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Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 28, 2016

Meeting Location: John Bauer Senior Center 17 West Street, Paxton, MA 01612

Members Present: Peter Bogren, Jr., Chairman
John F. Malone, Vice Chairman
Julia N. Pingitore, Clerk

Attendees: see Attendee List

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Discuss plans for Bel Arbor development

- Passover at this time, to allow for board members to review details.

Resignation of Gerald Ryan

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to regretfully accept the resignation of Gerald Ryan as the Council on Aging Director along with several committees, Conservation Commission, Capital Improvement, Cable Committee, 250th Committee and Paxton Days. Resignation effective as of May 1, 2016. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Resignation of Kerrie Flynn

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to regretfully accept the resignation of Kerrie Flynn from the Richards Memorial Library Board of Trustees. Effective as of March 1, 2016. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Open Warrant for Special Town Meeting

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to open the warrant for the Special Town Meeting. Unanimous all in favor.**
- **Article 1.**
Fire/Ems transfers
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written.
Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept as article #1 on the warrant.

Close Warrant for Special Town Meeting

- **Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to close the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting. Unanimous all in favor.**

Review warrant articles for the Annual Town Meeting

(JP) I would suggest that we move the town and school budget articles to the end of the warrant this year. Agreed by all members.

Article 1.

Water Department

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #1. All in favor.

Article 2.

OPEB Account

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #2. All in favor.

Article 3.

Stabilization

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #3. All in favor.

Article 4.

Chapter 90

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #4. All in favor.

Article 5.

Revolving Accounts

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #5. All in favor.

Article 6.

Capital Depreciation

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #6. All in favor.

Article 7.

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Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #7. All in favor.

Article 8.

Kennel Bylaw

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #8. All in favor.

Article 9.

Wetlands bylaw

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #9. All in favor.

Article 10.

Abutter Lot Sales Program

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #10. All in favor.

Article 11.

Abutter Lot Sales Program

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #11. All in favor.

Article 12.

Set up Road Improvement Fund

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #12. All in favor.

Article 13.

Fund Road Improvement Fund

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #13. All in favor.

Article 14.

Appropriate funds in the Road Improvement Fund

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #14. All in favor.

Article for local meal excise

(PB) I'm opposed to this article. The Town already said no to it once, and I don't like bringing it back again.

(JM) My feeling is that at last year's meeting it wasn't explained very well. Revenue is needed in the town. The businesses will not lose money and it will allow us to collect extra revenue with no extra work. Proposition 2 1/2 is more of a tax to the residents than a meal tax.

(JP) We presented it last year and it was shot down. I don't think we should bring it up again this year. Maybe at a later date.

Motion (JP) seconded (PB) to not accept the article as written. (JM) voted in favor of the article. 2 to 1 vote in favor of removing this article.

Article from WRSD for capital improvement for technology infrastructure

Motion (PB) seconded (JP) to not accept the article as written. All in favor.

(PB) This article is not being accepted because it has not gone through the proper procedures for a capital item.

Article 15.

WRSD – rename science project room

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #15. All in favor.

Article 16.

WRSD amendment to section 1.1.3

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #16. All in favor.

Article 17.

WRSD amendment to section 1.1.6

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #17. All in favor.

Article 18.

WRSD amendment to section 5

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #18. All in favor.

Article 19.

WRSD amendment to section 7

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #19. All in favor.

Article from WRSD for amendment to Section 14.1 of the WRSD agreement.

(JM) I think we should stay with the three years rather than five because they are not meeting the schedule that they need to as it is and shouldn't be allowed additional time.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to not accept the article as written. All in favor.

Article 20.

WRSD amendment to section 16

Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #20. All in favor.

Article 21.

WRSD amendment to section 17.1

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #21. All in favor.

Article 22.

WRSD amendment to section 19.1

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #22. All in favor.

Article 23

Town Budget

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #23 All in favor.

Article 24.

WRSD budget

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #24 All in favor. Open for discussion.

Rich Fenton stated that they are looking at an override for the school in the amount of \$386,000. If the override fails and the school does not reduce its budget then we will have to make further cuts to the town budget.

(PB) An override of 386,000 will leave us with a positive balance. It could be hard to sell an override that leaves a positive balance so we may want to look at putting in an override for just the schools portion of \$300,000.

(JP) I don't think there's enough of a difference between the two that it really matters which number we put up.

Rich Fenton stated that he agrees that it isn't a big difference but a surplus could be harder to sell so I would go for the \$300,000.

(PB) I feel that the \$300,000 is appropriate.

(JM) I agree on the \$300,000 for the school

(JP) I agree as well with the \$300,000.

(PB) Then we will go with the \$300,000 for the ballot question. If our school committee members voted in favor of the proposed school budget then we may want them to speak on it at the Town Meeting.

Article 25

Bay Path budget

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept the article as written. All in favor.

Motion (JM) seconded (JP) to accept this as article #25. All in favor.

Close Annual Town Warrant

- **Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Unanimous all in favor.**

Ballot questions

- **Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to approve a ballot questions for an override to fund the school budget in the amount of \$300,000. Unanimous all in favor.**
- **Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to approve a ballot questions for an override to fund the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund in the amount of \$100,000. Unanimous all in favor.**

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (JP) seconded (JM) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2016. Unanimous, all in favor.**

Town Administrator Update

- Passover at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Adjourned Meeting at 8:30pm, Unanimous all in favor.

Documents from the Meeting filed in BOS office:

Meeting minutes

Agenda

Attendance list

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Graf-Parsons

Administrative Assistant