



# Town of Pepperell

## Planning Board

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### MINUTES

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Pepperell Town Hall

**Members Present:** Nick Cate, Dennis Kane, Mark Marston, Rick McHugh, Steve Themelis

**Members Absent:** None

### CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Cate called this special meeting of the Board to order at 4:30pm.

The Planning Board held a special meeting on this date to discuss additional requested reductions in the FY10 budget proposal. A request to reduce an additional \$3,905 from their budget was being requested. This figure represents 10% of the wages and salaries for the Planning Board budget.

The Planning Administrator had prepared three scenarios for reducing the budget. The Board reviewed the three options. Option 1 reduced office hours to 30 hours per week and drastically reduced other line items in the budget. Option 2 reduced the office hours to 29 hours per week and did not reduce other lines as severely. Option 3 reduced the office hours to 28 hours per week and actually raised other line items to higher than what the Board had presented in their first proposal of the budget.

Mr. McHugh stated he would like to see one bottom line amount for the budget and work from there sort of as needed for office expenses other than wages. It was explained that this type of budget is not allowed. Mr. Marston did not agree at all with the request to further reduce the budget. He pointed out that the Planning Board budget is greatly reduced from the last few years and the original proposal with the reduction in that proposal should have been sufficient for the Finance Committee.

The Board voted on what to present as a revised budget. Mr. Themelis motioned to present Option 1 to the Finance Committee as the revised budget. Mr. Kane seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all voting Aye except Mr. Marston who voted Nay.

### CLOSE MEETING:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED:**

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Nicholas A. Cate

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Mark F. Marston

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Dennis A. Kane

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Richard C. McHugh, Jr.

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Stephen C. Themelis