Board of Selectmen/Finance Committee Smith Academy Library – Annual Town Meeting Pre-Meeting

Present:

Selectman Brian Moriarty

Selectman Edmund Jaworski

Ms. Marlene Michonski, Town Administrator

Ms. Lydia Szych, Town Clerk

Mr. Fran Gougeon, Finance Committee

Mr. Darryl Williams. Finance Committee

Mr. Derek Geser, Town Accountant

Mr. Sean Barry, Finance Committee

Mr. Shawn Robinson, Finance Committee

Mr. Paul Fisher, Finance Committee

Town Counsel, Gary Brackett

Mr. Joe Lavallee, Town Moderator

Ms. Edwina Palmisano, Assistant Town Treasurer

Ms. Laura Lee Bertram, Town Treasurer

Selectman Moriarty opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Mr. Lavallee explained amendments to articles and tabling articles and discussion. Selectman Moriarty asked regarding item 2, a 46k transfer from free cash is to be tabled. Mr. Lavallee said he could do an aside. There will have to be a special town meeting in Sept/Oct. The State is not letting us have access to this money as we speak. There can be an explanation after an item is tabled. Recreational marijuana is being tabled because a required hearing was not conducted.

May 9, 2017, 6:00p.m.

Approved: June 7, 2017

The Board discussed with the Finance Committee the warrant articles to be taken up at Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Lavallee mentioned the citizen's petition; he will ask if there is someone to address it. The Board should not move to take up articles 14 and 15. If no one is there to speak to it or move it, it is just tabled.

Ms. Michonski said Mr. Geser might address questions regarding free cash.

CME survey services for the field behind Center School is \$7925. Ms. Michonski reviewed both quotes. Selectman Jaworski moved to accept the quote from CME. Selectman Moriarty seconded. The motion was approved.

Mr. Genovese presented 4 water abatements, 2 addresses on Chestnut Street had water service unhooked when the water line was being installed under the railroad tracks. 68 Prospect Street had old liens attached to his bill and there was a meter misread at the Maple Street pump station. Selectman Jaworski moved to abate these items as presented. Selectman Moriarty seconded. The motion was approved.

Mr. Genovese said that Mike Ohl, Comprehensive Environmental, Inc. will come to speak on the water transmission main.

Article 9 has been altered. Town Counsel, Gary Brackett said listen to the motion as read or before it is read explain that the article has been amended. Due to unforeseen additional funding there is an extra 29k which is coming from Kestrel. Counselor Brackett said to highlight where the changes are. Mr. Lavallee suggested when article 9 is read, read the warrant as they have it, then read the motion with the change. Ms. Szych is to read it and explain it.

Ms. Szych said she was concerned with the Smith Charities vote. Selectman Moriarty asked if can speak to a citizens petition article from his position as selectman or if he had to speak from the floor. Town Counsel, Gary Brackett said he could speak from his position. The Board is not to move a citizen's petition. Selectman Moriarty will make a brief comment after the first tabled item.

Mr. Lavallee discussed when 2/3 votes have to be done. A count will be asked for. Town Counsel, Gary Brackett said that on borrowings it's safer to have a count as Ms. Bertram includes a certified copy when she goes out to bid. Ms. Szych said for borrowing they may need more than the Moderator's word. Mr. Lavallee asked for borrowing articles, #9 is a reimbursable grant, #21, water transmission line, #'s 23 and 26.

Mr. Williams said regarding the Helena article, that a business that wants to expand in town is a good thing. Ms. Slysz noted that last year there was a threat to do an Australian ballot.

Selectman Moriarty moved to adjourn. Selectman Jaworski seconded. The meeting ended at 6:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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