

**THE MINUTES
OF THE
WARRANT COMMITTEE MEETING
April 29, 2002**

Chairman Brusch called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Members absent : W. Flewelling, D. Hobbs, W. Hofmann, and P. Morley

Also present: Town Administrator Mel Kleckner, Assistant to the Town Administrator Joyce Munro, Belmont Citizen Herald Reporter Anthony Schinella, Treasurer Susan Kendall Freiner, Selectman Anne Marie Mahoney, and Selectman Paul Solomon

1. Selectman Brownsberger stated two employees, who were hired for the Uplands zoning, are unable to be at Town Meeting the week of May 20th. He asked if the Warrant Committee consider doing the Budget May 20th, 22nd or 23rd. After much discussion, it was decided the Budget needed to stay on original schedule - no earlier than May 28th. Our goal is to have the detailed Budget (or Budgets if the Selectmen decide to call for an override) ready to be handed to Town Meeting Members one week before they are expected to debate it (on May 20th). An earlier date is not possible, given that we still have not reached a decision on what budget level we will be preparing.

The Board of Selectmen agreed to do other articles the week of May 20th, the Budget May 28th, and Uplands zoning after the Budget.

2. The Committee discussed the Town Moderator Henry Hall's plan to end debate on the resolutions at 10:30 PM. The Warrant Committee felt Town Meeting Members should be allowed to discuss the issue without a time constraint. The Board of Selectmen agreed and Selectman Brownsberger will speak to Mr. Hall.

3. Chairman Brusch reminded the Committee they would stay in session and meet with the Board of Selectmen after Town Meeting. She also reminded people of the early start of 7 PM on Wednesday.

Member Heigham made a motion to recess until after Town Meeting and it was unanimously voted to recess the meeting at 7:27 PM.

The Warrant Committee reconvened with the Board of Selectmen at 11 PM after Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen and Warrant Committee members discussed what level of override should be requested. The consensus was for the "B" Budget.

Member Heigham made a motion to adjourn and it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Patricia Brusch
Warrant Committee Chairman