

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1987

Present: Chairman Josiah F. Frost, Anne W. Donald and David A. Wallace.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the special meeting was called to order in the Loring Parsonage by Chairman Frost at 5:00 p.m.

Appoint Executive Secretary Pro Tem

In the absence of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Janet Silva as Executive Secretary Pro Tem for purposes of these minutes.

Highway Dept./Emergency Funding for Snow Removal

Present: Robert A. Noyes, Highway Surveyor.

The Board was in receipt of a communication dated January 14, 1987, from the Highway Surveyor stating that \$49,077 had already been expended from the \$65,415 budgeted under Account 410-301, Snow & Ice Materials/Contractors, and requesting approval of deficit funding to meet the estimated \$57,393 needed to carry the department through the balance of the fiscal year.

Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes updated the information previously furnished on January 14, stating that presently there remains a balance of approximately \$4,000 in the Snow & Ice account and requesting authorization for deficit funding in the full amount of \$57,393, which is the average of expenditures over the past five years during the January-June period.

Selectman Wallace questioned whether a vote at this time under GLc.44, s.31D, allows flexibility at year end for funding all or a portion of the deficit with remaining available funds (i.e., Reserve Fund or other Highway line items) or at a Special Town Meeting. Mr. Noyes responded that the Finance Committee had been of the understanding at its recent meeting that available funds can be used prior to determination of the amount of assessment to the next fiscal year. There was a general consensus by the Board that flexibility would be available, and Selectman Donald recommended that the Selectmen should request that at the appropriate time available funds be applied to fund these deficits for snow and ice removal.

Following discussion of the pending major snowstorm, it was on motion by Chairman Frost unanimously

VOTED: To approve the expenditure by the Highway Surveyor of \$57,393 in excess of appropriations under Account 410-301 for FY87 for snow and ice removal under the provisions of GLc.44, §31D.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Attest: _____
Janet Silva
Executive Secretary Pro Tem