



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: Monday, September 16, 2013
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: McCourt Social Hall Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chair Woodbury, Vice Chair Berthiaume, Clerk Stevens, Members Fritze and Pepe and Administrator Gaudette

At 6:08 p.m. Chairman Woodbury called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion: SEBRSD Override Recap

Administrator Gaudette reported the results of the Override Election for approximately \$1.7 Million in Additional Local Assessment for the SEBRSD. The results were an overwhelming rejection by a margin for more than 2-1.

Discussion: SEBRSD Budget Process

Administrator Gaudette explained the next step in the process as defined by MGL c. 71, §16B. The next step is the District-Wide Meeting. The District files the warrant with a budget that could be the same, lower or higher than previous budgets. The Selectmen will have to meet jointly with the East Brookfield Selectmen to select a Moderator to oversee the meeting. Mr. Gaudette will place on next week's agenda. He then explained that if the budget passes at that meeting, the towns will be responsible for the assessments and will need overrides to support Town services. If it fails, the State Department of Education would come in on December 1st and mandate a budget and assessments which could also require an override. The Board and Mr. Gaudette expressed frustration in that they felt the General Government employees have sacrificed and sacrificed and are still in jeopardy of suffering due to the problems with the District.

Member Stevens asked Mr. Gaudette to explain his memo regarding a recertification of the District Budget. Mr. Gaudette advised the Board that the Minimum Local Contributions and Chapter 70 numbers have changed since the District first approved their budget which means they will need to certify a budget with the amended revenue obligations.

Discussion: Draft Agenda for September 23, 2013 Business Meeting

Administrator Gaudette presented next week's agenda.

Other

Don Nuzzy from Pond Street was in attendance and discussed his experience with the recent override vote.

Vice Chairman Berthiaume announced that on Saturday, September 20th, the Spencer Cable Access Corporation will host their annual Food Drive for the Mary Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry. The hours will be 10 am to 3 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Gaudette
Town Administrator