

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
September 19, 2005**

Present: Kenneth DiFazio, Chairperson
Susan Kay
Michael Molisse
Paul J. Leary

Not Present: Colin McPherson

Also Present: James Wilson, Chief Financial Officer
Jane Hackett, Chief of Staff

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

Chairman DiFazio called the Budget/Management Committee Meeting to order at 6:00pm.

05 129 – Appointment – Board of Assessors – Jill Reddish

Ms. Reddish was invited to address the Committee. She spoke to her experience and qualifications to serve on the Board of Assessors. She stated that she works for Verizon Communications in Marketing where she manages over \$1 million as a product manager. She is also a licensed real estate broker. As an employee of Jack Conway Real Estate, Ms. Reddish stated that she had performed over 100 market analyses.

Councilor Leary stated that he was concerned with the procedure for non-reappointments.

Councilor DiFazio thanked Ms. Reddish for her interest in the position. He noted that she appears to be well qualified.

Councilor Kay expressed regret regarding the unfortunate circumstances surrounding this appointment. She also noted that Ms. Reddish appears well qualified.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to recommend NO ACTION on Item #05 129 and was seconded by Councilor Kay and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a 4-0 vote.

05 131 – Appointment – Board of Health – Clare LaMorte

Ms. Hackett stated that Ms. LaMorte was not present. She will be present at the full Town Council Meeting.

Councilor DiFazio stated that Ms. LaMorte had submitted a resume and it would appear that she is qualified.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend NO ACTION on Item #05 131 and was seconded by Councilor Leary and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED on a 4-0 vote.

05 132 – Appointment – Board of Health – Bill Rennie

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend NO ACTION on Item #05 132 and was seconded by Councilor Leary.

Councilor DiFazio stated that Mr. Peters was present and would like to speak to the appointments to the Board of Health.

Councilor DiFazio made a SUBSTITUTE MOTION to call Mr. Peters to the microphone and was seconded by Councilor Leary and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED on a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Peters made a statement to the Committee expressing his desire to continue as a member of the Board of Health. He stated that he had not received notification of his non-reappointment prior to the expiration of his term on 6/30/05. He also stated that he had informed the Mayor on 5/13/05 that he would like to remain on the Board. Mr. Peters noted that he has been on the Health Board for the past seven (7) years, having been reappointed three (3) years ago.

Councilor DiFazio asked Mr. Peters if he had been told in May that the Mayor was going to advertise for the positions on the Board. Mr. Peters responded that he was. Councilor DiFazio then asked Mr. Peters if he had heard, through a third party on 09/6/05, that he would not be reappointed. Mr. Peters stated that this was true.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend NO ACTION on Item #05 132 and was seconded by Councilor Leary and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED on a 4-0 vote.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to ADD an agenda item and was seconded by Councilor Leary and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED on a 4-0 vote.

Councilor Kay stated that there has been considerable discussion regarding the rescission of the FY 06 budget versus supplementation. She noted that the driver behind the need for rescission is the decrease in overlay. She asked if it would be possible to decrease the amount in the Reserve Fund as opposed to a decrease in the overlay. Mr. Wilson stated that this would address the concerns.

Ms. Hackett stated that the Mayor would withdraw the measures that relate to rescission. These measures involve the General Fund, the Water Enterprise Fund and the Sewer Enterprise Fund. Work would then be done to adjust the appropriation orders to reflect a more traditional supplemental budget submittal.

Ms. Hackett stated that this is a matter of change in process not content with the exception of the Reserve Fund and Overlay. This will still require a Public Hearing. The Public Hearing would be restricted to those items which are being changed as opposed to opening up the entire budget.

Councilor Kay made a MOTION to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION to SUPPLEMENT, not rescind, the budget and was seconded by Councilor Leary and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED on a 4-0 vote.

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At 6:30 pm, there being no further business, A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to ADJOURN and was seconded by Councilor Leary and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: _____
Kenneth DiFazio, Chairperson