



TOWN OF CHARLTON
Minutes of Special Selectmen's Meeting
Wednesday – April 25, 2012



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The Board of Selectmen met with the Finance Committee.

Group members representing parents who are concerned with the current proposed cuts to the schools are here to learn why. It was stated that there are “limited resources” to use. Discussion about the unknowns that come with the “wealth formula”. It was also stated that in the last 10 years, the town has not lowered the payments to the schools. We are looking to fund the schools at the minimum required funding

General discussion about the different options going forward to deal with the “lack of funding” for the schools and the boards. Discussion on the workings and feasibility of a proposition 2 ½ override. It was stated that no board can advocate for or against a proposition 2 ½ override.

Town Resident suggestions are that all meetings should be televised and to keep a priority need for operation budgets which can be used to deem what is important and how to decide funding levels. Further discussion on funding and keeping up with commitments (i.e. the new library expansion).

A discussion was held about how budgeting works, what options people have going forward and how different groups can become involved and how they may advocate for certain policies.

The Finance Committee left the room as there was no more discussion for the budget or town meeting at this time.

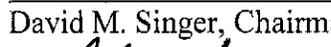
Mrs. Craver stated that there are a couple of issues that the Selectmen need to discuss.

- (1) Award/Sale of land. Mrs. Craver stated that she forwarded an email to the Board from the Treasurer regarding a parcel of land that was supposed to be on the list at the Board's last meeting. **Motion to award/sale of land, seconded, unanimous.**
- (2) Mrs. Craver stated that Jim Lawrence has requested the Town sign a subordination release form so he can refinance his house. This has been done in the past for him and she sees no reason not to approve. **Motion to approve, seconded, unanimous.**

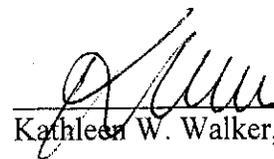
Adjourn: With no further discussion to be heard, **motion made to adjourn, seconded, unanimous.**

Submitted by:
Mary C. Devlin
Administrative Assistant

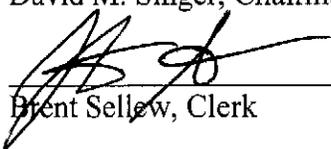
Accepted by:



David M. Singer, Chairman

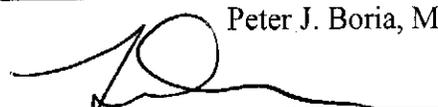


Kathleen W. Walker, Vice-Chairperson



Brent Sellow, Clerk

Peter J. Boria, Member



Frederick C. Swensen, Member