

Board of Selectmen Minutes

04/12/2012

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
GRIFFIN ROOM
THURSDAY APRIL 12, 2012
7:45 am**

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Cebula, McManus, LaMantia, Ballantine
Selectman Peter Hughes attending remotely

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Administrator James Merriam, Finance Director David Ryan

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:45 AM by Chairman Ballantine

The Board met to approve the May Election ballot in order to send it the printer.

The Board reviewed the draft ballot in light of the House Ways and Means Budget release on April 11th. The Board will send a letter to the MRSC requesting that they hold to the approved budget, even if higher Local Aid is received.

Ballot question #1 was proposed to seek a General Override in the amount of \$990,183 based upon a April 11th vote to the MRSC to reduce assessments from transferring School Choice funds.

Selectman McManus moved to reduce the Override amount by \$100,000 by applying \$100,000 from the Stabilization Fund. No second.

Selectman Cebula moved \$990,183, seconded by Selectman Hughes; passed 4-1 by roll call with Selectman McManus opposed.

Selectman McManus moved to withdraw Ballot question #2- MRSD High School project as the High School project funding will be delayed until the fall with the MRSC not voting to incur debt at this time. Selectman LaMantia seconded, voted 5-0 by roll call.

Selectman LaMantia moved to approve Ballot question #3 – Capital exclusion for dredging with a modification to delete “various” and insert “dredging harbor entrance channels and placing sand on public beaches.” Selectman Cebula seconded, voted 5-0 by roll call.

Selectman McManus moved, seconded by Selectman Cebula to approve Ballot Question #4- surviving spouse acceptance of Ch.32B,sec. 9D1/2.

Selectman LaMantia indicated the statutory language was poor and possibly

the Selectmen should delete question and seek TM vote in fall. Selectman McManus urged Selectmen to keep the education campaign moving forward. Voted 5-0 by roll call.

Ballot question #5-Pilgrim Nuclear plant Emergency plan was moved by Selectman Cebula, seconded by Selectman McManus. Voted 5-0 by roll call.

Selectman McManus moved, seconded by Selectman Cebula to accept and sign the warrant. Approved 5-0 by roll call.

Discussion addressed Allen Harbor dredging bids with Burnham's price to expire on April 15th. Mr. Merriam received a verbal extension from Mr. Burnham. In order to preserve the bid, Selectman McManus moved, seconded by Selectman Cebula, to accept the Burnham bid, contingent upon receipt of the ACOE disposal permit. Approved 5-0 by roll call. Selectman LaMantia discussed preparations for boat relocations for the Allen Harbor dredging. Chairman Ballantine urged that this be addressed after Town Meeting. Selectman McManus moved, seconded by Selectman Cebula to adjourn at 8:45 am.

Respectfully

submitted,

James Merriam, Town Administrator