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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FEBRUARY 9, 2005
REGULAR SESSION

Continued Meeting of Board Of Selectmen from Monday February 7, 2005

This meeting was concurrent with the Warrant Committee Meeting which was held in the Community Room of the Chenery Middle School. Dr. Solomon sits on the Warrant Committee.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. All members of the BOS were present.

Questions from Town Residents

There were none.

The Warrant Committee was called to order by Mike Widmer, its Chairman.

There was discussion of the proposed Reserve Policy. The Warrant Committee voted its unanimous approval of the proposed policy. The Board of Selectmen discussed taking a vote on the new policy after the Capital Budget Committee has voted on it. There was discussion about presenting the policy to Annual Town Meeting in April.

There was discussion of the FY06 Budget. The Board with its colleagues on Warrant identified anticipated, annual increases in health care insurance costs as a source of concern for future budgets. The Board expressed its interest in creating a Health Care Insurance working group to look at ways to rein in costs and heard suggestions on its membership make-up. The Board also considered options for dealing with the shortfall in the FY06 Budget which dramatically affects the school budget.

At 9:22 p.m. the Board voted to end its open session and go into Executive Session for purposes of discussing collective bargaining agreements without returning to open session.

The Warrant Committee voted to do the same.

The Board shared with the Warrant Committee the union contracts that are still open and those that have been settled as well as the percentage increases that have been agreed to in the latter.

At 9:35 p.m., the Board adjourned its meeting.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Dr. Paul Solomon, Chairman
Board of Selectmen