

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
APRIL 1, 1974

Present: Chairman John C. Powers, John E. Taft, and William F. Toomey.

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The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, Chairman Powers called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

The Executive Secretary announced that the Board of Selectmen had reorganized at its meeting on March 30, 1974, and that Selectman John C. Powers had been elected as Chairman.

1974 Annual Town Meeting - Joint Meeting Finance Committee

(The Executive Secretary requested that the votes taken by the Finance Committee be transcribed by the Recording Secretary.)

Present: Frank LeBart, Karl Clough, Roger Bender, Ronald Blecher, John Hennessy, John Drum, Carolyn Edwards, William Linko, and Patricia Warshaver of the Finance Committee.

The Board met with the members of the Finance Committee to discuss the following articles:

Article 2 - Personnel Bylaw: Salary Plan, Article XI - The Board stated that it would propose an amendment under Article 2 to lay on the table that section of the Classification Plan and Salary Schedule entitled "Police Department" as police bargaining negotiations have not yet been completed. The Finance Committee was in concurrence.

Article 4 - Budget

320-61 Auxiliary Police - The Selectmen requested that the Finance Committee reconsider the Board's budget request for \$500.00 to allow continuity of the auxiliary police program.

The Finance Committee stated that this request was considered and moved at their joint meeting on March 28th, but was not voted.

The Finance Committee on motion

VOTED: To amend the motion under Article 4 to include an appropriation for \$500.00 for Account 320-61 Auxiliary Police.

950-11 Blue Cross/Shield - The Board requested the Finance Committee to amend the motion under Article 4 to increase the line item 950-11 Blue Cross/Shield appropriation request of \$102,000 to \$122,000 to cover the cost of the Master Medical plan, which was agreed upon in collective bargaining.

Following discussion, the Finance Committee on motion

VOTED: To amend the motion under Article 4 by substituting the figure of \$122,000.00 for the figure \$102,000.00, printed in the warrant for budget line item 950-11.

950-81 - Reserve Fund - The Board stated that it would propose an amendment under Article 4 to decrease the line item 950-81 appropriation request from \$100,000 to \$70,000, as it was of the opinion that the \$100,000 figure was excessive.

The Board stated that this yearly account had been running at approximately \$60,000 and was of the opinion that this amount plus another \$10,000 to offset the impact of the bicentennial would be sufficient.

Mr. LeBart stated that the Finance Committee's concern with increased costs such as fuel, utilities, and supplies, as experienced within the 18-month budget, had led to the increased request, which they still favor.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Attest: Richard E. Thompson  
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Executive Secretary-Clerk