

APPROVED MINUTES
Approved on June 30, 2008

KITTERY TOWN COUNCIL
Special Meeting

June 2, 2008

Council Chamber

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeffrey Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **INTRODUCTORY**

Chairman Thomson read the Introductory.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chair led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **ROLL CALL**

Answering the roll were Councilors Jeffery Brake, Frank Dennett, George Dow, Glenn Shwaery, Vice Chair Judith Spiller and Chairman Jeffrey Thomson. Also present were Town Manager Jonathan Carter, Town Clerk Maryann Place, School Superintendent Larry Littlefield, School Committee Chair Jeffrey Pelletier, Recorder Chris Kudym, members of the press and others.

Chairman Thomson stated that this was a special meeting of the Kittery Town Council that was being held pursuant to changes in the school funding mechanism by the State of Maine. As required by legislation, there would be three Public Hearings on various aspects of the School Budget. These various aspects were contained in Ordinances, which, if approved, would then move forward to a Town-wide vote on Tuesday, June 10, 2008.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

a. (060108-1) *THE KITTERY TOWN COUNCIL MOVES TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL LOCAL FUNDS FOR SCHOOL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009."*

Chairman Thomson noted that State Law required a separate, recorded vote - with a majority of the full Council in favor - on these items. He then read the Ordinance, which recommended \$2,696,849 in additional local funds. The Chair indicated that notification of these Public Hearings appeared in the local printed media on Friday, May 16, 2008 and thereafter opened the Public Hearing. Receiving no response, the Chair closed the Public Hearing.

COUNCILOR DENNETT MOVED THAT THE SUM OF \$2,696,849 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED IN ADDITIONAL LOCAL FUNDS, EXCEEDING THE STATE'S ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES MODEL BY \$2,472,367, BY APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL LOCAL FUNDS FOR SCHOOL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009," SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DOW.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN, WITH ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES 6/0.

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b. (060108-2) *THE KITTERY TOWN COUNCIL MOVES TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, “ORDINANCE APPROVING SCHOOL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009.”*

Chairman Thomson read the Ordinance and opened the Public Hearing. Not receiving a response, the Chair closed the Public Hearing.

VICE CHAIR SPILLER MOVED TO APPROVE AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, “ORDINANCE APPROVING SCHOOL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009,” SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DOW.

Councilor Shwaery asked if they had met the State mandated reductions in transportation and Special Ed? Superintendent Littlefield came to the podium and replied that under the Consolidation Law, one of two things would happen: (1) they would consolidate with another district or (2) if that were not the case, they would be required to show those five percent savings in transportation, maintenance and other areas. At this point they were not required to make those five percent savings, but Mr. Littlefield said they had.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN, WITH ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES 6/0.

c. (060108-3) *THE KITTERY TOWN COUNCIL MOVES TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, “ORDINANCE APPROVING TRANSFER OF YEAR-END BALANCES TO DEDICATED ACCOUNTS.”*

Chairman Thomson read the Ordinance, which would transfer \$199,818 from the ending balance of the School General Operating Funds for the 2006-07 fiscal year by allocating \$99,909 to the School Maintenance Dedicated Account and \$99,909 to the School Special Education Dedicated Account. The Chair then opened the Public Hearing and not receiving a response, closed the Public Hearing.

In order to allow more latitude to the School Committee, Councilor Dennett thought the words “not more than” should be inserted into the language.

COUNCILOR DENNETT MOVED THAT THE SUM OF NOT MORE THAN \$199,818 BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE ENDING BALANCE OF SCHOOL GENERAL OPERATING FUNDS FOR THE 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR, AS FOLLOWS: NOT MORE THAN \$99,909 TO THE SCHOOL MAINTENANCE DEDICATED ACCOUNT AND NOT MORE THAN \$99,909 TO THE SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION DEDICATED ACCOUNT, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SHWAERY.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN, WITH ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES 6/0.

6. DISCUSSION (*by members of the public on Item No. 7 – 3 minutes per person*)

7. NEW BUSINESS

(060108-4) *THE KITTERY TOWN COUNCIL MOVES TO SIGN THE MUNICIPAL WARRANTS FOR THE JUNE 10, 2008 BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM ELECTION.*

VICE CHAIR SPILLER MOVED TO SIGN THE MUNICIPAL WARRANTS FOR THE JUNE 10, 2008 BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM ELECTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BRAKE.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN, WITH ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES 6/0.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

VICE CHAIR SPILLER MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DOW, WITH ALL IN FAVOR.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:18 P.M.