

MEETING**BOARD OF SELECTMEN****APRIL 27, 2016**

Members present: John W. Hadley Patrick J. Crowley
Kevin M. McCormick Siobhan M. Bohnson
Members absent: Christopher A. Rucho

Mr. Hadley convened the special meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Review & Approve Town Meeting Warrant Articles**ARTICLE 1 - Authorization to Hear the Reports of Officers and Committees of the Town**

This is a standard article. Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 1 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

ARTICLE 2 - Authorization to Borrow in Anticipation of Revenue and to Enter Into a Compensating Balance Agreement With a Bank

This is a standard article. Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 2 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

ARTICLE 3 – Departmental Revolving Funds Authorization

This is a standard article and there are no new revolving funds.

Motion Ms. Bohnson to include Article 3 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

ARTICLE 4 – Authorization to Expend Funds in Anticipation of Reimbursement of State Highway Assistance Aid

This is a standard article. Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 4 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

ARTICLE 5 – Authorization to Amend the Personnel Bylaw and to Review the Classification and Compensation Plan so as to Provide Employees a Cost –Of-Living Pay Increase (1.5%)

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 5 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

ARTICLE 6 - Authorization to Set the Salary of Elected Officials

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 6 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor. Ms. Bohnson questioned where the funds come from for the Municipal Light Board salaries and she was told that they come from the Municipal Light Board funds, not from town revenues.

ARTICLE 7 – Authorization to Transfer Unexpended Funds From Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriations

This is a standard article. Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 7 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor. The list is still being generated and will be provided to the

Board the night of town meeting.

ARTICLE 8 – Authorization to Pay Bills From a Previous Fiscal Year

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 8 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor. Last year the inspectors in the Building Department did not get their mileage. It amounts to \$748.

ARTICLE 9 – Authorization to Appropriate Money to the Sewer Enterprise Account for Fiscal Year 2017

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 9 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

ARTICLE 10 – Fiscal Year 2017 Omnibus Budget Appropriation Article

There have been two changes in the warrant since the draft was presented to the Board. The first change is a reduction of \$5,000 in the computer capital line item. It initially included the purchase of 2 tough books for the ambulances. The Fire Chief will be purchasing one tough book from his FY16 budget and the second will be purchased in FY17 from the computer budget. The second change is with the Library. We needed to adjust their purchase services budget upwards \$3,384. They received a technology grant, which they thought they could use for server support over several years, however, the grant calls for the funding to be used by June 30, 2016. The total TA budget recommendation is reduced by \$1,616.

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 10 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

ARTICLE 11 – Authorization to Appropriate Funds From the Community Preservation Revenues

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 11 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

ARTICLE 12 – Vote to Appropriate Funds for Capital Improvement Purchases

Ms. Lucier reports that the CIB is still working on their list, which they plan to have available in a week and a half. Mr. McCormick voiced his concern that typically the Board gets the list and the numbers 30 minutes before town meeting and never have an opportunity to review it. We will ask the CIB if they could provide something for the meeting next week.

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 12 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

ARTICLE 13 – Appropriation to Fund an Elderly Community Services Program

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 13 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor. Ms. Lucier noted that the hourly rate for participants has increased from \$8 to \$9 per hour.

ARTICLE 14 – Appropriate Funds for Parks

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 14 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley. The Parks Commission has requested \$5,000 in the FY16 budget for their fertilizer needs, which will be done through the budget fix. They also requested an additional \$5,000 for FY17. Mr. Crowley asked if there is a reason why this is not in the base budget. It was noted that this amount could be reduced if we had someone certified to apply the materials. We will look at this next year. Vote on the motion – all in favor.

ARTICLE 15 – Authorization to Transfer Funds for the Cemetery Sale of Lots Account

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 15 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

ARTICLE 16 – Vote to Appropriate Funds for Community Preservation Fund Projects as Recommended by the Community Preservation Committee

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 16 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley. Mr. Crowley reports that there are two requests. The first is to build a practice field at the parks in the pine grove/pool area, and the second is to install an artesian well to irrigate the fields so we do not have to use municipal water. If it works we will ask for additional wells and save the town a lot of money. Vote on the motion - all in favor.

ARTICLE 17 - Vote to Extend the Sunset Clause on Previously Reauthorized Appropriations

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 17 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

ARTICLE 18 – Appropriate Funds to the Unemployment Trust

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 18 on the warrant, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

ARTICLE 19 – Transfer and Change\ Use of Mixer Property

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 19 on the warrant, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

ARTICLE 20 – Appropriate Funds to Develop Conceptual Plans for a Senior Center

Motion Mr. Crowley to include Article 20 on the warrant, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

ARTICLE 21 - Accept Gifts From the Fire Association

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 21 on the warrant, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

ARTICLE 22 – Authorization to Petition the Legislature to Amend the Special Act to Establish an Appointed Town Clerk

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 22 on the warrant, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

ARTICLE 23– Authorization to Amend the Personnel Bylaw so as to Create the Position of Recreation Worker for the Recreation Department

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 23 on the warrant, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

ARTICLE 24– Authorization to Amend the Personnel Bylaw to Accept Current Year School Physical for Recreation Workers

Motion Mr. Crowley to include Article 24 on the warrant, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

ARTICLE 25 - Authorization to Amend the General Bylaws By Adding a Wetlands Protection Bylaw

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 25 on the warrant, seconded by Ms. Bohnson. Mr. Hadley, who also serves on the Conservation Commission, reports that this bylaw will allow the Commission to actually enforce the bylaw. They have been working on this for a year and a half. Vote on the motion - all in favor.

ARTICLE 26 – Authorization to Amend the West Boylston Zoning Bylaws, Section 5.6 (Signs and Billboards)

Motion Ms. Bohnson to include Article 26 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

ARTICLE 27 – Authorization to Enter into a Lease with the Municipal Light Plant for a Solar Project on the Former Landfill

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 27 on the warrant, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

ARTICLE 28 – Authorization to Appropriate Funds to the Stabilization Fund

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 28 on the warrant, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

ARTICLE 29– Authorization to Appropriate Funds to the Capital Investment Fund

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 29 on the warrant, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

PETITIONED ARTICLE - ARTICLE 30 – Authorization to Amend Article XXIX of the General Bylaws

Motion Mr. McCormick to include Article 30 on the warrant, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

Review Final Budget

Ms. Scheipers informed the Board that Town Counsel has advised that we could do a stand alone warrant article for the new Fire Department union contract, or follow past practice and include the funds in the FY17 budget. Mr. Crowley prefers building it into the FY17 budget.

Motion Mr. McCormick to include the new Fire Department union contract into the General Government portion of the FY17 budget, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Ms. Scheipers read the departmental appropriations.

Motion Mr. McCormick to close the warrant, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

Motion Mr. McCormick to post the warrant, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

Assign Motions

Motions were assigned as follows: Mr. McCormick will read the motions for Articles 1, 6, 13, 19, and 24; Ms. Bohnson will read the motions for Articles 2, 7, 14, 20 and 27; Mr. Hadley will read the motions for Articles 3, 8, 15, 21 and 25; Mr. Crowley will read the motions for Articles 4, 9, 17, 22 and 28; Mr. Rucho will read the motions for Articles 5, 10, 18, 23, and 29. George Bernardin will read both CPA motions, Articles 11 and 16. The Capital Investment Board will read the motion for Article 12 and the Planning Board will read the motion for Article 26.

Motion Mr. McCormick to accept the motion assignments, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

Review & Approve Town Meeting Mailer

Motion Ms. Bohnson to approve the mailer as written, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor. Now that the warrant is approved, Ms. Lucier will include another sheet in the mailer listing all the articles to appear on the warrant.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Mr. McCormick at 7:00 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: May 18, 2016

Nancy E. Lucier, Municipal Assistant

John W. Hadley, Chairman

Kevin M. McCormick, Vice Chairman

Patrick J. Crowley, Selectman

Siobhan M. Bohnson, Clerk