

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
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## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

### **WORKSHOP MEETING IN PREPARATION FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**Members present:**

Steven P. Rose, Chairman  
Eric S. Beckerman, Clerk  
Robert F. Brady, Jr., Associate

**Others present:**

James P. Purcell, Interim Town Administrator  
Shanna M. Faro, Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator  
Joseph S. Lalli, Town Counsel  
Kimberly Brown, Town Accountant  
Patricia C. Bessette, Town Clerk

**Finance Committee:**

Jarrett Beeley, Chairman  
Daniel Norian, Member  
Michael Wilson, Member  
Phil Fowler, Member

Mr. Rose called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all parties present. Mr. Rose stated that the meeting was not being recorded by Avon Community Media Access or any private citizens. Mr. Rose stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hold a final preparation session for the Annual Town Meeting on June 4, 2018. No votes would be taken at the meeting. Mr. Brady led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wilson informed Mr. Rose that the Finance Committee recommends that Articles 15, 21 and 23 be presented to the Town Moderator as a group to be withdrawn for various reasons. Mr. Wilson stated that the Finance Committee also recommends that the collaborative funds requested from those Articles be repurposed and added to the total funds requested for Article 14 regarding the reconstruction of the Page Street Water Tank. Mr. Wilson stated that by amending Article 14 with the additional funding, the rehabilitation of the water tank would be financed by approximately 2/3rds of the total cost of the project, with the anticipation that the remaining funds be requested at a Special Town Meeting in the fall. Mr. Wilson stated that the Finance Committee did not expect much opposition to this Article due to the severity of the current conditions of the Water Tank. Mr. Lalli asked Ms. Bessette if the Town Moderator was aware of the intention from the Board to request residents to vote to withdraw these Articles to which she replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Finance Committee recommends that Article 19 submitted by the Department of Public Works be withdrawn and resubmitted at a Special Town Meeting in the fall. Mr. Rose stated that he will ask Mr. Fitzgerald to request residents to vote to withdraw this Article.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Finance Committee recommends that Article 11 submitted by the Citizens Petition be amended to include language to establish clear policies and procedures regarding the handling of a Revolving Fund for the Park & Recreation Commission. Mr. Purcell and Ms. Brown stated that they have been researching language to amend into this Article but have had difficulty thus far. Ms. Brown stated that there are rules as defined in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53D. Mr. Rose requested Ms. Brown and Mr. Purcell continue to work together in drafting language to include internal controls and a policy in which the Park & Recreation Commission is accountable that the cash handling is being used for its intended purpose.

At 7:30 p.m., the Finance Committee departed. A brief discussion was held as to which Selectman would present each Article at the Annual Town Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shanna M. Faro".

Shanna M. Faro  
Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator