Board of Selectmen Meeting November 20, 2018, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m. Memorial Town Hall

Present: Board of Selectmen Chair Edmund Jaworski, Brian Moriarty and Cindy Doty; Town Administrator Marlene Michonski,

Also in attendance: Finance Committee Chairman Darryl Williams, Diane Brzozowski, and Sean Barry; Collector/Treasurer Edwina Palmisano and Assistant Collector/Treasurer Sharon Strzegowski; Christopher Smith

Chairman Jaworski opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with well wishes to viewers for a Happy Thanksgiving, followed by an overview of the meeting topics regarding the proposed improvements at the Wastewater Plant and a grant award for \$200,000 which shall come up for a vote on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Clarification was made that this will be a Special Town Meeting, not an elections.

Expressing his concerns over just hearing about this, Finance Committee Chairman Williams also explained that interim Town Accountant Justin Cole has not finished FY18 closure and the possibility of another town meeting. Chairman Williams also cited existing debt projects.

Discussion and views were given at length recognizing that the project is predicated on a grant and work required in November. Mr. Moriarty explained that he believes it is his responsibility to bring it forward. A lack of notification was shared, although, support to accept the grant funds and not see it lost was expressed.

FC Chairman Williams would like to see what the payback would be, ie. reduction in sludge, manpower. Also, inquiring about where the Town Hall project is going, the Town was granted a second extension until September 1, 2020 with required progress reports beginning June 2019. Architect is looking to rebid in the winter with construction phase in the spring. Selectmen are considering a town meeting in January to fund increase in construction cost.

Question was raised as to whether the Wastewater facility project has been added to the capital plan. Selectman Moriarty will follow up with the DPW Director. If project is not on plan, he will have Director submit it. Interest from Finance Committee to see list of projects.

FC Chairman Williams asked about whether the levy limit could handle Town's obligation to add cost of interest to FY19 operating budget. Town Administrator had spoken with Justin Cole and confirmed Town has capacity.

Finance Committee would like to have information on savings and consider project at a meeting @ 6:00 p.m. on November 29<sup>th</sup> prior to the town meeting.

Speaking on behalf of the town governance committee, Christopher Smith entertained posting the committee's report on the town's website and posting a public meeting to received comments and feedback to the report. Past practice has been submitting a report to Selectmen for acceptance prior to making it public. Town Clerk will post information about the committee's presentation under "Town News" on the town website. The Committee's report will be presented to the Board of Selectmen on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Moriarty and seconded by Ms. Doty. Unanimous

7:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully, Marlene Michonski, Town Administrator