

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
February 4, 2009

Attendees: Joe Freitas and Barry DeCristofano

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

This meeting was for the express purpose of discussing the regional high school budget for the upcoming fiscal year (FY10). In attendance were representatives from the Halifax Board of Selectmen and the Plympton, Halifax, and Kingston Finance Committees (see attached attendance sheet).

The Regional School Committee is still in the process of writing the budget proposal. Everyone involved recognizes the extreme constraints of the current fiscal situation. As a result, the starting point is a level-service budget. Keeping the services provided by the school the same as provided this year would result in a 3.1% increase in the total budget. The effect of this on each Town's assessment was estimated as follows: Plympton – +\$12,530; Halifax – +\$142,000; Kingston – +\$448,000.

It is likely that the Superintendent will propose to the Committee a level-funded budget. This would result in a reduction in services and programs compared to the current year. In this scenario, each Town's assessment would change as follows: Plympton – -\$87,406; Halifax – -\$118,700; Kingston – +\$23,000.

The uneven changes in the assessments is due to other factors such as the size of the respective student populations and State aid calculations.

A general discussion followed on various aspects of each Town's financial picture heading into the new year and funding changes occurring at the State level.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on motion of Mr. Freitas, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mr. DeCristofano. 2-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry DeCristofano  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

Attachment – Sign-in sheet from the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting (phone numbers and email addresses removed)

(2.4.9)	NAME	TOWN	TITLE
	Joe Lutas	Plympton	Selection
	Barry DeCastro	Plympton	Selection
	Dick Wright	Halifax	FINANCE COM
	Jim Roy	Halifax	FINANCE COM
	Reg Fitzgibbon	Halifax	Selection
	Clair Soares	Kingston	Fin Com
	ELAINE FIORE	KINGSTON	FIN COM
	David Pecinovsky	Plympton	Fin Com
	Max West	"	"
	Lisa Hart	Plympton	Fin Com
	JOHN PESA	HALIFAX	"