

**THE MINUTES  
OF THE  
WARRANT COMMITTEE MEETING  
November 14, 2001**

Chairman Brusch called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Members absent were: M. Clark, W. Flewelling, W. Hofmann, L. McCormick and P. Schafer.

1. Chairman Brusch reported that the quarterly report of the School department FY02 operating budget noted that the special education area will be overdrawn by \$63,500.00 due to legal fees for a lawsuit. Chairman Brusch suggested that \$7,000.00 for the Reserve Fund be allocated for this.

2. Member Oates made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the aforementioned litigation. Member Widmer second said motion . This Clerk took a roll call vote and it was voted 12-0 to enter executive session at 7:43 PM. Returned to regular session at 7:51 PM.

3. This Clerk reviewed the quarterly operating statement as of 9/30/01. A copy of this statement is on file. Members appreciated the information but suggested a slight change in format to provide an early warning for those areas of concern. Member White will meet with Steve to modify the format before the next quarterly review. This Clerk will provide a monthly budget report for each member prior to the next meeting of this committee.

4. Member Widmer gave an update on the status of the State Budget as it relates to State Aid. Member Widmer believes that the state legislature will not cut the FY02 state aid since a number of towns have already set their tax rate using the preliminary cherry sheet numbers. However, the state has a multi- year problem and that State Aid may be flat for the next several years.

5. This Clerk reviewed the free cash position of the Town as of 7/1/01 and distributed a graph displaying "free cash" for the past ten years. A copy is on file.

6. This Clerk noted that the FY03 budget message from Mel Kleckner would be going out to the department heads this coming Friday or Monday.

7. Member Heigham made a motion. Member Hilgenberg second said motion and it was voted to approve the minutes of October 24, 2001 as amended.

8. Voted to adjourn at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Szabo

Recording Clerk