

### **Call to Order**

Chair Moffitt called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m. in the Select Board Conference Room. Present were: Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt, Andrew Betts, Linn Anderson, Paul Russo, Spiro Christopoulos and Bonnie Zahorik. Also present was Donna Walsh, Finance Director, Town Manager, Christopher Cronin DPW Director and Patrick Lawlor Management Analyst. Absent were Bojay Taylor, John Barry and Paul Monticciolo. The meeting was live cablecast.

### **Review Annual and Special Town Meetings**

Ms. Moffitt briefly reviewed both meetings and congratulated the committee on its collaborative efforts in generating effective finance committee reports. She then welcomed Town Moderator Sheila Doherty who shared general positive feedback she had received. She also suggested the Town Manager and Select Board consider the time-saving proposal to combine Article 5 CIP articles into one, bundling the PAYGO and bonded articles together, and including financial impact boxes for each article.

Ms. Zahorik suggested the process would work much like Article 4 with the Select Board making a motion, a presentation from the Town Manager summarizing the CIP, the Finance Committee speaking on it, the moderator taking discussion on it, and then vote on the entire article. Discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the committee that this proposal be considered for next Town Meeting. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Betts also opened the discussion on a more effective way to handle private warrant articles. It was the consensus of the committee that, in order to decrease the need for amendments to private warrant articles, that instead specific clarifying language be suggested “on the fly” to the existing article. Mr. Betts cited an example of this at the past town meeting that the clerk helped a citizen rewrite an article on the fly during town meeting, after asking the petitioner to withdraw his original warrant article and propose the one rewritten. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Doherty thanked Ms. Zahorik for her service on the committee, her term to end June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Special Town Meeting – Columbia Gas Settlement**

The Town Manager reviewed the history of the gas disaster and Columbia Gas Phase I response to restoration. He also reviewed the tri-town negotiations with Columbia Gas and the details of the settlement reached as well as the Department of Revenue approved plan for disbursement of funds for continued town improvements (see attached.) This will be presented to Special Town Meeting as Warrant Article 1 after approval by the Select Board on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cronin also discussed the plans for Phase 2 of a four-year plan for the restoration, including roadway and infrastructure improvements, public facilities improvements and park improvements. He also discussed Article 2 for the replacement of water mains. Discussion ensued.

### **Finance Committee Report**

Ms. Anderson reviewed the timeline for the report and the assignment of members responsible for content development.

**Approval of Minutes – Triboard May 25, 2019**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Christopulos and seconded by Mr. Russo, it was voted to approve above minutes as amended. Motion passed 6-0.

**Approval of Minutes – April 30, 2019**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Christopulos, it was voted to approve above minutes as amended. Motion passed 6-0.

**Schedule of Meetings**

Wednesday, May 22

Wednesday, May 29

Wednesday, June 12

Wednesday, June 19 – STM – 6:00PM

Wednesday, July 17

**Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Christopulos and seconded by Ms. Anderson, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:58PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Martin Barraford  
Recording Secretary

*Attachments:*

Columbia Gas Settlement Documentation