

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION –FEBRUARY 3, 2014

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

7:00PM

PRESENT: Chairman William D. Buckley; Selectmen Dino B. DeBartolomeis and Brian W. Murray, Esq.; Town Administrator Richard A. Villani; and Minutes Recorder Jean M. DeTore.

1. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the minutes of January 27, 2014 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
3. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None
4. TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT - None
5. The following Woodland School Building Committee members were in attendance: Aldo Cecchi; George Swymer; Jonathan Bruce; Robert Quinn; Alex Ohannesian; Eric Dahlgren; Patrick DiGregorio; Superintendent Robert Tremblay; School Committee Members: Scott Harrison; Mike Walsh; Joseph Morais; Paul Abbondanza; Financial Analyst; Finance Committee Chairman Marc Schaen and Member Christopher Morin, Gerald M. Moody, Town Counsel, Zachary Taylor, Town Accountant; Kelly Capece, Temporary Treasurer; Theresa Diomedes Dias, Acting Tax Collector; Rebecca Alger, Data Collector Assessor's Office; David Levine; John Seaver and Steve Trettle residents of Milford.
Chairman Buckley recognized the following individuals:
Aldo Cecchi, Chairman of the Woodland School Building Committee and Member George Swymer. Mr. Cecchi provided a brief summary of the preliminary plans for the proposed \$60.9M Woodland School and the anticipated overall reimbursement rate from the Massachusetts School Building Authority of about 43%.
Zachary Taylor, Town Accountant provided the board with a review of the Analysis of the Affordability of the Woodland School Project report that was previously submitted for their review. Mr. Taylor stated that the town has been preparing for a project of this magnitude over the past ten years by building up the stabilization fund. He reviewed the data collected, which included the "Schematic Design Total Project Budget Summary" which shows a total of \$60.9M. The Massachusetts School Building Authority will reimburse the Town up to a certain percentage of the cost which will not be locked in until after the Special Town Meeting. He further stated that an expected "Probable Local Share" has been provided that assumes an overall reimbursement rate of approximately 43% and translates into approximately a \$34M Bond over a 20 year period. A 3.25% interest rate was applied creating an annual principal

payment of \$1.7 million with interest in year one of approximately \$1.1 million sliding down to approximately \$55,000 per year. He further noted that other factors taken into consideration were the Capital Improvement needs on the horizon during this bonding, revenue, state aid, the tax levy limit and expenses such as Health Insurance, Pension. He emphasized that a conservative approach was used for their analysis.

Kelly Capece, Temporary Treasurer stated that she contacted a representative at UniBank who informed her today's bond rate which is 3%. The analysis report used a higher bond rate of 3.25%.

Mr. Schaen noted that the Finance Committee has been preparing for the new school for a long time and the committee is recommending to Department Heads a 0% increase on expenses but upholding contractual obligations on salary increases for the FY15 Budget.

The Board also discussed the need to identify a plan for the future use of Middle School East if the proposed Woodland School Project is completed.

6. After a review of the articles for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for February 10, 2014, The votes were as follows : Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To support a favorable recommendation for Article 1 to amend the Zoning by-law relating to public school dimensional requirements, UNANIMOUS.

Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Chairman Buckley: To support a favorable recommendation for Article 2. Two in favor, One abstention. (Mr. Murray abstains.) IT IS A VOTE.

Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To support a favorable recommendation for Article 3, UNANIMOUS.

Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To support a favorable recommendation for Article 4, UNANIMOUS.

7. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To schedule the Annual Town Meeting for Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7:30PM with the Warrant opening Monday, February 3, 2014 and closing at 12 Noon on Thursday, March 13, 2014, UNANIMOUS.

8. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 8:20PM, UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted:

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Jean M. DeTore
Minutes Recorder

William D. Buckley, Chairman

Dino B. DeBartolomeis

Brian W. Murray, Esq.