles – Discussion

The Board made recommendation on the majority of the warrant articles for the June 16 town meeting. There are four articles that need to be reviewed and vote to recommend or not recommend.

Article 3. Choose Officers – This is a standard article, and the same people are usually recommended. Due to the recent death of Robert Sherburne, another person will need to be named. The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Lemoine, second by Selectwoman Coughlin to appoint only one person, Alan A. Sherburne as the Surveyor of Wood, Bark and Lumber.

Article 6. Sewer Budget – The article should be amended on town meeting floor are follows:

1. The line item for Salaries is reduced by \$12,007 from \$169,896 to \$157,889.
2. The line item for Department receipts is reduced by \$12,007 from \$989,667 to \$997,660.
3. The total amount to be raised and appropriated is reduced by \$12,007 from \$1,047,712 to \$1,035,705.

The decrease of \$12,007 is for the reduced hours for the 4 union employees.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Lemoine, second by Selectwoman O'Neill to recommend the article be amended as read.

Article 11. Community Preservation Committee Budget.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman Coughlin, second by Selectwoman O'Neill to recommend the CPC budget appropriation of \$97,444.00, and Reserves of \$55,556, for a total of \$650,000.

Article 12. Use of Available Funds.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman O'Neill, second by Selectman Jackson to recommend the use of \$100,000 from Free Cash to stabilize the tax rate for FY2010.

Special Town Meeting.

The Board reviewed and voted the following:

Article 1. Transfer to Accounts.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman O'Neill, second by Selectman Jackson to recommend withdrawing this article.

Article 2. Transfer to Reserve Fund.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Lemoine, second by Selectman Jackson to transfer \$7,000 from Board of Health Expense Acct. #520 and \$30,000 from Rubbish and Recycling Acct. #524 for a total of \$37,000 to the Reserve Fund.

Article 3. Transfer Available Funds.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman O'Neill, second by Selectman Jackson to recommend withdrawing this article.

Article 5. Sewer Transfer

The Sewer Commission will provide the amount on Town Meeting Floor.
The Board took no action on this article this evening.

Article 6. Shur Fine Market Demolition.

The Community Preservation Committee has not yet provided a recommendation on whether the Shur Fine Market, including the barn, should be completely demolished. The CPC is expected to meet on June 16 prior to Town Meeting.
The Board took no action on this article this evening.

3. 6:25 P.M. Greater Lowell Technical High School Assessment - Discussion

Representatives from the Vocational Technical High School attended the meeting to discuss with the Board the town's assessment. Mr. Steve O'Neill, Tyngsborough's representative on the School Committee, Mr. Jim Cassein, Superintendent and George Garabedian, Finance Director. Superintendent Cassein announced that the transportation assessment was reduced and will be returning a portion (\$23,133) to the town. The school's finance department and the school committee work with the foundation formula given by the State Education Office. The foundation formula is worked differently for the Vocational school compared to the formula used for local schools. The Board asked about the capital project the Vocational School is proposing. The finance office has submitted the project to the State for the building renovations. The Selectmen said that there needs to be communication about the Voke budget earlier in the process. The Board thanked the representatives for attending and for the information they provided.

4. Citizen's Time

No one came forward this evening.

5. Other Business

A. Televising Town Meeting - Discussion

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman O'Neill, second by Selectman Lemoine to televise the Town Meeting live.

B. Selectmen's Meeting Calendar – Discussion

There was no issue with or changes to the calendar.

6. Correspondence

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman O'Neill, second by Selectman Jackson to accept with regret the three resignations submitted: the Town Treasurer, Pauline Guilmette, Board of Health Administrator, Joan Ferrari, and Building Department Secretary, Linda Drane.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman O'Neill, second by Selectman Jackson to accept the correspondence as read.

7. Selectmen's Notes

Selectman Jackson congratulated Dance Expression studio for a very well run recital. Selectwoman Coughlin thanked the Education Foundation of Tyngsborough for a very nice award ceremony, well done. Ms Coughlin toured the High and the Middle Schools, the school events are uplifting, kudos to the schools. Selectwoman O'Neill congratulated the bicentennial committee for a great job on putting together a great celebration. Selectman Lemoine congratulated the school department and students on a great graduation, and congratulated the bicentennial committee for a great job on the historical events leading up to the great celebration. Selectwoman Puleo echoes the sentiments of her colleagues, kudos to grad night committee and the bicentennial committee. This week end is the First Relay for Life run and is scheduled for the 19th. Selectman Lemoine asked that the Administrator contact the contractors for the repair of the existing bridge and the engineers working on the relocation of the Pawtucket Blvd to have them come in to update the Board of their time table.

8. Town Administrator's Notes

There is only one update this evening, the reference check on the consulting group that was award the bid to do the Market Analysis is under way.

9. Executive Session (if needed)

A. Collective Bargaining

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman O'Neill, second by Selectwoman Coughlin to enter into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining and to return to open session only to adjourn. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Robert Jackson, yes; Selectwoman Elizabeth Coughlin, yes; Selectwoman Ashley O'Neill, yes; Selectman Rich Lemoine, yes; Selectwoman Karyn Puleo, yes. The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:30 P.M.

10. Adjournment

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman O'Neill, second by Selectman Jackson to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Therese Gay
Admin Assistant

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