

**Special Board of Selectmen Meeting  
March 15, 2006; Town Hall**

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am. Present were James McLaughlin, Maryann Boord, and Renee Primus Edwards.

Agenda approved by M. Boord and seconded by R. Primus Edwards. 3 Aye.

The Board discussed the procedural vote that was required by State Statute for the initiation of the charter revision proposal.

**MOTION TO INITIATE CHARTER REVISION PROPOSAL BY R. PRIMUS EDWARDS AND SECONDED BY M. BOORD. 3 AYES.**

The Board reviewed the draft letter to the RSD13 Board of Education prepared by the First Selectman's office on behalf of the Board of Selectman. M. Boord reported that she spoke with Superintendent Susan Viccaro, and that the Superintendent expressed frustration that the press found out about our letter before she did. J. McLaughlin explained that the letter was being presented for the first time at this meeting, and that the Board of Selectmen had agreed only Monday night, March 13, to write the letter. The press is usually present at the Board of Selectmen meetings, so it is not unusual that the press would know about our intentions since they are reporting our meetings.

The letter was reviewed and edited. All 3 selectmen signed the letter. J. McLaughlin stated it would be mailed to the Chairman and Members of the Board of Education on Thursday of this week (March 16). J. McLaughlin announced that the Board of Selectmen has been invited to attend a meeting with the Superintendent to discuss the budget.

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$98,692.64 (1500) FOR TOWN ASSESSOR BY M. BOORD AND SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS EDWARDS. 3 AYE.**

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$235,487.00 (1520) FOR BUILDING AND HEALTH BY M. BOORD AND SECONDED BY J. MCLAUGHLIN. 3 AYE.** (This budget was redone due to changes to the budget provided by this department)

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$114,611.00 (1525) FOR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT BY J. MCLAUGHLIN AND SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS EDWARDS. 3 AYE.** (The line item for the Finance Officer was adjusted to reflect a full-time position at \$60K)

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$76,350.00 (1565) FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BY R. PRIMUS EDWARDS AND SECONDED BY J. MCLAUGHLIN. 3 AYE.** (This budget was reduced by \$4500 to remove the expense for the MUNIS PO System. PO will be done without this system)

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$76,100.00 (2010) FOR PLANNING AND ZONING BY M. BOORD AND SECONDED BY J. MCLAUGHLIN. 3 AYE.** (This budget was redone due to changes to the budget provided by this board)

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$2,500.00 (2040) FOR CHARTER REVISION BY M. BOORD AND SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS EDWARDS. 3 AYE.** (This budget was redone to reflect addition request for recording secretary salary during the revision process)

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$1.00 (2045) FOR PERSONNEL POLICY BY R. PRIMUS EDWARDS AND SECONDED BY J. MCLAUGHLIN. 3 AYE.** (This budget was redone to remove the \$3K expense for salary survey, which is now coming out of the current First Selectman's budget)

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$25,060.00 (2500) FOR ELECTIONS BY R. PRIMUS EDWARDS AND SECONDED BY J. MCLAUGHLIN. 3 AYE.** (This budget was redone due to changes to the budget provided by this office)

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$107,911.00 (2520) FOR INSURANCE BY M. BOORD AND SECONDED BY J. MCLAUGHLIN. 3 AYE.**

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$82,000.00 (3005) FOR CAPITAL EQUIPMENT BY J. MCLAUGHLIN AND SECONDED BY M. BOORD. 3 AYE.** (This budget was redone based on decision to remove \$3K for miscellaneous expenses, and includes Sweeper at \$32,000.00, loader lease at \$20,000.00, Unit 10 [truck] lease at \$30,000.00)

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$550,736.00 (3010) FOR PUBLIC WORKS BY R. PRIMUS EDWARDS AND SECONDED BY J. MCLAUGHLIN. 3 AYE.** (This budget was reduced: Vacant laborer position was removed (~\$31K) and temporary help was reduced from \$28K to \$25K; Line item 303 - Department was reduced from \$1500 to \$1000; Line item 308 - Safety Products was reduced from \$1500 to \$600)

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$46,875.00 (3500) FOR LOCAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS BY M. BOORD AND SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS EDWARDS. 3 AYE.**

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$24,350.00 (4015) FOR DOG FUND TRANSFER BY J. MCLAUGHLIN AND SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS EDWARDS. 3 AYE.**

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$50,000.00 (4020) FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BY R. PRIMUS EDWARDS AND SECONDED BY J. MCLAUGHLIN. 3 AYE.**

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$15,755.00 (4032) FOR TOWN-WIDE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS BY R. PRIMUS EDWARDS AND SECONDED BY M. BOORD. 3 AYE.**

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$17,710.00 (4035) FOR FIRE MARSHALL BY M. BOORD AND SECONDED BY J. MCLAUGHLIN. 3 AYE.**

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$6,000.00 (4045) FOR FIRE POND FUND BY R. PRIMUS EDWARDS AND SECONDED BY J. MCLAUGHLIN. 3 AYE.**

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$31,130.00 (4599) FOR DURHAM SENIOR CITIZENS BY R. PRIMUS EDWARDS AND SECONDED BY M. BOORD. 3 AYE.** (We allowed a 3% increase for the exercise teacher [not the \$10/hr increase requested]. The line item is 353 - \$14,325 (it was \$17,010)).

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$102,211.00 (5505) FOR RECREATION EXPENSES BY M. BOORD AND SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS EDWARDS. 3 AYE.**

**MOTION TO BUDGET \$427,000.00 (6520) FOR RESERVE FUND BY M. BOORD AND SECONDED BY J. MCLAUGHLIN. 3 AYE.** The following changes were made:

- a) Place Trustees Drive-way and 51 Main Street amounts into one category named "Emergency Services Facility"
- b) Place \$15K in the library oil tank removal account (this price has been received from K. Bober, and doesn't need to be \$25K)
- c) Place \$25K in a new reserve category titled "Senior Citizen Tax Relief" (This is a reserve for a new program that hasn't yet been defined, but is being researched. Even if a new program isn't started, we need to adjust the income cap on the abatement for seniors).

Budgets on Hold: Library Expenses, DMIAAB, Public Safety, Insurance Payroll, ZBA, Drug Testing.

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 11 2006 BY M. BOORD AND SECONDED BY J. MCLAUGHLIN. 3 AYE.**

Motion to adjourn at 11:30 pm by M. Boord and seconded by J. McLaughlin. 3 aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Primus Edwards