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Board of Selectmen  
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## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 4, 2012**

**Meeting Location: John Bauer Senior Center 17 West Street, Paxton, MA 01612**

Members Present: William A. Trotta, Chairman  
Peter Bogren, Jr., Vice Chairman  
John F. Malone, Clerk  
  
Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

Attendees: Attendee List

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

### **Public Notice**

- **(WT)** read a notice from the Tax Collectors office reminding the Town residents that Real Estate taxes were due this week and if you have not yet paid your taxes you should attempt to do so to avoid additional late fees and charges.
- **(PB)** Made a public apology to William Trotta, Chairman, for suggesting that a Board meeting be held, without first speaking to the Chairman in regards to this matter.

### **Fiscal 2013 budget discussion**

- **(WT)** I find it hard to vote on an item that you don't have all the information on. Bay Path provides a line item budget every year, but we never seem to be able to get that from Wachusett.
- **(JM)** Finance has done a great job and has presented us with four different options that could be utilized to balance the FY13 budget. Due to time constraint we need to discuss each option and make a decision. Option one calls for drastic cuts in the operational budget in order to cover the entire assessment for Wachusett.
- **(PB)** I feel that option one is not realistic.
- **(WT)** Agreed.
- **(JM)** Option two is a 50/50 split. The town would need to cut an additional \$41,341, and the school would need to cut an additional 324,701.
- **(WT)** We could handle the town side, but the school number is too high.
- **(JM)** Option three makes equal increases from FY12 budget for both the Town and the School.

- **(JM)** Option four would make no further cuts to the Towns Operational budget. No matter what option we pick there would be an override vote. My pick would be option number four, because it works the best for both the Town and the school.
- **(WT)** This looks like an ongoing thing that we will be working off of overrides in the future. The state needs to be funding at a higher levels.
- **(PB)** I started in favor of number 4, but then had settled on option three. In fairness it raises both sides 0.7%, and it also keeps the override number down a bit more.
- **(WT)** On the school budget with reference to the I pads, we asked them to come back to us with a plan. We never received a plan, but he has put it back into the budget.
- **(JM)** That could be brought up at the Town Meeting.
- **(WT)** I think that we should hear all the information that the Finance Committee has to present before we make a decision.
- **Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm to reconvene with the Finance Committee at 7:30pm. Unanimous, all in favor.**
- **(WT)** meeting called back to order at 7:30pm in conjunction with the Finance Committees meeting.
- **Motion (JM) seconded (PB) to approve the placement of an override ballot question on the May 14, 2012 election. Unanimous, all in favor.**

**Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2012 at 7:00pm**

**Adjourned Meeting at 8:45pm, Unanimous all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons, Administrative Assistant

**Documents filed with Meeting Minutes:**

Agenda

Attendance list

**Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:**

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William A. Trotta  
Chairman

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Peter Bogren, Jr.  
Vice Chairman

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John F. Malone  
Clerk