

**Minutes of Town Meeting  
August 5, 2015**

The Town Meeting was called to order by Kathleen C Dunai, Town Clerk, at 7:07 pm.

Upon nomination by Tom Frenaye, 489 Warnertown Road with a second by Edward McAnaney, 85 Wren Drive., Mark Ohara , 617 North Street., was unanimously elected moderator by voice vote.

Bobbie Kling, 1120 Newgate Road., with a second from Edward McAnaney, 85 Wren Drive., presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

***RESOLVED, that the Town Meeting of the Town of Suffield authorizes the transfer of \$156,391.50 from the fund balance to the Town Counsel Legal Settlement account to cover Haynes arbitration costs.***

First Selectman Edward McAnaney discussed the motion using a PowerPoint presentation

Discussion followed.

The amendment passed unanimously by voice vote

Brian Fitzgerald, 1210 Newgate Road., with a second from Edward McAnaney, 85 Wren Drive., presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

***RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER UNEXPENDED FUNDS OF PROJECTS BETWEEN THE \$1,400,000 APPROPRIATION AND BOND AUTHORIZATION FOR FIRE TRUCK AND RELATED EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION, THE \$750,000 APPROPRIATION AND BOND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF BOSTON NECK ROAD BRIDGE AND THE \$3,742,000 APPROPRIATION AND BOND AUTHORIZATION FOR ROAD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS***

***WHEREAS, the Resolution to appropriate \$1,400,000 for the acquisition of up to three fire trucks and related equipment, and to authorize the issue of bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 to finance said appropriation, was approved at a Referendum held on April 28, 2011; and***

***WHEREAS, the Resolution to appropriate \$750,000 for the rehabilitation of Boston Neck Road Bridge, and to authorize the issue of bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 to finance said appropriation, was approved at a Special Town Meeting held on November 1, 2012; and***

***WHEREAS, the Resolution to appropriate \$3,742,000 for costs related to road and drainage improvements described in the Suffield Pavement Management Project Tracking Spreadsheet dated October 2012 and as determined by the Board of***

Selectmen, and to authorize the issue of bonds, notes or temporary notes in amount not to exceed \$3,742,000 to finance said appropriation, was approved at a Special Town Meeting held on November 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the new fire truck and related equipment acquisition and the rehabilitation of Boston Neck Road Bridge are completed (the "Completed Projects"), and excess funds are available from the Completed Projects to be transferred to other projects; and

WHEREAS, the road and drainage improvements described in the Suffield Pavement Management Project Tracking Spreadsheet dated October 2012 and as determined by the Board of Selectmen, can make use of additional funds to complete that project.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following transfers are hereby approved:

	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Transfer Increase/(Decrease)</u>	<u>Revised Amount</u>
<i>Fire truck and related equipment acquisition</i>	\$1,400,000.00	(\$109,343.00)	\$1,290,657.00
<i>Rehabilitation of Boston Neck Road Bridge</i>	\$750,000.00	(\$263,148.61)	\$486,851.39
<i>Road and drainage improvements</i>	\$3,742,000.00	\$372,491.61	\$4,114,491.61

FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of the transfers, the Director of Finance is authorized to close out the Completed Projects.

First Selectman Edward McAnaney discussed the motion using a PowerPoint presentation

Discussion followed.

The amendment passed unanimously by voice vote.

Amanda Thibedeau, 1510 North Stone Street., with a second from Brian Fitzgerald, 1210 Newgate Road., presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Meeting of the Town of Suffield enact the following Ordinance concerning tax refunds:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, §12-129, the tax collector is authorized to retain any payment in excess of the amount due of any property tax, interest or lien fee payment which is less than five dollars (\$5.00).

Discussion followed.

The amendment passed unanimously by voice vote.

Amanda Thibedeau, 1510 North Stone Street., with a second from Brian Fitzgerald, 1210 Newgate Road., presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

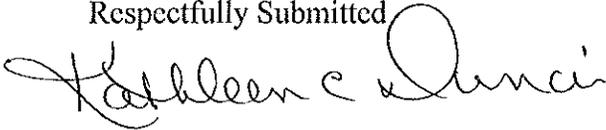
***FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Board of Selectmen, determine the placement of the foregoing Ordinance in the Suffield Town Code, and shall make the necessary changes to the numbering of the ordinances section(s) to ensure proper placement of the ordinances in the Suffield Town Code.***

Bobbie Kling, 1120 Newgate Road., motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tom Frenaye, 489 Warnertown Road seconded the motion.

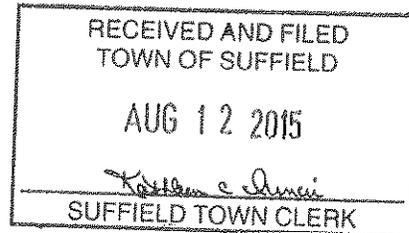
The motion to adjourn passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Kathleen C Dunai  
Town Clerk





# Town Meeting & Public Hearing

August 5, 2015

Presented by Board of Selectmen



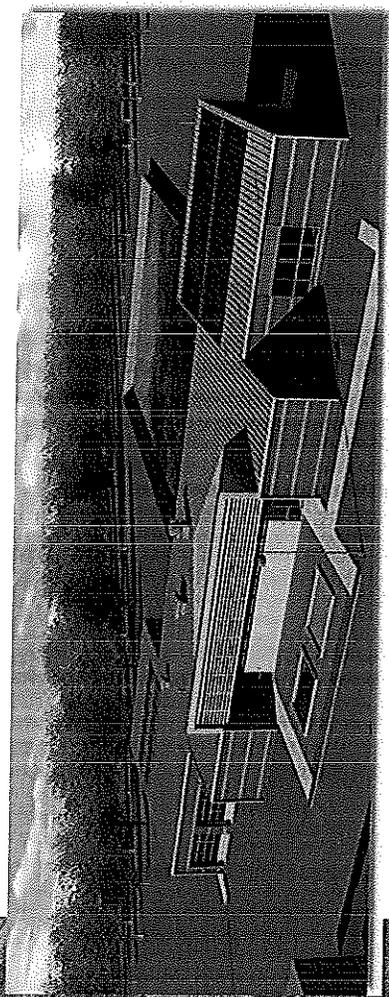
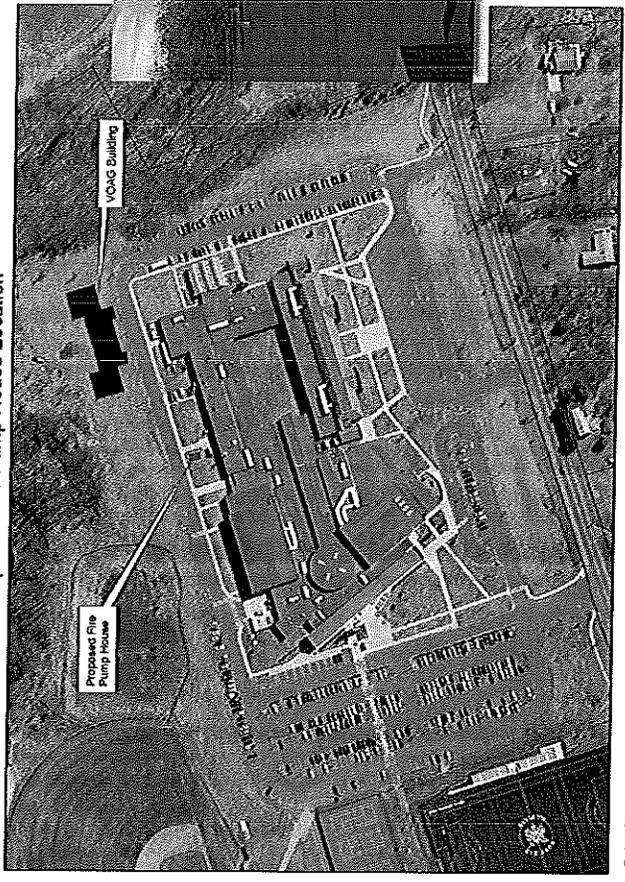
# Town Meeting Agenda

- Authorize transfers of \$156,391.50 from Unassigned Fund Balance to the Town Counsel Legal Settlement account to cover Haynes arbitration costs.
- Authorize the transfer of \$372,491.61 in unused bond funds from the fire truck and equipment acquisition project and the Boston Neck Road bridge project to road and drainage improvements.
- Adopt an ordinance to allow the Tax Collector to retain refunds of less than \$5.00.

# Fire Pump Arbitration Settlement

- A Fire Pump was required to ensure adequate pressure for fire suppression for the High School and new Large Animal Facility

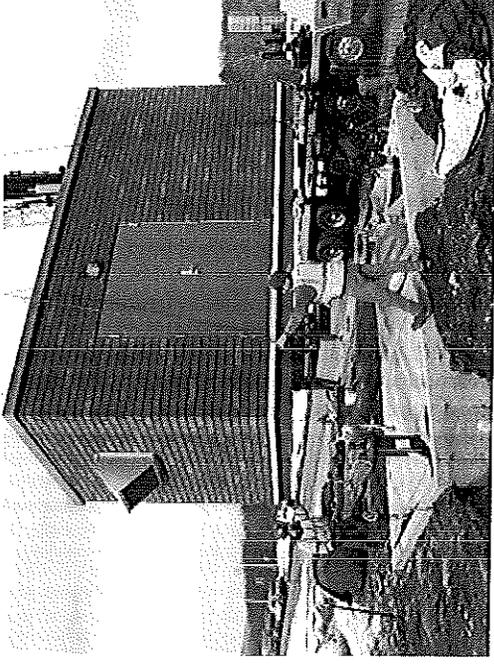
Proposed Fire Pump House Location



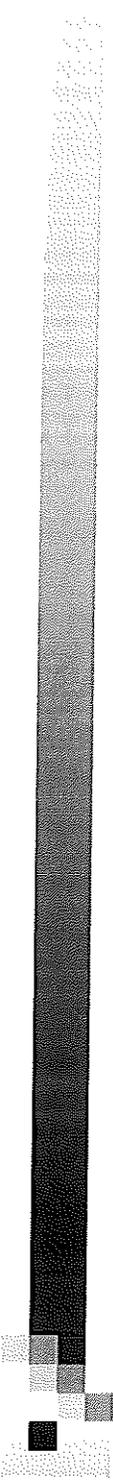
1 inch equals 150 feet

Surfside Zoning and Planning

# Fire Pump Arbitration Settlement



- Haynes Construction was low bidder on fire pump project
- Pump house was fabricated substantially differently from the approved plans and installed without approved shop drawings
- Large Animal Facility could not open without functioning fire pump
- Town tried to get Haynes to correct the deficiencies



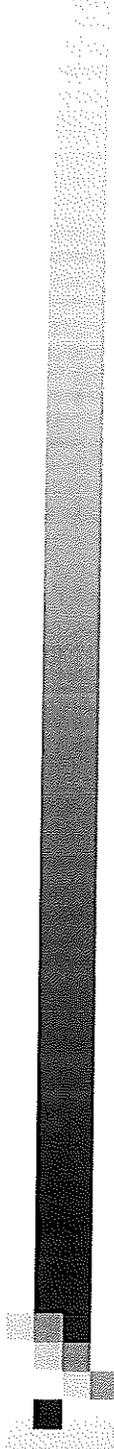
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- Due to Haynes unresponsiveness, Town exercised its rights to correct code and construction deficiencies
- Town hired another contractor to complete the project
  - Project completed in Spring 2014
- Town did not pay Haynes due to failure to meet contract terms
- Haynes sued Town to pay on contract



# Fire Pump Arbitration Settlement

- Town goes to mediation with Haynes but cannot come to terms on a settlement
- Contract calls for Binding Arbitration should mediation fail
- Arbitrator approves some of Haynes' costs which are the subject of this Town Meeting



# Fire Pump Arbitration Settlement

## *Settlement Summary*

Haynes Base Contract w/COs	\$361,729.68
Town's Rework Costs Accepted	-\$146,477.99
Remaining Sum to be paid to Haynes	\$215,251.69
Balance in Account	\$ 58,860.19
Amount Needed	\$156,391.50



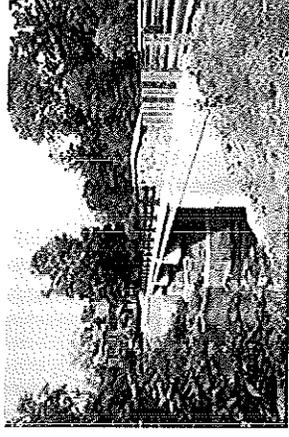
# Fire Pump Arbitration Settlement

## Public Input and Vote on Resolutions

- **Resolved:** that the Town Meeting of the Town of Suffield authorizes the transfer of \$156,391.50 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the Town Counsel Legal Settlement account to cover Haynes arbitration costs.

# Bonding Project Transfers

- Excess bond funds remain from two completed projects
  - Fire Trucks and Related Equipment Acquisition approved at a referendum in April 2011
  - Boston Neck Road Bridge Replacement approved at Special Town Meeting held in November 2012



- Board of Selectmen recommend transfer of excess funds in the amount of \$372,491.61 to Road and Drainage Improvements

# Bonding Project Transfers

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of the transfers, the Director of Finance is authorized to close out the Completed Projects.



# Ordinance Regarding Tax Refunds less than \$5

- State statute allows, by municipal ordinance, for communities to retain tax refunds under \$5 due to the administrative burden of refunding such small amounts.

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## Public Input and Vote on Resolutions

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