

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Date: December 11, 2006**  
**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Muriel E. Kramer, Chairman; Mary C. Pratt, Vice-Chairman; Leonard A. Holden, Ronald M. Clark; Michael W. Shepard.

**Others Present:** Dr. John Duffy, Board of Assessors; Heidi Kriger, Town Accountant; John T. Gaucher, DPW Director; Kathy Flynn, MetroWest News; Michelle Murdock, Hopkinton Independent; Robert Falcione, HopNews; Kyle Alspach, Boston Globe; David Stoldt, School Committee; Dr. John Phelan, School Superintendent; Rebecca Robak, Chairman of the School Committee; Tony Troiano, Town Manager; Carol DeVeuve; John Woodward; Stuart Cowart, Appropriation Committee Chairman; Fred Hoskins, Appropriation Committee; Selectmen's Office, Geri Holland, Executive Assistant

**Public Meeting opened:**

**6:10 p.m.** Mrs. Kramer opened the public meeting and stated the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the funding of the articles for the Special Town Meeting that is scheduled on Thursday, December 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Middle School Auditorium.

**Special Town Meeting Articles:**

**Article 1:** Mrs. Kramer said that Article 1 is to fund the newly created Town Manger position and to fund a contractual severance package for outgoing Executive Secretary. The needed funding is \$122,115. The Board discussed with Town Accountant, Heidi Kriger, FY'07 funds including Selectmen's secretarial salaries for \$5,000; Town Hall expenses for \$5,000; Facilities Director salary for \$50,000; other General Government; professional expenses for \$13,000; Building Inspector Salary for \$18,500; and an Assessor article for \$2,300 pending approval. The Board agreed to use \$90,800 towards the needed \$122,115 fund and \$32,115 from free cash to make up for the \$32,115 shortfall.

**Article 2:** It was noted that Article 2 is a petitioner's article.

**Article 3:** The Board agreed that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$1,485 for payment of unpaid legal bills to Faiman & DeAngelis having incurred in a prior fiscal year..

**Article 4:** Trustees for the School Fund article will motion to elect Kathleen Denaro of 1 Oliver Lane and Nancy Lagasse of 3 Pheasant Hill to the Board of Trustees of the School Fund for the Town of Hopkinton.

**Article 5:** The Board discussed the additional funds of approximately \$102,000 needed for the Town's Legal Account and that \$30,000 would be provided by the CPC. The Board agreed to move that the Town vote to transfer a sum balance to be determined from free cash to increase the budget of the General Government portion of the Town budget.

**Article 6:** The Board discussed insurance coverage requirements for dams and would recommend, Executive Secretary, Theodore Kozak, to research this issue; but, considered requesting \$25,000 from free cash towards the Town's insurance premiums.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

**7:00 p.m.** Mrs. Holland left the meeting at this time and the Board attended the Appropriation Committee meeting at this time (see attached Appropriation Committee minutes of 12/11/06).

Respectfully submitted,  
Geri Holland  
Executive Assistant

Date approved: 12/19/06