

Town of Lunenburg

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Minutes

April 14, 2011

*Approved
6/30/11
B.P.L.*

Location: Town Hall
Present: Brian Laffond, Martha McDonald, Barbara Reynolds, John Male, Mark Erickson
Absent: Marilyn Stokes, Mike Mackin
Also Present: Kerry Speidel, Dave Mathews

- 1) Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 7:02 PM.
- 2) Public Discussion: none
- 3) Review Minutes
 - Minutes from January 13, 2011: JM moved for approval, BR second, unanimous
 - Minutes from February 24, 2011: JM moved for approval as amended, BR second, unanimous
 - Minutes from March 10, 2011: JM move for approval, BR second, unanimous
 - Minutes from March 17, 2011: BR moved for approval, JM second, unanimous
 - Minutes from March 24, 2011: BR moved for approval, JM second, unanimous
 - Minutes from March 31, 2011: BR moved for approval, JM second, unanimous
- 4) Communications
 - ATFC: May 5 workshop in Amherst: Municipal Finance/Budget 5:00-7:00
 - May 17 Boston Overview Legislative happenings 11:30-1:00
 - May 26 Ipswich Primer Early Retirement Expense 5:00-7:00
- 5) Committee reports
 - Monty Tech: BR reported that the Monty Tech superintendants dinner was very nice.
 - Service level team: JM reported that discussion focused on health care costs. Schools agreed to cover the \$610 difference between TM and superintendant's recommended budgets. ME said that Town Manager did a good job of outlining "what's in it for them" to open discussion of health care options to covered employees. 70% need to agree to accept. DM pointed out that use of stabilization for unemployment is underspent and may need to be re-appropriated.
 - School regionalization: ME reported that MSBA data is in and meeting held. Recommendation expected by July 1 to include MSBA estimates, operating costs and impact on middle school.
 - Sewer Commission: JM reported that the sewer commission continues to address metering, inflow & infiltration issues.
- 6) Town Manager Updates
 - House W & M met yesterday on budget. Senate voted to support budget as minimum. Estimated increase to town of \$131,208.
 - Quinn bill: 50% from state if and when we get it, though not likely. Impact to town is \$65k.
 - Other budget impacts: snow and ice \$51k, legal \$90k, police injury more than expected. Need to consider stabilization again for unemployment. May defer to fall STM

- Collective bargaining: police timing uncertain, Fire July 1 but hasn't started, municipal employees will be settled 0,0,1.
- Solid waste: 6 bids, 1 very good from Casella. 3-5-10 year bids, 5 and 10 require town meeting approval. Year 1 the same in all bids, with fuel caps, tipping fees varying depending on life. No increase in bag fees.

7) Next meeting: 4/28/2011 (not televised)

8) Adjournment – ME made motion to adjourn at 9:25 PM and JM second, all in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Erickson

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