

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – April 10, 2015 – Special Meeting

MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM. Present were First Selectman Donald Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Mark Hemenway.

DELEGATIONS: No delegations were present.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2015 meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to approve the following tax credits and refunds:

\$ 79.71	Richard Havunen	refund
\$ 130.51	John & Bernadette Warren	refund

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen reviewed the expenditures for FY 2014/2015 through March 31, 2014. There were not items of concern except that the expenses associated with the winter (road salt, highway department overtime and contract snowplowing) exceeded the total of those line items by approximately \$65,000. It is expected that those overruns will be covered through a combination of State grants and underruns in other line items, and that there will not be a need to request a transfer from the Board of Finance or the Town.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein informed the Selectmen that there were no changes made to the General Government budget at the Board of Finance meeting on April 9. The BOF did reduce the Capital Budget by eliminating the request for funding of school painting and increased the revenue budget for the Board of Selectmen & General and the collection of Tax Liens & Interest by \$10,000 each. These changes, combined with the transfer of \$200,000 from undesignated surplus, will result in a tax increase of 1.97% being presented at the Annual Budget Hearing on April 21.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to appoint Ginny Apple as the Town representative to a new volunteer group being formed, called Friends of American Legion & Peoples State Forests. This group will support the local forests in an effort to negate proposed budget cuts at the State level.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 AM, on a motion by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

