

Call to Order

Chair Moffitt called the meeting to order at 6:02PM in the Board of Selectmen Conference Room. Present were Chair Eugenie Moffitt, Linn Anderson, Paul Monticciolo, Spiro Christopoulos, Paul Russo (arrived late) and Bonnie Zahorik (arrived late.) Also present were Patrick Lawlor Management Analyst, Donna Walsh Finance Director and Town Manager (arrived late.) Absent were Andrew Betts and John Barry. The meeting was taped and live cablecast.

Finance Committee Report and Letter

Ms. Anderson reviewed progress on topic assignments made to members and new assignments were made to Mr. Taylor. Mr. Monticciolo reviewed his progress on the letter. Discussion ensued.

Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2019

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Christopoulos and seconded by Mr. Monticciolo, it was voted to approve above minutes. Motion passed 4-0-2 with Mr. Taylor and Ms. Moffitt abstaining.

Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2019

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Christopoulos and seconded by Mr. Monticciolo, it was voted to approve above minutes as amended. Motion passed 5-0-1 with Mr. Taylor abstaining.

Article 24 Senior Center Renovation and

Article 25 Elder Services Program Stabilization Fund Transfer Presentation

The Town Manager introduced the senior center renovation team consisting of Jim Bruno, Architect, Don Robb, Joan Fox and Paul Mackay, Council on Aging and Annmary Connor, Elder Services Director. He led the review of the Senior Center Renovation and stabilization fund transfer (see attached) with input from the team. Discussion ensued.

Vote on Article 24 Senior Center Renovation

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Christopoulos, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article in the amount of \$4,500,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Vote on Article 25 Elder Services Program Stabilization Fund Transfer

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Christopoulos, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article in the amount of \$700,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 41 Parking and Hardscape Improvements Presentation

The Town Manager led the discussion on the above article (see attached) with input from Mr. Cronin, DPW Director. Discussion ensued to clarify the scope of the article. The Town Manager and DPW Director confirmed that the funds were being appropriated for parking lot

improvements behind Old Town Hall and is not dependent on ongoing discussions regarding downtown placemarking. Although work will be phased and Lot 2 will be done first, the \$400,000 to be appropriated in this article is the full estimate cost for both Lots 1 and 2.

Vote on Article 41 Parking and Hardscape Improvements Presentation

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Christopulos, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article in the amount of \$400,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Town Manager Presentation on Special Town Meeting

The Town Manager announced that there would be a special Triboard Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Planning Board to meet and greet principals of the VICOR Corporation. In light of the corporation's planned expansion, consideration would be given to granting a TIF arrangement. If approved by the Triboard a Special Town Meeting would be scheduled within the timeframe of the Annual Town Meeting. Discussion ensued.

Vote on Article 7 Supplemental Budget Appropriations

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Christopulos, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article in the amount of \$400,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Vote on Article 15 Jerry Silverman Fireworks

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Christopulos, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article in the amount of \$14,000. Motion passed 7-0. Although not applied in the FY2020 budget, the committee discussed the need to make use of the donations that have been collected and accumulated over the years. The Finance Director indicated that the Town Manager would consult with those currently coordinating the collections and implement a plan based on the outcome of those discussions.

Vote on Article 18 PEG Access and Cable Related Fund Expenses

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Christopulos, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article in the amount of \$377,108. Motion passed 7-0.

Vote on Article 22 Spring Grove Cemetery Maintenance

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Russo, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article in the amount of \$6,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Next Meetings – Finance Committee

Monday, March 25 6:30 Triboard Meeting

Monday, March 25

Wednesday, March 27

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Taylor, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Martin Barraford
Recording Secretary

Attachments:

Article 24 and 25 Presentation
Article 41 Presentation