

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

January 26, 2006

Present: Chairman Elaine Kelly
Vice Chairman Rick Nieber
Janice Hight
Dan McInnis
Dale Rains
Lynne Winter

Meeting called to order by Chairman at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2005 Meeting as amended. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Dr. Couture, Interim Superintendent of Schools

- Preliminary Presentation of School Budgets.

Dr. Couture provided a Preliminary Presentation of School Budgets for FY 2007 for the K-8 and Regional High School Budgets.

Technology Director Walter McKenzie provided a presentation on the Technology Program and Budget.

The Chair requested a cost analysis from the School Superintendent of relocating School administrative offices from private based office space on Bearfoot Road to space in the Regional High School, comparing loss of State reimbursement for the portion of space used in the Regional High School versus the cost of leasing private office space.

K-8 Schools' Health Insurance – Change in Contribution Levels.

The School Superintendent estimated a \$200,000 savings due to the change in contribution levels in health insurance by the K-8 Schools' employees.

Memorandum of Understanding with Avalon Bay and Brendon Properties.

The Town Administrator provided a presentation on the Memorandum of Understanding with Avalon Bay and Brendon Properties.

Governor's Budget – State Aid.

The Town Administrator provided a presentation on the Governor's Budget relative to State Aid.

Review Meeting Schedule.

The Committee changed March 7, 2006 meeting date to March 8, 2006.

Any other business to come before the Committee.

Chair discussed possibility of creating Capital Budget Reserve Account.

Chair discussed possibility of earmarking Free Cash resulting from payment by Regional School District to member Towns for interest earned on borrowing for Regional High School Addition/Renovation Project.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

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