

May 21, 2009

Special Meeting

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen James L. Brinton and Nicholas N. Solley, Board of Finance Assistant Kathy Gollow.

Call to Order: First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

MOTION: To add subsequent business not already on the agenda. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Mark Lyon. **Discussion:** To review health insurance options for Town employees. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Awarding of Bid for Chipsealing of Town Roads.

Motion: To award the bid for chipsealing of Town roads to Seymour Sealing Service, Inc. of Wallingford, CT. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton. **Discussion:** The Board of Selectmen felt that awarding the bid to Seymour Sealing was in the "best interest of the Town" as there were scheduling conflicts and an increase to the bid price last year by the alternate bidder, Gorman Group. References received regarding Seymour from neighboring Towns were very favorable. The motion passed unanimously.

* Budget/Health Insurance Discussion:

The Board of Finance met on Monday of this week. In order to maintain a flat tax to offset less income from state grants, conveyance taxes, interest, etc. plus an increase in Washington's share of the school budge, approximately \$600,00-\$700,000 would need to be cut from the proposed budget that will be voted on at this evening's meeting. This can't be done without significant cuts in services or employee cutbacks that the Board of Selectmen did not want to make. However, there was discussion to cut \$155,000 from the Capital Budget: \$100,000 from the Town Hall infrastructure line, \$20,000 for guardrails, \$35,000 from refurbishing of dirt roads. Mark also reported to the Selectmen that he and Kathy Gollow had a presentation of Health Insurance benefits by our Insurance Agent, Arthur Mulligan. Several plan options were given and after a lengthy discussion this morning, a plan was agreed upon by the Selectmen that would result in a savings for the Town but would continue the present benefit level provided to the employees. Presently, employees do not need to contribute anything to their insurance coverage. This may need to change in the future.

Adjournment:

> * **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 9:55a.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Nick Solley, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary