

SUBJECT: SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 13, 2006, 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Town Hall Community Room

PRESENT: Mayor Krampitz, Councilman Zagurski, Councilman Goodwin, Councilman Sekorski, Councilwoman Murawski, Councilwoman Scoville

1. Call Meeting to Order - Mayor Krampitz called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Krampitz led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Discuss and take action to adopt Fiscal Year 2006-07 Budget per Charter Chapter VII Section 3b – Mayor Krampitz gave a brief history of how the Town Council reached this point due to the new charter language. She referred to the May 30th meeting when the department totals were given to the Board of Finance and that board met on June 2nd. The Mayor then recognized David Merchant, Chairman of the Board of Finance, to give a report on that meeting and the recommended budget. Mayor Krampitz stated that the proposed recommendation was in the packet that the Town Council had already received and wanted a motion before any discussion. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to adopt the budget based on \$35,775,536. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. The Mayor informed the council that there was an error and that is why the total is \$2,256 less than it appears on page one. David Merchant began by discussing the charter changes. He did not believe that the budget would ever pass with a referendum. Mayor Krampitz asked him to clarify if this was his opinion or that of his board and Mr. Merchant claimed that it was his personal opinion. Mr. Merchant said that his board will be asking the council to put all departments at a 3% increase after the presentation. He understands why the action was taken but the Board of Finance would have never presented the budget the way it had if they knew what kind of results it was going to have. This budget is set up for deficits and we will have to dip into the fund balance. The budget before the council raises the taxes .3 mills. If the council increases all the departments to 3%, then the taxes will increase .6 mills. The report began on page 6 with the Mayor's department. \$10,500 was added to this budget. Advertising – legal notices increased by \$5,500 and Expenses increased by \$5,000. Town Council had no change. Comptroller's Department \$10,529 was added by putting \$5,000 into the part time salary and \$5,229 into Contract Services. On page 7, Central Office added \$7,964 by putting in the part time flex worker. Treasurer had no change. Registrars had to be decreased by \$8,417 so wages-election workers were decreased by \$4,117, printing was reduced by \$1,000, maintenance and repairs \$2,300 and voting machine inspection \$1,000. On page 8, Board of Finance had \$14,795 added by putting that into the contingency. The Assessor had \$50 added to office supplies. Board of Assessment Appeals had \$14 added to conferences and memberships. On page 9, Tax Collector was decreased by \$43,914. Salary staff was reduced by \$27,072, service contracts lost \$2,842 and tax refunds was reduced by \$14,000. Legal Services had \$30 added to town attorney. Insurance had \$142 added to workers compensation. On page 10, Employee Benefits was reduced by \$436,557 by taking away \$65,000 from pensions, \$250,479 from health insurance and \$121,078 out of wage adjustments. Town Clerk lost \$1,410 from computer records. Probate Court had \$835 added to office supplies. On page 11, Special Services stayed the same. Fire Marshal lost \$3,132 by reducing the salary by \$1,132, the training by \$500, service contracts by \$500, office supplies by \$500 and investigative equipment by \$500. On page 12, Police Department was increased by \$16,533 by adding \$6,553 part-time

salaries and \$10,000 to overtime salaries. The Chairman noted that this was different than what the Town Council had approved last time because of the research that was done after that meeting concerning the part-time and overtime accounts. Emergency Management was increased by \$4,638. The generator was put back in this department and taken out of facilities. On page 13, Dog Warden was reduced by \$4,776 and this was taken out of the salary line item. Communications had no change. On page 14, Fire Department had the fire hydrants taken out of this budget and placed in a separate department. The total reduced was \$8,817 by taking \$500 out of truck repairs, \$1,000 out of equipment, \$1,219 out of physicals, and \$1,000 out of refurbishing trucks and \$500 out of training equipment. On page 15, there were no changes to the stations. Facilities had street lights removed and put into a separate department as was the generator maintenance. This was reduced by \$37,180. Service contracts was reduced by \$2,000, employee safety committee by \$3,000, repairs and supplies by \$2,000, heat by \$5,000, electricity by \$9,150, and telephones by \$16,030. On page 16, Snow Removal had to be reduced by \$16,569 by taking \$569 from supplies and equipment, \$8,000 from sand and \$8,000 from salt. Highway was reduced by \$24,608 by taking \$14,608 from repairs and supplies and \$10,000 from street signs. On page 17, Transfer Station was reduced by \$20,703 by taking \$13,000 from contract services, \$5,000 from repairs and supplies, \$403 from electricity, \$300 from tire disposal and \$2,000 from land fill testing. Public Works Director was reduced by \$8,146 by taking that from the salary for the engineering tech. On page 18, Maintenance Garage was reduced by \$4,610 by taking \$610 from repairs and supplies, \$2,000 from gas and oil and \$2,000 from tires and tubes. Building Inspector had no change. On page 19, Human Services had no change. Public Health had \$258 added to medical supplies. On page 20, Medical Director was reduced by \$2,877 by taking \$877 from the health director and \$2,300 from the podiatry clinic. Ambulance Corps was reduced by \$5,723 by taking \$2,000 from heat and \$3,723 from electricity. On page 21, Public Health (other) had the mistake in the budget. The total should be \$25,558 not \$27,814. The adjustment will be made. Terryville Library was reduced by \$2,935 which was taken from periodicals. On page 22, Plymouth Library was reduced by \$2,202. Recreation was increased by \$939 and this was added to the part-time salary item. On page 23, Planning and Zoning was decreased by \$986 by taking \$300 from contract services and \$686 from advertising. On page 24, ZBA had no change. Conservation had no change. Economic Development was increased by \$28,788 which was added back into contractual services. The rest of page 24 and page 25 contained Debt Service and was not part of the report. Miscellaneous had no change. On page 26, Board of Education, at 3% had to be reduced by \$3,642 for a total of \$20,975,188. Streetlights and Fire Hydrants were placed in a utilities department on that page. Capital Outlay was increased by \$330,969. This was done by adding \$150,000 to roads, \$105,179 for the fire department rescue truck, \$5,790 for fire marshal software and \$70,000 for a dump truck. Councilwoman Scoville asked what .3 mills equal in dollars and Comptroller Gomes indicated it is \$165,000. Mayor Krampitz referred to page 3 and gave a summary of each department's percentage of increase or decrease for the Town Council's benefit.

AMENDMENT: Councilwoman Scoville moved that any area that the council gave a negative adjustment move to a plus three adjustment to equal the Board of Finance recommendation. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. David Merchant gave an explanation of the concern of deficit spending and that there is no margin of error. He explained that the fund balance is low and should be between five and seven percent. Councilman Goodwin

stated that he was disappointed that no one from the Board of Finance mentioned that all the departments should be given a 3% increase while the council met for nearly four hours during a meeting on May 30 th going over every line item. Councilman Zagurski asked if the amendment was only going to increase the departments that had decreases of if it was intended to increase all departments to three percent. The intent was clarified to include all departments would be increased to three percent. Councilwoman Scoville asked where the town stood with staffing issues and Mayor Krampitz informed the council that there were negotiations the next day. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED, the Mayor noted that the new total if the \$165,000 is accurate would be \$35,940,536, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Public Comment – There were questions for the Board of Finance concerning the School Resource Officer, Tax Collector's office and the Personnel Director. David Merchant answered the questions. The Mayor was asked what the total mill increase would be and she said it would be .6 mills.
5. Adjournment – MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by: David M. Denis, Council Clerk