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**Board of Selectmen**  
**Special Meeting Minutes Monday May 4, 2015**

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**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Kowalski called the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 4:03 P.M. in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room in the Town Offices. Present from the Board of Selectmen: Alex Vispoli-Y, Paul Salafia-Y, Mary O'Donoghue-Y, Robert Landry-Y, and Dan Kowalski-Y. The meeting was duly posted and recorded.

**II. Opening Ceremonies**

Chairman Kowalski led the meeting in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Town Meeting Review and Procedures**

Chairman Kowalski said this afternoon's meeting is in preparation for tonight's annual Town Meeting. The Board will reconvene the meeting at 6:00 P.M. at AHS; however, Chairman Kowalski is unable to attend.

The Town Manager provided updated information on tonight's meeting to the Board members and said a revised hand-out of Article 4 reflecting the Finance Committee votes of 4/29/15 and Board of Selectmen votes of 4/27/15 will be distributed at Town Meeting and will also be available on the Town website.

The Board discussed line items 3, 4, and 13 of Article 4 and the procedures for presenting their report and amendment. After the School Committee makes their motion(s), the Board will then present their amendment.

Selectman Vispoli moved for the Board of Selectmen to amend the School Committee Budget request of \$73,296,591 to \$72,873,529. The motion was seconded by Selectman Landry and voted 4-1 to approve. Chairman Kowalski opposed.

Chairman Kowalski favors a compromise on the school budget request of \$423,000. The Board discussed their reasons for voting on the budget number of \$73,296,591. The Board has had numerous discussions on the School Committee budget but the School Committee did not vote on a budget number until last Tuesday voting for the \$423,000 increase instead of the compromised \$280,000. There should be room for the School Committee to meet their budget requirements without the need for additional taxpayer assistance. The School budget will be decided by the voters at Town Meeting tonight.

Selectman Vispoli will move the amended number of \$72,873,529 based on the policy of the Board of Directors.

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft of their report for Town Meeting explaining their approach and process used to build a budget that reflects the 2014 Town Meeting authorized spending level for FY-15; starting where they ended and reducing the tax levy when possible.

The Board discussed their position on the Health Insurance budget number they voted to reduce to \$16.8 and the talking points for that line item. They also talked about the request from the Department of Community Health and Development for one full time office worker (instead of 2 part-time) and a full time health agent and the recommendation from the Finance Committee.

V. **Adjournment**

At 8:30 A.M. on a motion by Alex Vispoli and seconded by Paul Salafia, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn. Roll call: Alex Vispoli-Y, Paul Salafia-Y, Mary O'Donoghue-Y, R. Landry-Y, and Dan Kowalski-Y.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee DeLorenzo  
Recording Secretary