

Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting
3:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 17, 2008
2nd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

Budget Meeting
Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Laura Francis, John Szewczyk, James McLaughlin

1. L. Francis handed out the following schedules:
 - Board of Finance budget review schedule for 2009-2010
 - Board of Selectmen budget meeting schedule

2. L. Francis talked about the board preparing a statement that would summarize their goals for the budget process for 2009-2010. These tenants will guide the Board of Selectmen decision making and each budget will be measured by how well it furthers these goals.
 - To preserve and protect the capital assets of the Town of Durham.
 - To promote the public safety of the residents of the Town of Durham.
 - To encourage efficiency of the town governmental operations.
 - To stabilize property tax rate.

3. Items for discussion included the following:
 - If the town receives a 12% reduction in the Education Cost Sharing as the Governor has warned, there will be a shortfall of \$456,000 for the Town of Durham.

 - Insurance:
 - There may be a 20% increase in health insurance and may have to go out to bid.

 - State of Connecticut "Shovel Ready" infrastructure project funding opportunities:
 - Sidewalks on Main Street
 - Water coming into Durham from Middletown
 - Public Safety Facility
 - Culverts
 - Public Works Facility

 - Block grants with minimum strings attached allowing money back into the economy.

 - Programs:
 - Summer recreation programs held at no cost were discussed.
 - DMIAAB-budget increase over three years. Agreement expires in 2011.
 - Building department: revenue - increasing fees.
 - Public Works department costs.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Beth Moncata