

## **MEETING**

### **ADVISORY BOARD**

**APRIL 10, 2006**

**Approved May 22, 2006**

Attending: Doug Boyd, Michael Crowley, Carol Fitzgerald, Kathy Pessolano

Absent: Timm Marini

Also Attending: John D Flynn, Cliff Bombard, Cindy Bailey

Kathy said that the budget that we sent to print a week ago is going to have to be changed. She suggested that we give an informational handout at town meeting reflecting the change to line item 70.4 – the Green Meadows School Ban. The figure has changed from \$295,000 to \$415,764. This brings our total budget to \$9,068,482. Correspondingly we will have an entry on our revenue projection sheet that we will also need to update to reflect that change in the Green Meadow Ban and we can hand this out at town meeting. So our potential revenue for appropriation is \$9,147,529. Cliff's updated projections do not include any increase in lottery proceeds; we are still being conservative with that. Michael asked for the reason why Cliff is being very conservative with that number. Cliff said that he feels that we are going to get it, but that if the board is going to rely on him for those numbers then he is going to keep them on the conservative side until he sees it in writing. Michael asked how much Cliff thinks we are going to get. Cliff said that he is using 80% of the governor's budget and the governor's budget is 764,000 so Cliff is using \$611,000, so there is a difference of \$153,000. Michael wanted to know if Cliff felt he was going to get criticized for being too conservative giving that the figures have been publicized and every other community is spending it. Cliff said that the big key is, is the state going to give the schools what they say they are going to. He feels it is fair to talk about how to spend it at town meeting but that it is fiscally prudent to do it this way, and if there is extra money then that will solve the stabilization problem in October, and you can transfer it at Town meeting. Doug said that would put us in pretty good shape for next year. Kathy agreed, in her opinion she would not allocate any of it at this time. Cliff said that the budget that the advisory board is showing right now is a fair budget and as a result, not to say that people are not doing without but, they are doing with a lot more than they have in the past without using that money. Kathy said that the board has really tried to be as conservative as they could and they have tried to look towards next year and the year after that and so forth. Kathy said that she feels that the board should go with the \$9,147,529 because we don't know what's going to happen until June 30. That will leave us with a surplus of \$79,047 of which we had committed to at our meeting on March 27 to spend \$10,000 for software for the treasurer/accountant, \$12,000 for the assessors full list and measure, and the truck for

\$49,000. That will spend \$73,000 of the \$79,047 and Kathy said she would recommend putting the remaining \$6,047 into reserve.

John asked if Kathy had heard from the School district, did they have any new numbers. Kathy said it is her understanding that the school district is not going to come back and ask for the difference. They are going to stay with the number that they gave us originally. She said that she received an email regarding this.

Kathy said that we know we have \$60,000 that we can transfer out of unemployment line item and that that is going to fund the following: \$30,000 – ADA bathroom at Thorton Burgess School: \$12,000 for the police E-911 system, \$2000 to correct a typo in line item 12.2,\$4,000 contract for police,\$10,000 treasurer/accountant – if Cliff and Tracy can agree on a software packet prior to June 30, if not we have enough money to do it at the annual, and \$25,000 tentatively for the roof. John said Duane said the roof could probably go to Fall town meeting or maybe next year, but he wants to make people aware of it, \$10,000 for the Assessors stabilization fund for the triennial certification that is done every 3 years, and \$35,000 to go into the general stabilization fund.

The board then went to the public hearing upstairs.

Doug motioned to end meeting. Michael seconded. Meeting ended at 7:00pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Saturday April 22, 2006 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Ann Murphy