

Approved 11.12.13

WENHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Meeting of Tuesday November 5, 2013  
Bessie Buker School, School Street

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30 A, §§ 18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk delivered to all Board members, a meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 7 pm in the Bessie Buker Conference Room, prior to the Special Town Meeting.

With a quorum present, Chairman Whittaker called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order at 7 pm.

Selectmen Present: Ken Whittaker, Chair; Patrick Wilson, Vice Chair; Jack Wilhelm, Secretary

Also Present: Mark Andrews, Town Administrator; Catherine Tinsley, Minutes Secretary

Public Information

Agenda

Special Town Meeting (STM) Warrant

**Review of Positions**

The Selectmen confirmed their positions on the STM warrant articles, and the reading of the motions.

**Review of (STM) Support Materials**

The Selectmen were informed that Hamilton Wenham Regional School Superintendent Michael Harvey disclosed the final estimates at the October 30, 2013 STM Warrant Hearing for Article 5 (Bessie Buker Heating System) and Article 6 the Winthrop School Heating System and Windows Project. The Finance Committee voted to amend the Articles by replacing the placeholder amount with the actual estimate as provided by Dr. Harvey. These were presented to the BOS for approval.

*Vote: Mr. Wilhelm moved, and it was seconded, to amend Article 5 from \$600,000 to \$930,000. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Vote: Mr. Wilson moved, and it was seconded, to amend Article 6 from \$1,150,000 to \$2,240,000. The motion carried unanimously.*

*The BOS noted concern with the substantial increases in the amounts, especially right before the town meeting.*

**Ballot Questions**

To vote to place on the December 12, 2013 Special Town Election ballot the following questions, pending the outcome of the Special Town Meeting vote.

*Vote: Mr. Wilson moved, and it was seconded, to instruct the Town Clerk to hold a special election on December 12, 2013, pending affirmative action on Article 5 and Article 6 at the Special Town Meeting on November 5, 2013. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.*

*Vote: Mr. Wilhelm moved at 7:10 pm, and it was seconded, that the BOS recess and reconvene at 7:30 pm in the Bessie Buker gymnasium for the Special Town Meeting, and adjourn at the end of the town meeting. The motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Tinsley  
11.8.13