

APPROVED ON 11/5/13

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING – OCTOBER 22, 2013

Present: Gordon D. Bailey, Chairman and Patricia D. Carlino, Board of Selectmen, Robert Nason, Town Administrator.

Absent: David Carlino

Also present Board of Assessors members: Dayton DeLorme, Chairman, Karen A Valle and Tony Caropreso.

The Chair, Gordon D. Bailey called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

1. **Public Hearing:** FY 2014 Tax Rate Classification - Dayton DeLorme, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, presented to the Select Board members the 2014 Tax Rate Classification. He stated that there was a fairly modest increase as the values are very close to last year. Last year's FY 2013 Total Taxable Value of the town was \$878,593,837. This year's FY 2014 Total Taxable value of the town is \$881,460,258 for an increase in total town value of \$2,866,41. The average home value for FY 2013 is \$245,947 and the average home value for FY 2014 is \$245,219, for a decrease of \$728.00 for the average home. This year's tax levy, the amount of money to be raised through taxation is \$12,472,662.765. The purpose of a Classification Haring is to decide if the town should have one tax rate or multiple tax rates.

The recommendation of the Board of Assessors is to accept the Assessor's classification tax allocation and recommend a single tax rate of \$14.15 per thousand dollars of assessed value for all classes of property.

*The Board members voted unanimously to accept the Assessor's classification tax allocation and to allow Bob Nason to execute the on-line signatures of the Select Board.*

2. Big Y Express – Common Victualler's application – The Board members reviewed the application for a Common Victualler's license for the Big Y Express to be opening the second week of November. *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a Common Victualler's license to the Big Y Express.*

3. Stanton Foundation K-9 Grant - Interim Police Chief, Ron Glidden came before the Board to discuss additional funds offered by the Stanton Foundation for the K-9 program. He explained that the \$25,000 initial funding which was supposed to last 3 years was primarily for personnel use and was not intended for costs of travel, training, etc. As everything regarding the K-9 program has been charged to the grant, the grant funds have been significantly reduced. Chief Glidden had a lengthy discussion with the Foundation and they have offered an additional \$5,100.00 to cover dog food and veterinary care if we compensate the officer for daily care of the dog. The cost to the town based on the budget sheet prepared by Chief Glidden is approximately \$171.00 per month if the officer does not take comp time. Chief Glidden stated that as of July 1, 2014, charges of the daily home care will be to the police department budget, not to the grant funds. Chief suggested that we accept those donations moving forward. *Upon a motion duly made, the Board members voted unanimously to accept the additional grant funds in the amount of \$5,100.00 and for Bob to draft and sign the letter to the Stanton Foundation of the acceptance of the funds.*
4. Council on Aging – Vehicle Replacement - Mr. Nason recalled the May 9, 2013 Town Meeting appropriation of \$16,295.00 to replace the Council on Aging's 1999 Ford Taurus with a 2013 Ford Focus compact sedan. The appropriation was based on a quote provided by M-H-Q Municipal Vehicles under a Massachusetts State Police agreement, but the Town was not eligible to use that contract. We did find that we are able to purchase the Ford Focus under another state contract from a different vendor, Imperial Municipal partners, for \$578.00 less than the appropriation. However, during our search for an appropriate collective purchasing agreement, we discovered that we would buy a midsize Ford Fusion from M-H-Q under a Greater Boston Police Council purchasing agreement for an additional \$569.00. Comparing the attributes of the compact Focus to the midsize Fusion and weighing the additional cost, Council on Aging Director, Gail Rothwell and Mr. Nason recommend the purchase of the larger Ford Fusion from M-H-Q for \$16,864.00, subject to the Finance Committee's approval of a \$569.00 Reserve Fund Transfer to augment the appropriation.

*The Board members voted unanimously to purchase the Mid-Size Ford Fusion in the amount of \$16,864.00 and to submit the difference to the reserve fund.*

5. **Motion to Adjourn:** *The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the public session of the meeting at 5:20 PM and to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining, because deliberating in open session may have a detrimental effect on the town's bargaining or litigation position. The members will not reconvene in public session.*

*Upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved by roll call as follows:*

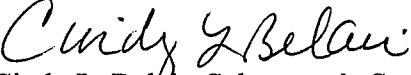
AYES

Patricia Carlino  
Gordon Bailey

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None

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cindy L. Belair, Selectmen's Secretary

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Town Accountant