

MINUTES

**TOWN OF LUDLOW
SELECT BOARD**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2014**

Board Members Present:

Howard Barton, Jr., Chairman, Brett Sanderson, Bruce Schmidt, Doug Ficken, John Neal

Staff Present:

Frank Heald

Call to Order:

- a. Chairman, Howard Barton Jr. called the Special Meeting to order at 8:15 am

Sign Warning for 2014 Town Meeting:

- a. Frank Heald said that in the Warning for Town Meeting the corrected amount to be raised by taxes including the County tax is \$3,500,688.00.
- b. Howard Barton said in article #4 for the Fletcher Memorial Library they are asking for \$20,000. He said we already give them a total of \$50,500 plus other hidden costs such as lawn care, snowplowing, shoveling and other maintenance.
- c. John Neal said the voters will make the decision.
- d. Howard Barton said previously the voters were making the decision but the Select Board changed it and put their funding into the Appropriations, but now they are asking for more money. He said it is not a town building but we are still funding the operations.
- e. Bruce Schmidt said there should be discussions at Town Meeting and someone from the Library can stand up and talk about the money spent and what they are asking for.
- f. Frank Heald said we encourage discussion at the Public Information Meeting. He said the three articles can be discussed first and then the Town Moderator can continue with the other articles.
- g. Frank Heald said that with the three articles that include the Bike Path, Ludlow Quest and the Library, it would be prudent to point out the positives about each article.
- h. MOTION by Bruce Schmidt and seconded by Brett Sanderson to adopt and sign the Warning for 2014 Town Meeting as presented raising \$3,500,688 to be raised from taxes. All in favor and the motion passed.

Adjourn:

- a. MOTION by Doug Ficken and seconded by John Neal to adjourn. All in favor and the motion passed.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank
Acting Clerk

Howard Barton Jr., Chairman

John Neal

Bruce Schmidt

Brett Sanderson

Douglas Ficken