

TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman James Persano called the regular meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Members present were James Persano, George Warner, Steve Krasinski, Tom Mazzoli, Michael Parker and Marilyn Pronovost. Also attending First Selectman David Pinney, Board of Education Chairman Terri Henderson, Board of Education members Debra Atkinson, Ann Kirkpatrick, David Palmer, Tim Potrikus and Rick Lees; Superintendent of Schools Dr. Maynard Suffredini, School Business Manager Bill Boutwell and Finance Director Greg Simmons.

II. BUDGET REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Chairman Persano recommended including the router in the CIP for \$41,000, reducing the selectman's budget by \$16,509 and reducing the Board of Education operating budget by \$40,000 for a total Board of Education operating reduction of \$81,000 and setting the mil rate increase to .35 or .40.

Mr. Parker stated that it should be 4.5% for both Town and School and that we should put the router in the CIP.

Mr. Krasinski said the taxpayers would not accept a tax increase due to the current economy and their own rising costs.

Ms. Pronovost said the taxpayers will understand that the town has the same expense pressures that they do, and will see based on the past few years of mil rate increases that we have been keeping the rate down (.76, .55 and .40 or .35 this year).

Mr. Krasinski stated the Board of Education is not down to 4.5% with this proposal.

Chairman Persano proposed reducing the Town by \$16,509, reducing the Board by \$77,402 and the \$41,000 for the router, which will be picked up in CIP, and increasing the mil rate by .35. This will leave the operating budgets of both the Town and the School at 4.5%. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Parker and carried unanimously.

III. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. was made by James Persano and seconded by Mike Parker; the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Simmons, Recording Secretary

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