

Special Meeting Board of Selectmen Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Meeting called to Order at 600 PM by First Selectmen Denise Menard

All Selectmen in attendance

Public participation – none

Correspondence

- Farmer's Market
- State Budget Projections
- Warehouse Point Fire District
- Housing Authority

New Business

CGS states the referendum would default to 1200 – 8 PM. Motion was made by Dick Pippin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Nelson to have all budget referendums open from 0600 am to 0800 pm – this has been posted to a town meeting 5/1/2013. Unanimous motion carried

Pension Options – Alan Baker presented his opinion (see attachment A) a lot of discussion. We were also presented with a copy of the ordinance that was adopted at a special town meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>. 1970 (see Attachment A1).

Motion made by Jim Richards and seconded by Dick Pippin to request a legal opinion about who has the final say in amendments, changes, and renewals in regard to the Pension Plan. Yes Richards and Baker – nay Nelson and Pippin – motion dies

Motion was made by Alan Baker and seconded by Jim Richards to hold off on the change to the pension plan until the ordinance is changed to give oversight on pension decisions to the boards of Finance and Selectmen Yes Baker and Richards – nay Nelson and Pippin – motion dies.

Discussion regarding a joint meeting with the BOS and BOF at the next pension meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 530 pm at the town hall, all are invited to attend the posted meeting.

Town Hiring – Alan Baker presented his opinion (see attachment B). Len Norton, town engineer was present and explained that there are 4 projects funded by grants that must be in process by July 1, 2013 – Kogut property, Prospect Hill, sidewalk project, and Springdale cemetery , and in addition Wal-Mart is also an ongoing project . The projects will require a temporary part time position to assist. The job was posted on the town web site, and only one person applied. Again lots of discussion, at the end it was decided that more communication was necessary and Denise Menard and Len Norton agreed. First Selectman Menard stated there have been numerous temporary positions that have been

filled and have followed and even less stringent process. We need to be flexible to run the town.

Jason Bowsza wanted to update the BOS on a recent meeting with the State Department of Education. Joe Pellegrini, Jason Bowsza, Denise Menard, Cathy Cabral, our town attorney as well as members of the BOE attended this meeting. As expected the SDE sided with the opinion of the BOE that they did nothing wrong with prepaying for health insurance services in a different fiscal year (determined by our auditors to be incorrect). Per the SDE they will ask the Attorney General's office for an opinion . There is a difference of opinion for the SDE and the Office of Policy Management. Per the BOF, any funding issues related to this matter should go to a town meeting.

Executive session at 752 by Dale Nelson out at 902 with no motions

Motion to Adjourn @ 903 was made by Dick Pippin – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Nelson

Respectfully submitted,  
Dale Nelson