

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Minear called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Music Room of the Junior High School and stated that the Board of Selectmen would be meeting in joint session with the Finance Committee to discuss mandatory refuse collection (Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant for May 14, 1987) and funding for the Cherry Hill acquisition.

ATTENDANCE

Minear, Griffith, Brooks, Wilkinson

SELECTMEN'S ACTION

Positions on Articles.

05-1-04

Article 3 (Special Town Meeting) Referring to a Town Meeting handout consisting of cost calculations and a memo from Diana Romer, Mr. Del Castilho noted the addition of a one-can option for one-person households only at a rate of \$60. He further observed that the new figures spread costs over all landfill users, i.e., although there would be a 35% increase in landfill fees, the per-household cost would decrease. Another new figure is a \$7 sticker for extraordinary refuse. Mr. Del Castilho also noted that customers of individual collection firms will be able to remain with them. Finally, he discussed the state-supported Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). Clark Roof, Finance Committee member, asked what the impact on the landfill would be. Ms. Romer replied that more compaction would be possible and noted that a 15% increase could be realized if the recycling were expanded to apartment complexes and the recycling of all paper products. Ms. Wilkinson advised that the addition of 3,000 households plus the increased incentive to collectors to recycle make this a feasible plan. The Town must also consider including the universities, other institutions, disposal of sludge, etc. Barbara Ford, member of the Finance Committee, asked how the fees will be collected. Mr. Del Castilho replied there are several methods to accomplish this, including paying the refuse collector directly. He also noted that the cost to the Town to administer this program should be negligible. Ms. Brooks asked if recycling plastic containers would be possible at some future time. VOTED unanimously to endorse Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting warrant.

Article 27. VOTED unanimously to endorse the change of the appropriation from \$545,000 to \$100,000.

Article 1 (Special Town Meeting). Mr. Del Castilho reviewed his memo of May 10, 1987, in which he noted that the deficit to date, omitting Cherry Hill, is at \$803,590. The sum to be split 50-50 between the property tax levy and Free Cash, also exclusive of Cherry Hill, is \$1,258,590, resulting in a 7.6% increase in the property tax levy. Mr. Del Castilho then discussed two alternative methods of funding Cherry Hill. The first, borrowing \$2.2 million, would result in a 9.2% increase in the property tax levy, minimizing the effect on FY 88 property taxes and maximizing the adverse effects on the Town's financial situation. The second funding scenario would provide for borrowing \$1.2 million and adding \$1 million to the FY 88 deficit which would be \$2,406,590, resulting in a 14.5% increase in the property tax levy. This method of funding has the advantage of not issuing 20-year bonds for \$1 million which may or may not be reimbursed

from a grant or sale of land. Elliott Barker of the Finance Committee asked about the difference between the original \$1.6 million and the \$2.2 million quoted in the media. Mr. Del Castilho advised that the amount in the warrant was necessarily high to allow for negotiations with Mr. Maxson. The Finance Committee voted unanimously to borrow \$1.2 million and raise \$1 million by taxation. Board of Selectmen VOTED unanimously to borrow \$1.2 million and raise \$1 million by taxation. The Finance Committee left to conduct its own meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Miscellaneous.

05-5-06

VOTED unanimously to add the meeting schedule and approval of two licenses to the agenda.

Mr. Minear noted that Atkins fruit Bowl had withdrawn its application for a wine and malt package store due to financial considerations.

Ms. Griffith advised she had met with staff, the ARA, and the DRB about the proposed Bangs Center Expansion. It was decided to wait until Fall Town Meeting to reintroduce an article on the funding for the expansion.

VOTED unanimously to approve an auctioneer's license for Elaine E. Hood of 33 Norman Terrace, Feeding Hills, MA 01030 (MA license #196).

VOTED unanimously to approve a second hand sales license for Wood Shed Antiques of 156 Montague Rd.

VOTED unanimously to add a meeting on June 1st to the meeting schedule.

POSITIONS ON ARTICLES

Article 2 (Special Town Meeting). VOTED unanimously to endorse unless the language of the article changes drastically.

Article 32. VOTED unanimously to endorse Ms. Wilkinson's language on this article.

Article 48. Ms. Brooks noted that the language of the petitioner's motion had changed. VOTED 3-0-1 to not take a position.

Article 49. VOTED unanimously to endorse, noting that the handbook will be mailed by the Fair Housing Committee.

Article 50. VOTED unanimously to endorse.

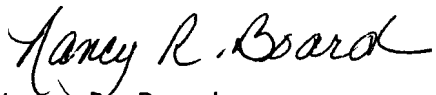
Article 51. VOTED unanimously to endorse.

Articles 52 and 53. Postponed action pending further input from Mr. Del Castilho. Mr. Gold stated that the University receives approximately \$3,000 from cigarette advertising on PVTA busses; he did not have the exact dollar figure that PVTA receives but noted it was at a rate of 2/10 of a cent per rider.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy R. Board
Secretary to the Selectmen