

**Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of June 4, 2015  
Selectmen's Chamber, Town Hall**

**Present:** Tony Archinski, Chairman, Alison Hughes, Vice-Chairwoman, Tami Dristiliaris, Clerk, Cathy Richardson, Jim Duggan, Town Manager and Recording Secretary Shannon Rowe Beaulieu

The Chairman opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS:

\* Discuss and Vote on Date and Time for Special Town Meeting on the following Warrant Article:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money from free cash to defray expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014; or act in any other way relative thereto.

Mr. Archinski read the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article.

Mr. Duggan discussed the need for the free cash transfer for the current fiscal year and stated that the transfer would need the approval at a Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Duggan explained to the Board that there were a couple of oversights with advertising for the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article and the Warrant Article had to be removed from Tuesday's Town Meeting.

Mr. Duggan discussed the School Administration receiving a \$240,000 rebate from National Grid for the High School project which cannot just be applied to the School's transportation deficit by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Mr. Duggan explained that if the transfer is not made they would not be able to set the tax rate after June 30, 2015.

Mr. Duggan explained issuing the transfer from free cash by June 30, 2015 and replenishing the free cash with the Nation Grid rebate money. Mr. Duggan stated that the free cash account will be certified in September or October.

Mrs. Dristiliaris stated that this was supposed to be addressed during the Annual Town Meeting and how much is the Special Town Meeting going to cost?

Ms. Kathy Graham, Town Clerk, appeared before the Board and stated that the cost for a Special Town Meeting would cost approximately \$1,500 which is mostly the advertising costs. Ms. Graham stated that most of the worker's would be volunteers.

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Mrs. Dristiliaris discussed adopting best practices to make sure that this doesn't happen again.

Mrs. Hughes stated that it was nice that most workers would be volunteering their time and that is very much appreciated.

Mrs. Dristiliaris asked about the quorum for a Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Duggan stated that 250 residents are needed for a quorum for a Special Town Meeting.

Dr. Michael McNamara, Dracut School Committee, appeared before the Board and stated that he would make every effort to get a quorum for the Special Town Meeting.

Ms. Richardson asked why there is a transportation deficit?

Superintendent Stone appeared before the Board and stated that they opened this School year with a transportation deficit and they worked all year to try to reduce it. Superintendent Stone discussed net school spending.

Ms. Richardson discussed the free cash formula and discussed the need to be careful with free cash. Ms. Richardson discussed the recertification and stated that she was not sure the balance would be looked at as a wash.

Mr. Duggan discussed the free cash and the audits conducted by the Department of Revenue.

Ms. Richardson stated that using free cash effects the Town's bond rating and refinancing rates.

Superintendent Stone stated that this is a one-time event and Mr. Andy Graham worked very hard with National Grid to receive the rebates.

Ms. Graham recommended that the Special Town Meeting be held on June 22, 2015 which would allow the meeting to be posted for the appropriate fourteen days and allow for the appropriate ten day voter registrations.

Motion made by Mrs. Hughes to have the Special Town Meeting on June 22, 2015. Motion seconded by Ms. Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Hughes to approve the Warrant Article for the Special Town Meeting. Motion seconded by Mrs. Dristiliaris. Motion passed unanimously.

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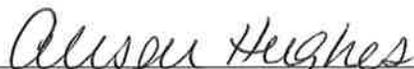
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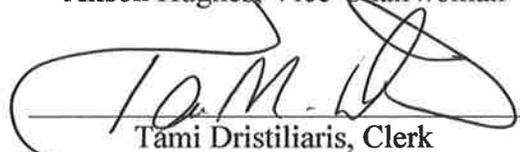
Motion made by Mrs. Hughes to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mrs. Dristiliaris. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

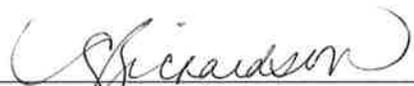
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Tony Archinski, Chairman

  
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Alison Hughes, Vice-Chairwoman

  
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Tami Dristiliaris, Clerk

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ABSENT  
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Joseph DiRocco, Jr.

  
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Cathy Richardson