

Members present: Christopher A. Rucho Patrick J. Crowley
Barur R. Rajeshkumar John W. Hadley
Members absent: Siobhan M. Bohannon

Mr. Rucho convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Review of May 15, 2017 Town Meeting Warrant

Ms. Scheipers asked the Board to vote to close the warrant for town meeting.

Motion Mr. Crowley to close the warrant, seconded by Mr. Hadley, all in favor.

Article 1 - Authorization to hear the reports of officers and committees of the town

Standard article. Motion Mr. Crowley to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rajeshkumar all in favor.

Article 2 - Authorization to borrow in anticipation of revenue and to enter into a compensating balance agreement with a bank

Standard article. Motion Mr. Hadley to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley all in favor.

Article 3 – Authorization to expend funds in anticipation of reimbursement of State Highway Assistance Aid

Standard article. Motion Mr. Rajeshkumar to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley all in favor.

Article 4 – Senior Center Project

This article is on the debt exclusion borrowing and is subject to approval of a ballot question.

Motion Mr. Hadley to include Article 4 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Article 5 – Authorization to amend the Personnel Bylaw for the fy17 wage schedule

This article is to amend the Personnel Bylaw and is being done to reflect the reclassification of the Cemetery Superintendent to a non-exempt position.

Motion Mr. Rajeshkumar to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Article 6 - Authorization to amend the Personnel Bylaw and to amend the classification and compensation plan so as to provide employees a cost –of-living pay increase in fy2018 (2%)

Standard article – motion Mr. Crowley to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Hadley, all in favor.

Article 7- Authorization to set the salary of elected officials

Standard article – motion Mr. Hadley to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rajeshkumar, all in favor.

Article 8 – Authorization to transfer unexpended funds from fiscal year 2017 appropriations

Standard article. Motion Mr. Crowley to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rajeshkumar all in favor.

Article 9 - Authorization to appropriate from the fy17 budget for fy18 police retirement related expenses

This article will transfer a sum of money from the Fiscal year 2017 Police Department budget to be used to fund employee retirement benefits and related costs in Fiscal Year 2018.

Motion Mr. Hadley to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Article 10 – Authorization to pay bills from a previous fiscal year

We have one bill at this time.

Motion Mr. Rajeshkumar to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Hadley, all in favor.

Article 11 – Authorization to appropriate money to the Sewer Enterprise Account for fiscal year 2018

Motion Mr. Crowley to include the article on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Hadley. Mr. Rajeshkumar noted that two years ago people asked about the sewer receipts and he asked if we are all caught up with the Holden bills. Mr. Crowley noted that at the previous town meeting the Finance Committee said they couldn't opine on the sewer budget because they didn't have enough information. Ms. Scheipers reports that they have all the information this year. Vote on the motion – all in favor.

Article 12 – Establish a special revenue fund for WBPA –TV

We are now mandated to set up a special revenue fund into which we deposit our franchise fees and other cable related revenue for appropriation to support PEG services.

Motion Mr. Rajeshkumar to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Article 13 - Fiscal Year 2018 Omnibus Budget appropriation article

Motion Mr. Hadley to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Article 14 – Vote to appropriate funds for capital improvement purchases

The CIB has not yet voted on the final items, but will do so next Tuesday.

Motion Mr. Crowley to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Hadley, all in favor.

Article 15 - Vote to extend the sunset clause on previously reauthorized capital appropriations

This will extend the sunset clause on the following previously approved authorizations: Communications Equipment and the Middle High School Generator from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2018. It was noted that the school is still trying to finalize the specs for the project. Mr. Crowley added that the number is no longer \$42,000, it is substantially more, and they will fund it under their budget.

Motion Mr. Hadley to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Article 16 – Appropriate funds for landfill monitoring wells

This is for installing additional monitoring wells at the Town's landfill, as mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and to cover any and all related expenses. Per the lease agreement with the MLP they will cover the monitoring costs and this is above and beyond what was in the lease.

Motion Mr. Rajeshkumar to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Article 17 – Appropriation to fund an Elderly Community Services Program

Motion Mr. Hadley to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Article 18 – Appropriate funds for parks maintenance

Motion Mr. Crowley to include the article on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rajeshkumar. This is over and above the money in the DPW budget. Mr. Hadley was of the understanding that we were going to have somebody obtain an applicators license. Ms. Scheipers explained that it was written into the DPW contract that the first person who obtained the license could get a stipend. Mr. Pedone is working on the final number. Mr. Rucho questioned why this isn't in the DPW budget. Mr. Scheipers explained that the annual budget at times does not work well as far as the timing of when we need to use the funds and funds from an article remain until you close the article out. Mr. Crowley would like to revisit this as he feels it is an operating budget item. The Police Department used to have their vehicles on the capital list and that is now under their budget. The control would be under the Parks Commission and expenditures would be done in collaboration with the Parks Commission under the parks maintenance line item. Vote on the motion – all in favor.

Article 19 – Authorization to appropriate funds to the Stabilization Fund

Standard article. Motion Mr. Rajeshkumar to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Hadley, all in favor.

Article 20– Authorization to appropriate funds to the Capital Investment Fund

Standard article. Motion Mr. Rajeshkumar to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Article 21 – Appropriate funds to the unemployment trust

Motion Mr. Hadley to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Article 22 – Transfer of cemetery funds

Motion Mr. Hadley to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley

Article 23 – Reauthorization of revolving funds

This article reauthorizes all of the revolving funds and creates a new fund for landfill lease revenues.

Motion Mr. Rajeshkumar to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Hadley, all in favor.

Article 24 – Authorization to appropriate funds from the Community Preservation Revenues

Motion Mr. Crowley to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Hadley, all in favor.

Article 25 – Vote to appropriate funds for Community Preservation Fund projects as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee

Motion Mr. Crowley to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Hadley. Mr. Crowley, member of the Community Preservation Committee, reports that there is one project being brought forward and it is to install an artesian well in Goodale Park to supply water to the irrigation system for various athletic fields. It was submitted by and is to be expended under the direction of the West Boylston Parks Commission in the amount of \$17,550. Mr. Rajeshkumar asked if the current well is working. Mr. Crowley explained that they installed one well last year and they ended up cracking it. It provided all the water used at the parks so they would like to install a second one. This well is not regenerating quickly enough, the new well will be in a temporary area, and we are assuming it will give us the same yield. The application is to drill down no more than 1,000 feet. Mr. Rucho would like

to ask the parks what they feel they saved in water. Mr. Crowley states it was \$4,000 to \$4,500 in savings. Vote on the motion – all in favor.

Article 26 - Authorization to amend the General Bylaws by adding a local Wetlands Protection Bylaw

This article will create a local Wetland Protection Bylaw and add a new section to the table in Article XXV Non-Criminal Disposition of Bylaw Violations to incorporate the Wetlands Protection Bylaw. The verbiage was generated by the Conservation Commission and reviewed and approved by the Bylaw Committee.

Motion Mr. Hadley to include on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Assign motions for town meeting

Motions were assigned as follows: Mr. Rucho will read the motions for articles 1, 10, 16, and 21; Ms. Bohnson will read the motions for articles 2, 8, 10, 13, and 19; Mr. Rajeshkumar will read the motions for articles 7, 12, 18 and 23; Mr. Crowley will read the motions for articles 3, 9, 15 and 20; Mr. Hadley will read the motions for articles 4, 11, 17, and 22; The Personnel Board Chair will read the motions for articles 5 and 6; the Capital Investment Board will read the motion for article 14, the CPC will read the motions for articles 24 and 25 and Bill Chase will read the motion for article 26.

After the motion and second is made, Ms. Scheipers will speak to the articles we have control over unless there is something the Board wishes to answer. Mr. Crowley noted that a description of the article as was done last year, would be most helpful.

When we get to the senior center article on the warrant, Mr. Rucho suggested saying that the Board of Selectmen voted in support of the article.

Motion Mr. Hadley for the Board to be on record in support of the Senior Center article, seconded by Mr. Rajeshkumar, all in favor.

It was agreed that we would add an agenda item onto our meeting next week for the Board to consider voting to support other articles.

Approve town meeting mailer

Motion Mr. Crowley to approve the mailer, seconded by Mr. Hadley. In discussion the Board requested the mailer be amended to include the town's logo, Small Town, Big Heart, and the town's seal. Vote on the motion - all in favor.

Vote ballot question for Senior Center Project

Motion Mr. Crowley to place the following debt exclusion question on the ballot, 'Question 1 Shall the Town of West Boylston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds or notes issued in order to cover the cost of the full engineering and design of a new Senior Center facility, through project bidding, construction, as well as owners project management costs, including all project costs incidental or related thereto? YES NO,' seconded by Mr. Hadley, all in favor.

Ms. Scheipers explained that the reason we added in the word 'construction' was because it would allow us to use any leftover funds for the construction rather than turning them back.

Mr. Hadley announced that FISP will conduct public informational meetings on the senior center project on the following dates: April 15th, 3:00 p.m. at the Council on Aging, April 27th, 3:00 p.m. at Hillside Village, April 29th, 10:30 a.m. Christ Lutheran Church, May 2, 3:00 p.m. Angel Brook, May 4, 6:00 p.m. Beaman Library and May 6, 10:00 a.m. town hall. They have added a session for Orchard Knoll on May 1 at 1:00 p.m.

At the next FISP meeting they will present the entire presentation and if people cannot attend and residents have any concerns, they can contact the Board or the Town Administrator to answer questions. The power point presentation will be posted on the website and we will work with public access to develop a television show

FISP will meet again on May 10th at 7:00 pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Mr. Crowley at 7:35 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rajeshkumar, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: May 17, 2017

Nancy E. Lucier, Municipal Assistant

Christopher A. Rucho, Chairman

Barur R. Rajeshkumar, Clerk

Patrick J. Crowley, Selectman

John W. Hadley, Selectman