

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, April 1, 2009
8:00 PM**

Present: Susan Bransfield-First Selectwoman, John Anderson, Carl Chudzik, Brian Flood,
Mark Finkelstein, Sharon Peters, Kathy Richards

Others: Tom Robinson-Finance Director; members of the press and public.

1. First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield called the Special Meeting to order at 8:00 pm.
2. Motor Vehicle and Personal Property Taxes Municipal Suspense Tax Book [\$30,303.44 + \$47,971.21 = \$78,274.65]

There was a motion by John Anderson, seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to accept the suspense list. Mr. Finkelstein asked if the town tries to collect the money once it is put on the suspense list and are there any agencies that specialize in municipal collections. Mr. Robinson replied that one reason not to use collection agency is that if the money is expected to be collected (i.e. people must pay the taxes when their registration becomes due), it does not make sense to pay fees to an agency. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

3. Resolution: Reallocation of Capital Improvement Funds

First Selectwoman Bransfield read this resolution into the record.

REALLOCATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, there are specific needs for improvements to Brownstone Park and Middlesex Avenue Park; and

WHEREAS, there are insufficient funds in the Parks Improvements Line Item in the 2008-09 Capital Improvement Fund; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available in the *Infield Improvements* line item in the amount of \$5,000; and

WHEREAS, there are dollars available in the *Irrigate Park & Rec Fields* Line Item in the amount of \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Director, the Supervisor of Grounds and the Director of Public Works are in agreement that these dollars should be moved to the Parks Improvements Line Item and expended on improvements to our Parks,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amounts of \$5,000 and \$10,000 are hereby moved to the *Parks Improvements* Line Item in the Capital Improvement Fund, thus bringing the total amount to \$22,000 in *Parks Improvements*.

There was a motion to approve the resolution by Mark Finkelstein, seconded by Kathy Richards. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

4. Central Dispatch Alarm Panel

Tom Robinson explained that there is a need to spend an approximate additional amount of \$3,500 for work on the alarm panel. Money that was allocated for computer equipment will be moved the communications for this purpose. There was a motion to approve this action by Mark Finkelstein, seconded by Sharon Peters. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

5. Board Of Selectmen discussion with Attorney John W. Bradley, Jr. of Rome McGuigan, P.C. regarding Bulk Propane Storage Facilities

Attorney Bradley stated that in general, the town has broad authority over public health, safety and welfare. If any activity represents a threat, the town is entitled to draft reasonable restrictions on this activity. i.e. An ordinance could be drafted to prohibit the activity.

6. Board Of Selectmen discussion with Attorney John W. Bradley, Jr. regarding special permit application submitted by Gospel Lane Properties, LLC to install and operate a bulk propane storage facility on or about Gospel Lane in the Town of Portland

This discussion did not take place due to letters received stating that applications will potentially be withdrawn.

7. Adjourn Special Meeting

There was a motion by Mark Finkelstein, seconded by Sharon Peters to adjourn the meeting. Vote unanimous, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Siena, Board Clerk