

**TOWN OF ARUNDEL, MAINE**  
Joint Meeting  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN & ARUNDEL WITHDRAWAL COMMITTEE**

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Tuesday, October 2, 2012  
Mildred L. Day School Library

Present: Selectmen Velma Jones Hayes, Dana Peck, Dan Dubois, Phil Labbe, and Tom Danylik  
Arundel Withdrawal Committee members - Jack Turcotte, Diane Robbins, Jon Renell

Todd Shea, Town Manager and Simone Boissonneault, Town Clerk.

Arundel Withdrawal Committee Chairman Jack Turcotte called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Mildred L. Day School Library. Mr. Turcotte explained that Mr. Charles Lawton, Chief Economist of Planning Decisions, would give a power point presentation of the report prepared for the Withdrawal Committee. He asked that questions be held until after the presentation. Questions would be taken from the Board and Committee members first followed by questions from the public.

Mr. Lawton presented the data and detailed explanation of the report and tables and the process used to derive the data. Copies of the Draft document made for those in attendance.

Questions and discussion followed on several issues:

- Special Education figures are a "wild card".
- Administration costs estimated at 15% appeared too low to many
- Impact of fixed tuition on high schools and middle school leaves K-5 vulnerable for cuts in programs and funding
- Figures were questioned in the renovation estimates and Mr. Lawton will review and provide more information on the data.
- Quality of education important factor
- Future variables include property values and enrollment numbers.
- Cost sharing formulas discussed.

Following the presentation and questions, Mr. Lawton agreed to review the figures regarding the proposed renovations. A final draft is anticipated on Thursday. The Town Manager stated that a condensed report will be provided by Mr. Lawton to be mailed out to all residents in the same manner as the newsletter.

The Referendum Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at the MLD Gym at 7 pm. Mr. Lawton will be giving the presentation for the public hearing.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm. Approximately 35 people were in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Simone Boissonneault

Arundel Town Clerk