

**TOWN OF LAKEVILLE**  
**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**February 25, 2013 - 7:00 PM**

On February 25, 2013, the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at 7:00 PM at the Town Office Building in Lakeville. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Maksy at 7:00 PM. Selectmen present were: Selectman Maksy, Selectman Belliveau and Selectman Powderly. Also present were: Rita Garbitt, Town Administrator, Tracie Craig, Executive Assistant and Christine Weston, Recording Secretary. Cindy Dow of The Middleboro Gazette was recording the meeting and LCAM was taping for local cable broadcast.

**7:00 Meet with Jessica Bradley and Maureen Candito to Discuss Request to put Override Question on the Ballot for the School Department**

*Jessica Bradley (12 Village Road) and Maureen Candito (3 Kashmir's Way) were present for the discussion.* Ms. Candito read her letter into the record, requesting that the Board of Selectmen put a Proposition 2 ½ Override to a Town vote for the School Department. Ms. Garbitt explained how the override process works. A Special Town Meeting can be held where residents can vote on a School Department Budget, contingent on a Proposition 2 ½ Override Election, or the Selectmen can vote to hold the Election first, then go on to Special Town Meeting to appropriate the funds. Chairman Maksy stated that a petition would force the Selectmen to hold a Special Town Meeting, but it does not schedule an Election. The best process is to have the Election take place first, and if the Question passes, then bring the matter to a Special Town Meeting. He explained that this would be a General Override, where the budget is voted and then allocated based on the budget for Town Meeting. However, the year after, the money does not have to go towards the School Department. The Selectmen need to decide if they want to put this on a ballot. Chairman Maksy said in 2009, an Override Election was held and three (3) budgets were prepared for Town Meeting. However, it failed at the Election. Selectman Belliveau stated that the Board is not ready to go forward yet with scheduling an Election, since the Board does not even have an approved budget from the School Committee.

Ms. Candito asked if the numbers provided so far by the School Department were accurate. Selectman Belliveau responded that an awareness needs to be created that there is a need for an Override, but the Town is not at Armageddon. Ms. Candito stated that many of the parents know the effect of what happened in the schools when teachers were cut. Those 2,000 residents that voted against the Override saw the effect of their choice. Residents are a little more savvy about this, and if not, they need to be made aware that their choices have consequences. Selectman Belliveau stated that is why he said that the School Committee has to sell the override. It is their responsibility to be fiscally sound and responsible. We need to stop the bleeding, yet take care of the Schools, as well as, the Town.

Chairman Maksy noted that Mrs. Candito's letter has more information than what the Board has received. We go through this situation every year with the School Department. How they do their budget and how we do our budget is not the same. We work for the taxpayers, and we have to make sure that the need is really there. If the need is really there, then he would support an Override, but they have not proven it to him. Selectman Belliveau added that Lakeville also

needs to work in conjunction with Freetown. Only the Selectmen from each Town can put this question on the ballot. We are not acting as gatekeepers and holding it hostage, but we need the information first before making a decision. If Freetown passes an Override and Lakeville doesn't, we would have to go to a Joint Town Meeting. If it passed at a Joint Town Meeting, we would not have a Police or Fire Department in Lakeville.

Ms. Bradley asked what the Board needs from the School Committee. Selectman Belliveau stated that the Board needs to see all the numbers, and the School Committee has to vote on a budget. They have not voted a budget yet. Chairman Maksy stated that the Board needs to see their budget and where the increases are needed. Ms. Garbitt mentioned that the Interim School Superintendent did forward some information today, which will be discussed later in the agenda. Selectman Belliveau stated that the Town provided \$125,000 more last year, and that was as much as we could give. We gave them the extra money, but they never dropped their budget numbers and they were \$465,000 shy. Then July 1<sup>st</sup> they had additional funds and had a surplus. In September they hired 3 ½ new teachers and spent \$270,000 in additional funds to their budget. You don't spend money you don't have. So that is \$600,000 right there. These are discussions we want to have with the School Administrators. You may be happy with the School system now, but they are not.

Ms. Bradley stated that they are saying that even with a level funded budget, we would still see major cuts. Chairman Maksy stated that the figures leave out transportation, and other things that should be included to reflect all that the Town does provide on behalf of the Schools. Selectman Belliveau mentioned that there is approximately \$900,000 in costs between Freetown and Lakeville that no longer counts towards Net School Spending (NSS), while before Regionalization it had counted. A meeting was recently held with the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) about these issues asking them to rework their formula to include these figures. That would bring Lakeville's contribution to the schools above NSS by 5% and 6.5% last year, meaning that the Town is over funding the schools. Selectman Belliveau explained that the Board has been provided three (3) different figures. Chairman Maksy pointed out that cities like Fall River and Taunton have their School system costs paid 100% by the State. Selectman Belliveau spoke about Chapter 70 reimbursement for the Schools. As an example, he said Lakeville and Freetown fund 66% of the total School Operating Budget, whereas Middleborough taxpayers fund 47% of their School Operating budget. Ms. Bradley added that the crux of the problem is that Lakeville doesn't have the businesses to support the Town, so the brunt is borne by the residential taxpayers.

Robert Marshall of 16 Barstow Street stated that it is the School Committee's job to work for the Override. Over the past 40 years whenever there has been an override issue, he has seldom seen School Committee members out doing the work for it. It seemed to him that the School Committee puts the Superintendent out there to do the work, and that is very problematic. The School Committee members are elected to do that work, and he would like to see them do it. Selectman Belliveau stated that the School Committee members are taxpayers also. The Interim Superintendent does not pay taxes in this community, so how can the Superintendent be on the front lines saying the Towns are not giving the money. That is a School Committee argument, not a Superintendent argument. Mr. Marshall stated that since Education Reform passed in the early 90's, he has witnessed throughout the State School Superintendents going from Town to

Town. That does not foster those Superintendents being vested in the community. Prior to Education Reform, you would have long term Superintendents that would stay for years. Chairman Maksy stated that he has seen three (3) Superintendents so far since he has been a Selectman. What bothers him is that when he hears that the children are losing out. He knows Lakeville has a great school system and a great community. The Town has stepped up for the equipment needed, but everyone is on a fixed income. He would have to look at his personal figures and determine what he would have to go without if his taxes increase.

Mr. Marshall mentioned that one of the numbers that is being discussed about being skewed is the amount being spent per pupil in this community vs. other communities. When you compare what this community is spending to other Towns in this area, we are not spending that same amount. Selectman Belliveau pointed out that this is not a one (1) year problem; this has been a 15 year in the making problem. Ms. Bradley stated that there needs to be a band aid and a long term solution found so that the burden is not always on the backs of the taxpayer. We need to find out how we can generate revenue. Selectman Belliveau noted that \$11,300 is spent per pupil for a total of \$248,600 for 22 students per classroom. That is a lot of money to educate 22 children.

Stephen Olivier of 105 Pierce Avenue stated that he was on the Board of Selectmen and the Regional Finance Committee. What sold him on Regionalization is that the Towns would achieve economies of scale and gain efficiencies when all three (3) budgets were brought together. That was experienced only in the first year. The problem is the budget is unsustainable. The way the Teacher contracts are set up, their pay scales have them receiving pay increases every year. The State is cutting our aid, and we don't recoup that. A structure needs to be created that is sustainable, so that there is not a gap, and they refuse to do that. They get the parents riled up and hit you where it hurts the most (the children), and then you want to come in and fight for them. It should not be the Superintendent's fight since she has a fiduciary responsibility to the Town. She should be working with the School Committee to create a sustainable solution, and they are not doing that. The School Committee is not doing their job. They understand what we are saying, but every year they vote for the higher budget, since they refuse to fight the hard battles. You are being fed only part of the information as a parent. You have got to peel back the onion, and it could sway your opinion on this whole thing.

Selectman Powderly stated that if the School Committee is voting steps and raises, that is \$1.3 million. Why would we ask the taxpayers to pay more when the current contract alone is a 5.9% increase. The School Committee sets the contracts. What is not controllable is student enrollment. The school received \$175,000 in Chapter 70 Aid when students were added, and they hired additional teachers at a cost of \$280,000. There is \$400,000 in levels and steps for the unions contractually, and that is not including health benefits. That is a total of \$855,000 that is controllable by the School Committee, and they have chosen not to. It is difficult to sell this to the taxpayers that they need to support an override if the School unions are getting that in one (1) year, and perhaps for a total of three (3) years. Until they control raises to 1% a year, the model is broken. Chairman Maksy said the Schools need to look at other ways of plan design, attrition and early retirement for employees at the higher salaries. Aaron Burke, former School Committee Member, stated that teachers reach the top step fairly quickly. When he was on the School Committee, he tried to stretch the steps out over 20 years, but we couldn't get any

traction. The School Department knows they will be able to get emotions swelled up in the parents. Chairman Maksy stated that he wished that they would not bring the children into it.

Mr. Olivier stated that the first year he was on the Regional Finance Committee, the regional costs were all put together. The second year the Town did not get any more money from the State. Then, the year after there was an increase. We then found out, since they did a study when John McCarthy was there, that the scores of the students and the quality of education for other communities was going up much further/faster in spending money per child, yet we had an increase per Town. That proves to me that there is a certain amount of money to pay for a student. We shouldn't just throw more and more money at the problem. Mr. McCarthy did change the plan for the better, but it is all in how you structure the education. Selectman Belliveau stated that he has been working with the School Department on this since July. They don't seem to be worried about this matter, when they should have been. He doesn't even know if we can make base budget now since we just lost income that he thought we were going to get for the Town.

Chairman Maksy stated that the Interim Superintendent should have started with a balanced budget with the funding they were going to receive. We have to have a balanced budget, when we go to Town Meeting. Selectman Belliveau stated that he receives a report once a month from the Town Administrator that shows where every dime has been spent. We don't get this from the Schools. Last year they had a \$900,000 surplus, and they kept saying they were going to be short. Selectman Powderly stated that there is not one Selectman that does not share these frustrations and wants the best school system possible, but when we ask these questions of the School Committee, they just go onto their next agenda topic. 80% of the money is spent on salaries, including steps, raises and health benefits. You can look at the other items, but if he said to a School Committee member how can you fund a three (3) year budget, they said it could be done with an override or laying off teachers. That is not how you would run your business. These are the hard questions; how do you control health benefits and salaries. They spend more than the 2 ½%, and are spending more money than they have.

Chairman Maksy stated that the School Department doesn't have a captain of a ship right now; they have an Interim Superintendent who is not staying. Then they hire a paid consultant for the Superintendent Search, and we know what happened there. They have to get their ducks in a line. Every year you cannot go back to the taxpayer without justifying your need. Mr. Marshall spoke on the \$900,000 surplus. He stated that he had attended a meeting where it was stated that the surplus came about as a result of a mild winter in regards to heating expenses. He would imagine that occurred in other budgets in Town as well. Selectman Powderly stated that if the health care costs go up, it should be shared by the employee and the Town equally. This needs to be adjusted every few years. Then, they need to change the pay structure. Mr. Burke stated that you don't even have the political will on the School Committee to change that. Mr. Marshall stated that the step system started in the 1960's to spread out having to pay higher salaries. Chairman Maksy stated that we have been talking to the Schools for the past three (3) or four (4) years about reducing their costs, and increasing revenue potential in other areas, and they have not done anything about it.

Selectman Belliveau said that the Town had to reduce other Town Department budgets to balance the budget. At the end of May, we were trying to find money to give the Schools. They knew they had the \$900,000 surplus, and we were trying to find every dime we had in order to give more to them. Then we saw at a meeting in July that they had a \$225,000 surplus, after they paid for Special Education. In September, they go out and spend \$270,000. That is criminal if you ask me. Chairman Maksy stated that the School Department says that they have a revenue problem, but they really have a spending problem. Selectman Powderly stated that this is a good discussion. He also does not like the message that is being sent home. Selectman Belliveau stated that his son came home and said that Apponequet was a lousy school, and he wants to go someplace else next year for school. Mr. Marshall stated that some of these questions he has not heard asked of the School Committee. We need to hold their feet to the fire and not let them go onto the next agenda item. The spending information on a monthly basis is out there and must be able to be provided. Chairman Maksy stated that we need to see the information before we just give out the money.

Ms. Candito asked to speak about a letter that she wrote to the School Committee on February 25, 2013 regarding the Superintendent of Schools Search. Ms. Candito spoke on the candidates that were left after two (2) candidates had pulled out. Mr. Parker and Ms. Carrier were the top two (2) vote getters every time. The other two (2) candidates found out they were at the bottom of the list and they dropped out. For some reason, the School Committee just let it go and did not even finish that agenda item. These people spent four (4) months investing their time. They didn't go to other interviews in other districts. Both these candidates would move into the area, and were going to be vesting themselves in the community. The School Committee had everything at their disposal, but instead they chose to disband the search and start again. There is no logical justification for why they did that. Can the Selectmen force an audit on them? Chairman Maksy responded that anyone of us can since they are a public institution. Mr. Olivier stated that it can be suggested that they deregionalize. They are running it into the ground. We can petition to the State, but they will say you elected them. The Selectmen can just say this relationship is not working and take control since the School Committee is not doing their job. Chairman Maksy stated that they don't know where they are going to go right now, and they don't have a long term plan. They need to know where they are going before they ask the taxpayer for more money. A \$33 million budget is not a poverty budget. Chairman Maksy said the taxpayers will give more money, once they are convinced that that is the right thing to do. Mr. Marshall stated that the children should not be put in the middle, but no matter what perspective you take, the kids will be hurt. Chairman Maksy stated that he is saying to look at all the costs, like shutting off lights in the parking lot, etc. Mr. Olivier stated that Ms. Bradley should ask the tough questions to the School Committee, and he will attend with her and also ask those questions. Selectman Belliveau stated that is what we are going to discuss at the Regional Finance Committee. Chairman Maksy stated that the propaganda needs to stop, and we all need to work together and get through this crises.

### **Discuss letter received from residents regarding the Superintendent of Schools Search Process**

Ms. Garbitt stated that Mrs. Dandrea's letter is asking the Board of Selectmen to investigate the action taken by the School Committee to stop the Superintendent search and start a new

process. Chairman Maksy stated that the Board can ask the School Committee to meet with the Board of Selectmen and explain why they made the decision. Ms. Garbitt stated that she will call Mrs. Dandrea and let her know when this meeting will be aired so she can hear the discussion that took place at the beginning of the meeting.

### **Renew and vote on Agreement for Vision Appraisal's FY14 Real Estate Interim Update**

*Paul Meleedy, Member of the Board of Assessors, was present for the discussion.* Selectman Powderly stated that his question is if Vision Appraisal is the right company for the Town. Mr. Meleedy stated that there are other vendors out there. The Assessors go out to bid when the contract expires. The next contract expires in July of 2015. Chairman Maksy stated that the Assessors are aware of the concerns of the Board, and those will need to be addressed during the next Request for Proposal.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Belliveau; seconded by Selectman Powderly it was:

VOTED: To approve and sign the one (1) year Service Agreement with Vision Government Solutions for the FY14 Interim Update for an annual fee of \$5,000.  
Unanimous in favor.

### **Discuss scheduling Annual Town Meeting**

Chairman Maksy read the memo from the Town Administrator asking if the Board would like to postpone the Annual Town Meeting until June 10, 2013.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Belliveau; seconded by Selectman Powderly it was:

VOTED: To postpone the Annual Town Meeting until June 10, 2013.  
Unanimous in favor.

### **Discuss combining Town Election April 1, 2013 and Special State Primary April 30, 2013**

*Janet Tracy, Town Clerk, was present for the discussion.* Chairman Maksy informed the Board that Legislation allows for both the Town's Annual Election and the Special State Primary to take place on the same day. However, the Town Clerk has reasons why she would like to keep them separate. Ms. Tracy stated that she felt it would cause a lot of confusion to the voters if both the Election and the Primary take place during the same time. It also does not appear that the Town will save that much money combining the elections due to the additional poll workers and time needed to count the additional ballots and divide the results. There may be some money saved with the police detail.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Belliveau; seconded by Selectman Powderly it was:

VOTED: To not combine the Annual Town Election with the Special State Primary.  
Unanimous in favor.

**Vote to authorize Deficit Spending for Veterans' Benefits for FY13**

Ms. Garbitt said every few years there is a deficit in the Veterans Benefits Account. The amount of \$10,000 is budgeted each year. This year the account has a deficit in Fuel Costs, and it appears that by the end of the fiscal year, there will also be a deficit in the Medical Category. The Town is reimbursed 75% of the costs each year. The funds vary depending on the number of Veterans served. A transfer will need to take place into this account at the Special Town meeting to cover it according to Chapter 115, Section 5.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Belliveau; seconded by Selectman Powderly it was:

VOTED: To authorize Deficit Spending in the Veterans' Benefits Account for FY13.  
Unanimous in favor.

**Request from GATRA to request that Lakeville Legislators sign on to Budget Recommendation Support Letter for FY14**

Ms. Garbitt noted that it appears that the Lakeville Legislators will sign the GATRA letter of support for their FY14 Budget, so there is no need for the Board to send a letter at this time.

**Review request from Harbor Health Services for a Letter of Support for a Community Health Center**

Chairman Maksy read the letter from Harbor Health Services requesting letter of support for a Community Health Center in Plymouth. Their proposed service area would include Lakeville.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Belliveau; seconded by Selectman Powderly it was:

VOTED: To send a letter of support to Harbor Health Services to expand their Community Health Centers to Plymouth in the Cordage Park area.  
Unanimous in favor.

**Request to place cell phone recycling container at the Transfer Station-Lakeville Lions**

*Robert Joyal, Lakeville Lions Club Member, was present for the discussion.* Mr. Joyal stated that his group is conducting a cell phone recycling drive. They have contacted local businesses asking to allow a container to be placed at their business for people to drop off their old cell phones. The club will receive an amount of money anywhere from \$.50 to \$20 based on the type of phone dropped off. Only the phones are needed, not the chargers. He would like permission to place a box at the Transfer Station for residents. Chairman Maksy suggested placing one at the Town Office Building also and to ask the Library and Senior Center if a box could be placed there.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Belliveau; seconded by Selectman Powderly it was:

VOTED: To allow the request by the Lakeville Lions to place a cell phone recycling container at the Transfer Station and in the Town Office Building.  
Unanimous in favor.

### **Request for Road Race-Mullein Hill Baptist Church**

Chairman Maksy read the request from Mullein Hill Baptist Church to hold a road race on May 4, 2013 as a fundraiser for Special Olympics and Autism Speaks. Ms. Craig noted that she has contacted MassHighway to see if an Events Permit is required from them if only local roads are being used. The Fire and Police Chiefs do not feel it is necessary, and she is waiting for an answer from MassHighway.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Belliveau; seconded by Selectman Powderly it was:

VOTED: To approve the request by Mullein Hill Baptist Church to hold a road race on May 4, 2013 to raise funds for Special Olympics and Autism Speaks.  
Unanimous in favor.

### **Revisit amended Charge for Economic Development Committee**

Ms. Garbitt stated that when the Economic Development Committee (EDC) met, they agreed to change the composition of the committee to five (5) members and appointments to be for the term of one (1) year. However, since another person has expressed interest in joining the EDC, the membership should remain at seven (7) members. Ms. Garbitt noted that after the Annual Election, the Selectmen will need to appoint a replacement for Chairman Maksy on the EDC.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Belliveau; seconded by Selectman Powderly it was:

VOTED: To change the composition of the EDC from 5 (five) members to seven (7), which will include five (5) at-large members.  
Unanimous in favor.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Belliveau; seconded by Selectman Powderly it was:

VOTED: To appoint Jessica Bradley to the EDC for a term to expire July 31, 2013.  
Unanimous in favor.

### **Request to appoint Joseph Chamberlain to 43D Project Review Committee**

Chairman Maksy read the letter from the Conservation Commission, designating Joseph Chamberlain as its representative to the 43D Project Review Committee.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Belliveau; seconded by Selectman Powderly it was:

VOTED: To appoint Joseph Chamberlain to the 43D Project Review Committee with a term to expire July 31, 2013.  
Unanimous in favor.

**Discuss Request for Curb Cut-Lot 4 Highland Road**

Chairman Maksy reviewed the request for a Curb Cut on Lot 4 Highland Road. This has been approved by the Superintendent of Streets and the Planning Board.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Belliveau; seconded by Selectman Powderly it was:

VOTED: To approve the request for a Curb Cut for Lot 4 Highland Road, contingent upon the conditions specified in Mr. Peck's, letter dated February 7, 2013.  
Unanimous in favor.

**Discuss Request from Dennis McCullough regarding speaking at Boy Scout Troop 4 Meeting on March 14, 2013**

Chairman Maksy discussed the letter received from Boy Scout Troop 4, inviting a Board member to speak to the Boy Scouts regarding public service and the rights and duties of a citizen. Selectman Belliveau said that he could attend the Boy Scouts meeting.

**Review and vote to approve Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2013; January 9, 2013; January 17, 2013 and January 28, 2013**

Upon a motion made by Selectman Belliveau; seconded by Selectman Powderly it was:

VOTED: To approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2013, January 17, 2013 and January 28, 2013 as presented.  
Unanimous in favor.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Belliveau, seconded by Selectman Powderly it was:

VOTED: To approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2013 as presented.  
Two in favor, one abstention (Selectman Maksy)

**Review and vote to approve Board of Selectmen Executive Session Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2013**

Upon a motion made by Selectman Belliveau; seconded by Selectman Powderly it was:

VOTED: To approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2013 as presented.  
Unanimous in favor

## **Old Business**

Ms. Garbitt distributed the information that she had received from the Interim School Superintendent on what was requested by the Board at the February 13, 2013 Budget Workshop. The year to date information for 2012 was not included, and that has now been requested. It had been noticed that some of the figures did not carry over from the Excel spreadsheet and that information will be provided. The information will be reviewed, and the Board will revisit this at their second Selectmen's meeting in March. The School Committee is to vote on their budget on March 20, 2013. Town budget meetings will begin March 21<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Garbitt stated that she would also like to see a breakdown on the health insurance plan, what is it, how many employees are on it and what plans are being used. Selectman Belliveau stated that the Regional Finance Committee will be meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> and February 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **New Business**

Ms. Garbitt stated that a meeting took place with William Taylor, Electric Division Manager and Sandra Richter from Middleborough Gas & Electric, herself, Selectman Belliveau, Fire Chief Dan Hopkins, Police Chief Frank Alvilhiera, and Superintendent of Streets Chris Peck to review what had taken place during the recent blizzard, and to set into place ways to make sure that the process would be handled even more smoothly the next time around. The primary concern was making sure that everyone had the appropriate phone contact information and the chain of communication. Middleborough Gas & Electric did a fabulous job for the most part. In four (4) days, 95% of the residents were back on line. It did take a little longer to get to the outskirts of the Town, since the main streets needed to get done first, and they worked out from there. In the future, three (3) or four (4) days prior to a main event, there will be a meeting in order to make sure everything is coordinated between both Towns. A major concern is to make sure that the elderly are checked on and that communication is kept up. Selectman Belliveau asked about having a list of elderly residents that live alone compiled so they can be checked on.

## **Other Items**

1. Letter from Board of Library Commissioners for FY13 Waiver for the Library
2. Notice of acceptance of Pickens Street property into Forestry Management Program
3. Letter from Loretta Baldwin regarding condition of Emergency Access onto Rhode Island Road

Chairman Maksy noted that the correspondence was from a Middleborough resident who reside on Crest Drive. How does this relate to Lakeville? Ms. Garbitt responded that the Town of Lakeville is responsible for that area. The Town signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Middleborough regarding the responsibilities of the Route 79 dead end, which is in Lakeville. Mr. Peck, Superintendent of Streets, did make sure that this area was plowed. The "dead end" of Route 79 is Lakeville's responsibility to plow.

4. Letter from MEMA regarding 2013 Blizzard Initial Damage Assessments  
Selectman Powderly asked who specifically fills out the paperwork for storm damage. Ms. Garbitt responded that Chief Hopkins fills out the forms since he is the Emergency Management Director for the Town. Chief Hopkins met with MEMA today regarding

the damage from Hurricane Sandy. This letter pertains to the blizzard a few weeks ago. He will gather the necessary information from the Town Department Heads, and work with the Town Accountant to fill out the necessary paperwork to submit to the State.

5. MEGA Financial Status Update
6. Notice from MMA of upcoming Legislative Breakfast Meetings
7. Notice from Senator Rodrigues Office of discussion with Transportation Secretary Davey – March 4, 2013  
Selectman Belliveau stated that he will attend the meeting.
8. Information from GATRA Advisory Board Meeting-February 14, 2013
9. SRPEDD Commission Meeting Notice-February 27, 2013
10. Notice on Municipal Local Food Seminar-March 7, 2013
11. Notice of MBTA Advisory Board Meeting-February 19, 2013
12. Notice from Massachusetts Historical Commission regarding Archeology Month
13. Voice of the Retired Public Employees Newsletter
14. Invitation to Plymouth County Transportation Breakfast

At 9:25 PM, upon a motion made by Selectman Belliveau; seconded by Selectman Powderly it was:

VOTED: To enter Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21(3) and not return to open session to discuss strategy in preparation for negotiations with the new unions because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Board and pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Board.  
Polled vote: Selectman Belliveau-Aye, Selectman Powderly-Aye, and Selectman Maksy-Aye.