



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: Monday, March 18, 2013
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room A, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chairman Pepe, Vice Chair Woodbury, Clerk Stevens, Members Berthiaume & Fritze, and Town Administrator Gaudette.

At 6:04 p.m. Chairman Pepe called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Acton Item: Vote to authorize additional emergency Snow & Ice expenditures in accordance with MGL c. 44, §31D

Utilities & Facilities Superintendent Steve Tyler reported that due to record snowfalls and 63 snow or icing events to date, there is currently a \$30,000 deficit in the budget. He is requesting \$60,000 to cover the deficient and a storm predicted for Tuesday. He noted that the change to green salt this year will make spring clean up much easier.

A motion to authorize an additional \$60,000 in deficit spending to fund snow and ice (Fritze / Berthiaume)

Mr. Gaudette advised the Board to hold off on the additional \$30,000 until the next meeting to allow free cash to remain.

The motion was amended to authorize an additional \$30,000 in deficit spending to fund snow and ice (Fritze / Berthiaume) passed 5/0.

Discussion: PILOT Agreement with Borrego Solar

Administrator Gaudette introduced Jarred O'Connell from Borrego Solar. Mr. Gaudette is working with Consultant Chris Reidy, Principal Assessor Mary Williams, and the Board of Assessors on a PILOT agreement for a Solar Project on Wilson St. A PILOT agreement is beneficial for the leasing company, in this case Borrego Solar, and for Town since it guarantees payment of taxes that would not otherwise be available. The approval process requires a majority Town Meeting vote to move forward. Discussion will continue at the March 25th meeting.

Discussion: Spencer East Brookfield Regional School District FY2014 Budget

Mr. Gaudette reported that as a result of the increase in the School District's FY14 budget, Spencer's assessment has increased by \$2,179,865. This additional amount needs to be on a ballot for the May 14th Town Election.

A motion to endorse a school budget assessment meeting the minimum local contribution levels for FY2014 (Berthiaume /Fritze) passed 5/0.

Acton Item: Appoint Selectmen's Representative on SEBRSD Interim Superintendent and Business Manager Search Committees

Chairman Pepe asked Board Members if they wanted to volunteer for either search committee. Mr. Berthiaume agreed to be part of the Business Manager Search Committee and Mr. Stevens will be part of the Interim Superintendent Search Committee.

*A motion to appoint Mr. Berthiaume as member of the Business Manager Search Committee
(Fritze /Woodbury) passed 5-0*

*A motion to appoint Mr. Stevens as member of the Interim Superintendent Search Committee
(Fritze /Woodbury) passed 5-0*

The Board agreed to discuss the medical marijuana issue at their April 8th meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Assistant