

Special Town Meeting – November 26, 2008

First Selectman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM in the large conference room of Town Hall.

First call to order was to nominate a moderator. Barbara Manners nominated Jane Berendsen-Hill. Andy Bodner seconded the nomination.

Vote: “Ayes” unanimous, and Mrs. Berendsen-Hill was elected moderator.

Mrs. Berendsen-Hill asked that a secretary be appointed. Rudy Marconi nominated Sandy Mosiello, and Andy Bodner seconded the nomination.

Vote: “Ayes” unanimous, and Sandy Mosiello was elected secretary.

The moderator read the legal notice that appears on page 148 and called for any comments or questions.

Discussion: Thomas Pritchard, 638 Danbury Rd., asked if this is a special appropriation or is if this is essentially an allocation of fund balance. Mr. Marconi replied that our attorneys wrote it and that how we handle it accounting wise is entirely up to us. Mr. Pritchard was in favor of the resolution. He recommended that we buy and buy now.

Mr. McNicholas, 16 Old Washington Rd., asked if the money is coming out of our fund balance. Will it adversely affect our bond rating or increase our costs. Kevin Redmond, Comptroller, felt that the move would not impact bond rating. He also stated it was not coming out of fund balance, but a designation of fund balance. Mr. McNicholas then asked if we had shopped around. Jerry Gay, from our finance department stated that he had spoken to Mitchell Fuel and other vendors. Mr. Marconi said that they had been watching the prices closely.

Andy Bodner made a motion to modify the resolution to reflect the change of wording to read “Resolved that the request by the Board of Selectmen for authority to make a special appropriation in the amount of \$850,000 be and hereby is authorized for the purchase of heating oil.” Barbara Manners seconded the motion.

Vote: “Ayes” 4, “Nays” 7 – Motion failed.

Rudy Marconi moved to accept original call. Barbara Manners seconded. Then the moderator called for a vote on the original resolution.

Vote: “Aye” unanimous and motion carried.

Rudy Marconi moved to adjourn, John McNicholas seconded.

Vote: “Aye” unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully,
Sandra Mosiello