



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**03/12/10**

Present: Earl Baumgardner Rick Pinciario, Carol Traynor  
Others: Carol McLeod  
Minutes by: J. Penney

**Call To Order at Town Hall**

Chairman Baumgardner called meeting to order at 9:22 AM.

Meeting to discuss override amount for schools. Free cash certified is \$68,000. The town has given 60% historically. They will assume there will be an \$80,000 cut in state aid.

They discuss \$325,000 as an override amount. The school has not voted on the final budget and will do so on Tuesday night. A discussion is had over whether it's possible to wait until the school committee meets. Pat True is asked to check on the due date for the ballot questions as she previously stated it needed to be received in her office by 5PM on 3/15. She states the ballot question is due 35 days prior to Election Day. By the selectmen's calculation it would be due 3/29 by 5PM. They will meet again on Friday 3/26 at 9:15AM to vote. The ballot question language would just be the amount of the override. The detailed explanation will be presented at town meeting. They will have the final school number by 3/26.

Pinciario and Traynor approve of Baumgardner's draft of the annual report.

The board reviews Carol McLeod's contract, Ash Amirian has approved to form.

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to sign Finance Director's contract as approved. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve opening day parade and ceremonies for Merrimac Softball League and Merrimac Little League on 4/25 at 12:30PM. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve use of Stevens Field, Towne Forest, and Beaumont Pitch for Merrimac Soccer. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to nominate inspector of animals Lisa Young-Carey and authorize chair to sign. Vote (3:0)

Discussion with Ralph Spencer regarding Chief's salary. Fin. Comm. would like to try to give the chief an increase to start bringing his salary up to par with other comparable towns. They are looking at additional 4%. Traynor asks him to bring up comparable salaries in similar towns. Baumgardner recommends \$2200 in addition to what's built in.

McLeod will adjust the Fin. Comm. worksheet.

Pinciario leaves meeting.

Spencer received insurance money from tractor trailer accident on 95 last year. McLeod will check with DOR where the funds will have to go. He will turn over the check and what he billed for the accident and McLeod will see what they can do.

Emergency follow up meeting will be 3/18 at 6:30PM

Ralph will send NIMS info to Rick Spinale and copy selectmen.

Motion made by Selectman Traynor and seconded by Chair Baumgardner to adjourn at 11:02AM. Vote (2:0)

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Ricky J. Pinciario