

Barrington Committee on Appropriations

Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2013

I. Call to order

Kathy Cadigan called to order the regular meeting of the **Barrington Committee on Appropriations** at **7:25 p.m.** on **4/18/13** in **Barrington Senior Center**.

II. Roll call

Geoff Grove conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Kathy Cadigan, Rosetta Narvaez, Tim Sweetser, Joel Hellmann, Geoff Grove, Mike Minardi - Tax Assessor, and Ann Strong -Town Council Liason.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Rosetta presented the minutes from the last meeting for amendment. The minutes were not approved pending revision.

IV. Open issues

- 1) School budget
 - a) Kathy noted that the School Committee represented by Bob Shea has been reticent to set a follow up date to meet with the COA to discuss the school budget. The COA resolved to present a number to them for comment.
 - b) Joel discussed the data provided by Ron Tarro regarding the W2 information requested. It appears that the information provided was not what the COA expected to receive. He believes that the numbers provided were net of something, not gross as requested. Further, W2's are sent separately by position, so the data does not reveal the earnings of school positions as was the intent of the request.
 - c) Kathy and Joel proposed that we recommend an increase to the school budget of \$900,000. It was agreed by all COA members to advise the school committee that it is the intent to bring this number to the taxpayers at the Budget Hearing on May 8th.
- 2) Motor vehicle tax
 - a) Kathy referred to an e-mail from Dean Huff that illustrated how increasing the exemption from \$500 to \$1000 will add about 2.78 cents to the real estate tax rate. For example, a family with two cars living in a median priced home will save \$42 on their car tax and pay an extra \$10 for their home property tax, a net savings of \$32.
 - b) It was agreed by all COA members to advise the Town Manager that it is the intent to bring a motor vehicle exemption of \$1000 (an increase of \$500) to the taxpayers at the Budget Hearing on May 8th.
- 3) Next meeting
 - a) The next scheduled meeting of the COA is Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:15 p.m.

V. Adjournment

Kathy Cadigan adjourned the meeting at **8:55 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by: Geoff Grove