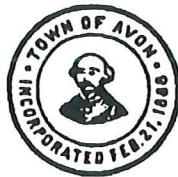


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BOARD OF SELECTMEN WORKSHOP MEETING MARCH 24, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Eric S. Beckerman, Clerk
Jason L. Suzor, Associate (via videoconference)

Others Present: Gregory S. Enos, Town Administrator (via videoconference)
Shanna M. Faro, Executive Assistant
Joseph S. Lalli, Town Counsel
Patricia C. Bessette, Town Clerk
Richard Jordan, Finance Committee (via videoconference)

Mr. Beckerman called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Mr. Beckerman will serve as Acting Chair as Mr. Rose was absent from the meeting. He announced that this workshop meeting of the Board of Selectmen is being conducted via a hybrid method. The public may attend the meeting in-person or may continue to participate via remote Zoom access. Until further notice, in-person attendees, who are not vaccinated, will be recommended to wear a mask. Mr. Beckerman reminded the viewing audience that people who would like to view this meeting while in progress may do so by joining the Zoom link for the videoconference.

Warrant for Annual Town Election and Town Meeting

Ms. Bessette requested the Board consider reducing the hours of the Annual Town Election to be held on April 12, 2022 in the Mary McDermott room of Town Hall. She stated that although the election is typically held between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., as there are no contested races this year, she requested the reduced hours of 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Ms. Bessette informed the Board there will be one question on the ballot requesting the town vote to have its elected tree warden become an appointed tree warden. Ms. Bessette requested permission for the Board to write a brief explanation to the voters of the impact of a "yes" vote versus a "no" vote for this question to be posted on social media and the website. The Board agreed with the Town Clerk's request. Mr. Suzor made a motion to reduce the hours of the Annual Town Election to 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mr. Beckerman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Suzor voted aye. Mr. Beckerman voted aye. The motion passed.

Mr. Enos requested permission from the Board to commence the Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. as opposed to 7:30 p.m. Mr. Enos stated that by starting the meeting earlier, it will allow for more time to present each article on the warrant. Mr. Suzor made a motion to commence the Annual Town Meeting to be held on May 3, 2022 at the Avon Middle High School auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Beckerman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Suzor voted aye. Mr. Beckerman voted aye. The motion carried.

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Mr. Enos informed the Board that there would be one additional article related to paying unpaid medical bills as it was recently discovered there is an outstanding \$245 medical bill from the prior year.

The Board and Ms. Bessette made some slight grammatical and typographical changes while reviewing the articles. Mr. Beckerman requested that Mr. Enos remove the brief explanation from the water operations capital item article as the language is confusing. Mr. Beckerman instructed Mr. Enos to leave the headings in the warrant as it categorizes and groups together related articles and provides a point of context for the voters.

After reviewing all articles on the warrant, Mr. Beckerman requested that the record reflect that except for the budget, all other articles contained in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant will be funded through free cash or available funds. No articles will be funded through raise and appropriation to mitigate the tax levy amount and unnecessarily burden the taxpayers of the town.

Upon the conclusion of the warrant review, Mr. Enos informed the Board that he will make all minor changes as discussed and provide three revised copies of the warrant for the Board's signature by the end of the day. Mr. Enos requested the Board vote to approve the warrant immediately due to the impending deadlines imposed by the Finance Committee for them to review the warrant and get their book to the printer for distribution prior to Town Meeting. Mr. Suzor made a motion to approve the content of the Warrant for the Annual Town Election and Annual Town Meeting with the understanding that the Town Administrator will make the format changes as discussed. Mr. Beckerman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Suzor voted aye. Mr. Beckerman voted aye. The motion passed. Once the warrant is finalized, it will be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

Adjournment

Mr. Suzor made a motion to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Beckerman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. Mr. Suzor voted aye. Mr. Beckerman voted aye. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Shanna M. Faro
Executive Assistant

List of Documents

1. Draft Warrant for Annual Town Election and Town Meeting