

Minutes of February 13, 2012

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM; all members were present.

The meeting minutes of February 6th were put on Hold.

The Board will hold it's next meeting on February 27th at 4:30 p.m. in order to attend the School Committee meeting in Sheffield at 6:00 p.m.

The Board received a letter from the Town Treasurer, Patricia Mielke, recommending an assistant be appointed and recommending that Jennifer Goewey be appointed to the position of Assistant Treasurer. It was noted that Jennifer Goewey, currently Administrative Assistant in Sheffield, was the Assistant Treasurer in Egremont and is familiar with the payroll system. The pay would come out of Treasurer's Expense Account at \$25.00 an hour and would only be used during the absence of the Treasurer. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Jennifer Goewey as Assistant Treasurer for the term ending on June 30, 2012.

The Board would like a letter drafted to Mr. Brad Wagstaff regarding real estate taxes.

The Board advised that it was asked to draft a letter to the School Committee to ask for more time before the School Committee makes a final decision on closing Community Schools. The Board advised that a draft letter is done but the Board has not had the opportunity to review and discuss it, so it would rather not release it at this time. It was noted that the letter would be from the three individuals of the Town of New Marlborough, not the Board of Selectmen. Susan Smith stated that she believes that more time is needed to review the facts on the possibility of closing any of the schools. It was mentioned that all five towns had asked for level funding not just New Marlborough and the School Committee also asked the superintendent to prepare a level funded budget. It was also noted that all school buildings will need capital funding. After some further discussion from the audience regarding the letter the Board read the draft letter, from which a motion was made, seconded and so voted to sign the letter. The Chair advised that she had some concerns about signing the letter with only mentioning New Marlborough Central School.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
Administrative Assistant