

Special Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, February 28, 2006; Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. Present were J. McLaughlin, M. Boord, R. Primus Edwards, and Laura Francis.

L. Francis, Town Clerk, was asked why a dollar amount for the Town Clerk's salary wasn't added to the Town Clerk budget, and why the salary being proposed for Assistant Town Clerk was substantially increased. L. Francis explained that she is requesting an increase in salary for the Assistant Town Clerk that is identical to the hourly wage paid to Town Hall Union employees who recently were given increases through Union negotiations. L. Francis further explained that the Assistant Town Clerk has comparable levels of responsibilities with these Union employees and should be compensated in order to be fair. When asked about the Town Clerk's salary request, L. Francis explained that the increased salary for the Assistant Town Clerk would put the Town Clerk's salary at a comparable amount. She believes the Town Clerk should be compensated by more than that paid to the Assistant Town Clerk. The Board of Selectmen discussed at length both issues, and M. Boord suggested that a salary survey be conducted and that money be placed in the contingency fund that could be used to adjust salaries based on the results of the survey. The Board of Selectmen agreed that this was a good idea.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Primus Edwards