

# February 28, 2005

## Special Meeting

Vice-Chairman Jack Field called the Special Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to consider current Town litigation. Jack reported representatives from Region 12 would not be attending the regular meeting scheduled for 5:00 p.m. due to weather conditions.

**Present:** Board Members: Jack Field, Mark Lyon, Rex Swain, Michael Jackson (via phone)

Alternates: John Allen, Liddy Adams

Selectmen: Nicholas Solley, Harry Wyant

Guests: Ed Matthews, Bill Bright (via phone)

Alternates Liddy Adams and John Allen were seated in the absence of regular Board members.

The Board entered Executive Session at 4:01 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

The Board re-entered the Special Meeting at 5:56 p.m.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gollow, Secretary

## Regular Meeting

Vice-Chairman Jack Field called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m.

**Present:** Board Members: Jack Field, Mark Lyon, Rex Swain

Alternates: John Allen, Liddy Adams

Selectmen: Nicholas Solley, Harry Wyant

Alternates Liddy Adams and John Allen were seated in the absence of regular Board members.

**Education:** The proposed discussion on the primary school construction projects was not held due to weather conditions. Jack Field reported costs and designs for these projects have not been finalized and the school administration is revising the educational specifications. The Board of Education plans to proceed to present the proposal to repair the three buildings at a referendum. Discussion ensued as to whether the public had ever voted to proceed with the proposal to repair the three buildings. It was felt it had not been formally considered by the three towns, but rather that representatives from the three towns had personally felt the towns wanted to maintain their individual schools. The Board of Education is not amenable to consider alternatives at this time and will proceed as planned. Jack Field will contact the Superintendent of Schools to reschedule the meeting for discussion.

**Parks & Recreation Bathrooms:** It had been suggested that this project might be delayed until definite

plans for the Washington Primary School have been approved. However, the Selectmen have re-extended an invitation to bid on this project, with bids due on March 10th. The project has been reduced in scale in terms of construction and materials.

**Request for Ex-Budget Appropriation:** Consideration was given to the Selectmen's request for an appropriation for \$4,730 toward installation of energy-saving devices in the two town garages, the town hall and the senior center. CL&P has inventoried the buildings and presented costs and savings. It is felt the costs for the town hall and senior center would be covered in the current year's budget but additional funds would be needed to cover the town garages. Mark Lyon made a motion to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,730 as an ex-budget appropriation for the installation of the energy saving devices in the town garages. John Allen seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

**Minutes:** John Allen made motion to approve the minutes of the January 24th meeting as submitted. Liddy Adams seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

**Treasurer's Report and Financials:** The Board reviewed these reports. It was noted \$15,186. will be transferred from the Nonrecurring Account expenditures to the General Fund Account expenditures to amend expenses for the New Preston STEAP project.

**Budget:** It was agreed that a special meeting would be called for March 28th at 5 p.m. to receive the Selectmen's preliminary draft budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

**Old Business:**

**Selectman's Auto:** Rex Swain requested the Board of Selectmen present a written proposal reporting on the future use of the Selectman's vehicle and/or compensation for travel expenses, i.e. mileage reimbursement or a monthly stipend. This will be presented at the budget meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gollow, Secretary