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**DRAFT TO BE APPROVED AT THE JUNE 6<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen Meeting**

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, May 23, 2011 at the Town Hall.

**Present for the Board:** First Selectman Kate Donnelly, Selectman Roger Dionne, Selectman Mike Chapel

**Staff Present:** Liz Stillman, Recording Secretary

**Item 1: Call to Order:** First Selectman Donnelly called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm

**ITEM 2: Audience for Citizens:**

Dayna McDermott-Arriola asked the date and time for the town meeting would be set tonight as well as the call. First Selectman Donnelly indicated that the date would likely not be set tonight.

Gay Wagner spoke regarding the Special Revenue Fund for the Community Center and how the funds would be spent.

Juan Arriola spoke about giving money back to the original donors unless the funds were put in an endowment.

Dayna McDermott-Arriola spoke regarding the Special Revenue Fund.

Ev Hyde inquired why the Special Revenue Fund is on the agenda.

**ITEM 3: Discuss and Act on FY 2011-2012 Town Budget**

Selectman Chapel spoke in favor of the town employees paying an employee contribution for the insurance coverage.

Selectman Dionne spoke in favor of talking with the employees regarding their salaries and insurance coverage.

First Selectman Donnelly indicated that she would meet with town employees individually to discuss health insurance employee contributions and spoke in support of eliminating all employee raises, as well as cutting budget line items in a number of areas.

Selectman Dionne asked if the bill for the Grange floor had been taken care of. First Selectman Donnelly indicated that it was addressed at the May meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Chapel indicated that the pay raises were not objectionable at 2%, but that the percentage for the Treasurer could be cut down and that the health insurance benefits were more of an issue.

Selectman Chapel spoke in support of cutting the \$30,000 from the fire truck capital and nonrecurring account, leaving the employee raises at 2%, and the Treasurer's raise to 10% instead of 20% and putting \$10,000 back into the budget for land acquisition.

First Selectman Donnelly spoke in favor of cutting all salary increases and leaving the land acquisition budget line item out this year.

Selectman Chapel spoke in favor of cuts to benefits effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, rather than December 1<sup>st</sup> if that was passed.

Selectman Dionne spoke in favor cutting down the amount to land acquisition in the budget and putting it back in next fiscal year.

Selectman Chapel spoke regarding having the truck body repaired and cutting the truck fund for the public works budget.

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Selectman Chapel indicated that the area of most concern are the employees' salaries and benefits and that they've been generous in the past, supports cutting back some of the capital non-recurring budget items and taking money out of the general fund to do paving.

First Selectman Donnelly spoke regarding the Town Garage, and that the engineering and legal services costs were not included in the original garage building budget and still needed to be paid for.

**ITEM 4: Set Call for Town Meeting:**

Not ready to do that tonight.

**ITEM 5: Establish Special Revenue Fund for Grange Restoration:**

***MOTION:*** Selectmen Dionne/ Chapel moved/ seconded to establish a special revenue fund for the Grange restoration. Selectmen Chapel spoke supporting setting up a special fund for the Grange and that it would be untouchable for other purposes. First Selectman Donnelly agreed that this is why this fund was being established. All in favor; Motion passed.

**ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT:**

***MOTION:*** There being no further business for the Board to discuss at this Budget workshop, Selectman Dionne/Chapel moved/seconded to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.; all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elizabeth Stillman  
Recording Secretary