



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**03/26/10**

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

**Call To Order at Town Hall**

Chairman Baumgardner called meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

**Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve agenda as submitted. Vote (3:0)

Vote on ballot question for override

Shall the Town of Merrimac be allowed to assess an additional \$300,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the Town of Merrimac's share of the assessment from Pentucket Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010?

Baumgardner talks about Fin Com support of override for \$290,000. The BOS wants to bring it to \$300,000. Fin Com wanted to figure a lesser cut in state aid, but the BOS has concerns that the town could get hit with state cuts again midyear.

The final amount agreed gives you the ability to tax up to, but you don't have to tax the entire amount. Groveland's override amount is \$350,000, West Newbury is \$160,000.

There is a discussion regarding articles on town meeting floor. McLeod notes comparison that school budget has increased 45% and town increased .09% over 5 years.

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve the language for the ballot as submitted. Vote (3:0)

Selectmen vote on recommendation of articles for special town meeting:

1-Yes 3-0 To vote to transfer various sums of money to supplement various departmental expense accounts in the FY2010 Omnibus Budget.

2 To appropriate \$68,158 from Free Cash for the following specific purposes

a. Yes 3-0 \$ 33,158 to transfer to the Snow and Ice line item 81, of Article 1 of the FY10 ATM to reduce the deficit.

b. Yes 3-0 \$ 35,000 for the purchase of a new police cruiser.

3 Yes 3-0 To transfer \$4,000 from Article 9 of the 4/27/09ATM, to prepare actuarial study as required by GASB 45. Study needs to be done every 3 years

4 Yes 3-0 To transfer \$4,500 from Article 9 of the 4/27/09ATM, to replace the building lighting in the apparatus bays and meeting room at the Fire Station.

5 Yes 3-0 To transfer \$1,183 from Article 3g of the 4/28/08 STM, to Article 3e of the 4/28/08 STM. This will take from money left over from asbestos tiles and put toward the bath tiles at Donaghue.

6 Yes 3-0 To authorize the Planning Board to pay prior fiscal year invoices in the amount of \$3,500. (This requires a 9/10 Vote) to pay prior year fiscal invoices from this fiscal year for Cammett they will pay out of current budget

7 Yes 3-0 To vote to appropriate \$24,000 from Wastewater Retained Earnings, for repairs to manholes within the sanitary district. To reduce I/I

8 Yes 3-0 To vote to appropriate \$60,000 from Wastewater Retained Earnings, for the purchase of two generators. Manholes weren't on CPC McLeod will get votes from them to make sure

9 Yes 3-0 To vote to appropriate \$45,000 from Wastewater Retained Earnings, for the purchase of a new boiler at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Rick Spinale is trying to negotiate to convert to gas. The amount is more than what they need if they go stay with an oil burner.

Fin Com. did not approve appropriation of \$48,000 for truck for water dept.

Motion made by Selectman Traynor and seconded by Selectman Pinciario article to not include on warrant an appropriation of \$48000 for truck for water dept. Vote (3:0)

10 Yes 3-0 To vote to appropriate \$40,000 from Water Retained Earnings, for the engineering and design of repairs necessary at the Bear Hill Pumping Station. McLeod will clarify more in the articles

11 Yes 3-0 To vote to appropriate \$15,000 from Water Retained Earnings, to purchase an air compressor for the Water Department.

13 Yes 3-0 To transfer the balance of the borrowing and the appropriated funds approved for Art #2 of 10/15/07 STM, \$271,381.98, Mill Street Substation, for costs associated for a second transmission source and connection to Burnside Substation. The BOS would like make sure light dept is there to explain what was received by National Grid negotiations.

Motion made by selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to adjourn at 9:45AM. Vote (3:0)

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Ricky Pinciario