

MINUTES
OPC MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2009

First Selectwoman Evonne Klein called the meeting to order at 810 a.m. in Room 206 at Town Hall.

Present were RTM Moderator Karen Armour; Board of Finance Chairman Murry Stegelmann; Board of Finance Member Martha Banks; Board of Education Chairman John Boulton; Planning & Zoning Commission Fred Conze; State Representative Terrie Wood; and Administrative Officer Karl Kilduff.

Board of Education

Mr. Boulton gave a report on school attendance as it relates to the impact of the H1N1 flu virus. Absentees are higher than the normal experience in the school system. However, he noted that the State was still urging schools to be kept open.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Mr. Conze noted that there was light activity before the Commission at present. He highlighted the approval for temporary lights behind the Town Hall which were aimed away from the homes. He added that temporary lights would start at the High School on November 9.

Board of Finance

Mr. Stegelmann reported that the Town would be issuing \$4 million in notes to finalize the financing of the High School. The Town may issue long-term debt again in 3 months to take advantage of low interest rates. He noted that some resolution would need to be reached regarding 35 Leroy by September 2010 otherwise that property would have to be paid for with taxable bonds.

Mr. Stegelmann also discussed the change in ECS funding from the State and its impact on the town budget. The Board of Education received stimulus dollars directly as opposed of through the town like ECS, but the State reduced the amount of ECS by the stimulus amount. The issue would be left for the upcoming Board of Education and Selectmen to address. Mr. Bolton stated that the Board may want the budget to be left alone in anticipation of less funding for special education.

State Representative

Representative Wood stated that the General Assembly was out of session and that the State budget was passed. Ms. Banks asked how long the Town had to spend the STEAP grant for the Fire Tower training facility. Mr. Kilduff responded by stating that the grant

usually has a 3 year window to spend the funds, but an extension can be asked for which is usually approved.

All members had a general discussion of the FY2010-11 budget and the condition of revenues with some discussion on the impacts of the Whole Foods project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl Kilduff
Recording Secretary