

Thomaston Board of Finance

Special Meeting Wednesday April 29,2009 Following the Close of the Budget Referendum

Present: J. Scheppard, K. Mosimann O'Sullivan, E. Mone, D. Colavecchio, M. Galbraith.

Absent, G. Seabourne

Also present: Members of the public, press

1. Call to Order

J. Scheppard called the meeting to order at 8:37pm

2. Continue budget discussion

Because the proposed budget was defeated at the referendum , J. Scheppard proposed the following option to the Board: Cut the budget by \$277,000 and take it back to referendum. If it fails, cut the budget to a zero increase.

The following potential cuts were discussed:

Tax Assessor \$17,000. J. Scheppard will discuss with First Selectman Maura Martin

White Collar employee \$37,000, position not indentified, would be Town Hall employee

Public Library,\$60,000, library may have to reduce hours, cut personnel

Highway Dept,\$31,000,

Police Dept.,\$16,000 would not require cutting personnel, Chief could make this up from budget.

Board of Education \$115,000, which is half of what was returned.

These cuts would amount to a reduction of \$277,000 which would result in a mil rate of 26.79 or .51mil increase and would reduce the budget 1.80 mills.

J. Scheppard reported that he received an unsigned letter suggesting that the position of Animal Control Officer be made part time.

J Scheppard recommended the following schedule:

Tuesday May 5,2009, 7:00 pm Special Meeting to Revise the 2009-2010 Budget

Tuesday May 12,2009, 7:00pm Public Hearing on Revised 2009-2010 Budget

Regular Meeting to follow Public Hearing.

Public Comment:

Members of the public recommended that the Education budget be cut to a zero increase.

J. Scheppard noted that the Public Hearing tallies indicated that more speakers wanted funds restored to the Education budget than were opposed to restoring funds.

On a motion by D. Colavacchio, seconded by E. Mone the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

M. Galbraith, Secretary, Thomaston Board of Finance

