

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017 8:00 A.M.

Members present:

Francis A. Hegarty, Chairman
Robert F. Brady, Jr., Clerk
Steven P. Rose, Associate

Others present:

Francis T. Crimmins, Jr., Town Administrator
Shanna M. Faro, Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator
Patricia C. Bessette, Town Clerk
William Fitzgerald, DPW Director

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with all members present.

Workshop Session Regarding Articles for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of May 2, 2017.

After reviewing the Total Tax Revenue and Local Receipts Sheet for Fiscal Year 2017 submitted by the Town Accountant, and the Tax Rate Recapitulation Sheet submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue by the Board of Assessors, the Board determined an estimated \$1.3 million dollars in projected revenue for Fiscal Year 2018 to use for funding of the Articles on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

The Board reviewed the draft Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of May 2 2017, submitted as Exhibit A, in the Workshop Meeting Minutes.

Articles One, Two, Three and Four – The Board voted unanimously to approve these Articles and include in the Warrant.

Article A – The Board voted unanimously to approve this Article submitted by the Board of Health and include in the Warrant.

Article B – The Board voted unanimously to withdraw this Article submitted by the Police Chief from the Warrant as it has been placed as a line item in the Proposed Operating Budget.

Article C – The Board voted unanimously to approve this Article submitted by the Police Chief and include in the Warrant.

Article D – Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the Article submitted by the Planning Board regarding amending the Zoning By-Laws for a Village Overlay District and include in the Warrant. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article E – The Board voted unanimously to approve the Article submitted by the Town Clerk and include in the Warrant.

Article F – Mr. Rose made a motion to deny this Article submitted by the Fire Chief and exclude from the Warrant. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Article G – Mr. Rose made a motion to approve this Article submitted by the Fire Chief and include in the Warrant. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article H – Mr. Brady made a motion to approve this Article submitted by the Fire Chief and include in the Warrant. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article I – Mr. Rose made a motion to approve this Article submitted by the Fire Chief and include in the Warrant. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article J – Mr. Brady made a motion to approve this Article submitted by the Fire Chief and include in the Warrant with the stipulation that the Board be provided more information regarding this Article from the Fire Chief. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article K – Mr. Rose made a motion to approve this Article submitted by the Building Inspector and include in the Warrant with the stipulation that the vehicle be consistent in the color, decal and markings of other Town vehicles. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article L – The Board voted unanimously to deny this Article regarding the Special Sick Leave Revolving Fund as it was placed as a line item in the Proposed Operating Budget.

Article M – Mr. Rose made a motion to approve this Article submitted by the IT Director and include in the Warrant with the stipulation that the IT Director provide the Board with more information regarding the installation of camera systems from the IT Director. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article N – Mr. Rose made a motion to amend this Article and insert the amount of \$25,000 needed for repairs and improvements to the Town Hall building with the stipulation that procurement procedures are followed and the estimate is consistent with funding proposed. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article O – The Board voted unanimously to amend this Article submitted by the School Committee for a sum of \$300,000 for repairs to the Ralph D. Butler Elementary School parking lot and include in the Warrant.

Article P – Mr. Rose made a motion to deny this Article regarding the Town Hall parking lot and exclude from the Warrant. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article Q – Mr. Rose made a motion to amend this Article submitted by the Department of Public Works to a sum of \$6,000 for Cross Connection Program updates and include in the Warrant. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article R – Mr. Rose made a motion to approve this Article submitted by the Department of Public Works and include in the Warrant. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article S – Mr. Rose made a motion to approve this Article submitted by the Department of Public Works and include in the Warrant with the stipulations that a water rate study be performed as soon as possible and if needed, the water rates will be adjusted, as of July 1, 2017. Mr. Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article T – The Board voted unanimously to approve this Article submitted by the Department of Public Works and include in the Warrant with the stipulation that Mr. Fitzgerald reword this article and, also, to correct the type of pick-up truck the Department is requesting.

Article U – Mr. Rose made a motion to approve this Article submitted by the Department of Public Works and include in the Warrant. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article V – Mr. Rose made a motion to approve this Article submitted by the Department of Public Works and include in the Warrant. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Board asked Mr. Fitzgerald to educate the residents on the need for this article and publicize important facts and data regarding this article. The Board discussed place a line item in the Selectmen's budget to hire a Media Consultant.

Article W – Mr. Rose made to approve this Article submitted by the Department of Public Works and include in the Warrant. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article X – The Board voted unanimously to deny this Article and withdraw from the Warrant.

Article Y – Mr. Rose made a motion to approve this Article submitted by the Town Clerk and include in the Warrant. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article Z – The Board voted unanimously to deny this Article submitted by the Library Trustees and exclude from the Warrant.

Article AA – The Board voted unanimously to deny this Article submitted by the Library Trustees and withdraw from the Warrant. The Board voted unanimously to hire a professional consultant to conduct the Library Feasibility Study.

Article BB – Mr. Rose made a motion to deny this Article submitted by the Park & Recreation Commission and exclude from the Warrant. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article CC – Mr. Rose made a motion to deny this Article submitted by the Park & Recreation Commission and exclude from the Warrant. Mr. Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article DD – The Board voted unanimously to approve this Article submitted by the Park & Recreation Commission and include in the Warrant with the stipulation that DPW Director Bill Fitzgerald oversee this project and verify the amount of funding needed for this project.

Article EE – Mr. Rose made a motion to approve this Article regarding prior year bills and include in the Warrant. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article FF – Mr. Rose made a motion to approve this Article submitted by the Town Accountant and include in the Warrant. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article GG – The Board voted unanimously to deny this Article and withdraw from the Warrant.

Article HH – The Board voted unanimously to approve this Article submitted by the Finance Committee and include in the Warrant.

Article II – Mr. Rose made a motion to approve this Article submitted by the Department of Public Works and include in the Warrant with the stipulations that the Article be reworded so that it is exempt from Proposition 2 ½; that a water rate study be conducted as soon as possible; and, if needed, that the water rates would be adjusted effective July 1, 2017.

Article JJ – Mr. Rose made a motion to deny this Article submitted by the School Committee and exclude from the Warrant. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article KK – Mr. Brady made a motion to approve this Article and include in the Warrant with the stipulation that Town Counsel review the parcel of land in question and find it to be environmentally safe. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article LL – Mr. Rose made a motion to approve this Article and include in the Warrant with the stipulation that the Town Treasurer clarify to the Board the need for this article. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Article MM – The Board voted unanimously to amend this article for a sum of \$400,000 to raise and appropriate available funds a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Account.

Adjournment

The Board voted unanimously to close the Warrant with thirty-two (32) articles, pending clarification and wording of certain articles as discussed above. The motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Workshop Session.

Mr. Rose voted aye.

Mr. Brady voted aye.

Mr. Hegarty voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Shanna M. Faro

Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator