



Town of Bernardston
Board of Selectmen

MEETING MINUTES: for the meeting of March 31, 2015

Select Board Members Present:
Robert R. Raymond, Chairman
Louis J. Bordeaux, Vice-Chairman

Others Present:
Paul Luther, Town Clerk

Chairman Bob Raymond called the meeting to order at 3.00pm.

Special Town Meeting Warrant

The Board discussed the proposed Special Town Meeting warrant scheduled for Wednesday April 15th at the Bernardston Elementary School cafeteria. Town Counsel has approved the language presented therein.

Article 1 will ask voters to borrow up to \$200,000 for replacement of the BES gymnasium roof liner including all associated engineering costs. Motion by Lou to accept Article 1 as written, second by Bob. Motion carried.

Article 2 asks for a Free Cash transfer of \$4,890 to renovate the 2 baseball fields at Pratt Field. Motion by Lou to accept Article 2 as written, second by Bob. Motion carried.

Motion by Lou to sign the Special Town Meeting warrant, second by Bob. Motion carried.

Stabilization Account

Treasurer Melissa Murphy is recommending the Board rescind an earlier vote to place the stabilization account with Peoples Bank and transfer the same to an account with Easthampton Savings Bank (ESB.) The interest rate with ESB is more favorable and does not contain any withdrawal restrictions. Motion by Lou to rescind a vote taken on March 13, 2015 placing the stabilization account into the Government Banking Master Trust Fund with People's Bank, second by Bob. Motion carried. Motion by Lou to transfer the stabilization funds into an account with Easthampton Savings Bank, second by Bob. Motion carried.

Gaines Property

Treasurer Melissa Murphy reminded Bob that it was her responsibility to manage and administer tax title properties. Bob has reached out the owner of the Fred Gaines property on Hales Crossing to see

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if he would turn the property over to the Town gratis. An abutter has an interest in purchasing the Gaines property. Bob said he was glad the Treasurer is taking an active interest in trying to settle tax title prosperities and will look forward to working together.

Adjourn With no further business to be discussed, Lou made a motion to declare the meeting adjourned at 3.08pm, Bob seconded. Motion carried.

Attest: Hugh Campbell, Town Coordinator

_____, Chairman
Robert R. Raymond

_____, Member
Louis J. Bordeaux