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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
5/6/19
6:00PM-General Meeting ~ M/H School, 11 Winter Street

Selectmen Present: Joseph Bonavita, Chairman; Douglas W. Dawes, Clerk; Gary C. Fowler, Steven Sadler, and Charles Durney

Others Present: Donald Cudmore, Interim Town Administrator; Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant; Kathleen Sachs, James Mullen, Interim Town Clerk

Absent: Michael Farrell, Town Administrator;

6:00PM Call to order

Board Business

ATM & STM Discussion/Moderator Election

Mr. Bonavita stated that Beverly Enos, Town Moderator is unable to attend town meeting tonight, so a moderator will need to be elected at the start of the meeting.

Mr. Bonavita asked Kathleen Sachs to introduce herself to the board and thanked her for stepping up to fill the Moderator position tonight at town meeting if elected at the meeting.

Mr. Bonavita asked Jim Mullen, Interim Town Clerk to introduce himself to the board and thanked him for his service over the last 9 months.

Mr. Bonavita asked Mr. Mullen to go over the procedure to elect a moderator at the town meeting. Mr. Mullen stated that he has done this before in another town and he has the procedure from town counsel. The board went over the procedure, motions, etc.

Poll Workers for the Annual Town Election, Monday, May 13, 2019

Mr. Dawes moved to approve the list of *poll workers* as presented for the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, May 13, 2019. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

ATM & STM Discussion/Motions

Mr. Bonavita stated that he wanted to discuss the motions for the STM articles 3 and 4 Stab and Capital funds. He stated that the board at the last meeting changed the percentages from 35%, 35%, and 30% to OPEB to 50%, and 50% because counsel informed the board the 30% could not go into OPEB this way as it is not a stabilization account. He stated that FinCom met and they voted 0-5 against the 50% and want to keep at the 35% Tax Stab, 35% Capital Stab, and 30% to General Fund and then to OPEB.

Mr. Dawes stated that the intent was for 100% of the marijuana excise tax to go to these funds. He stated that he talked to Mission (formerly Healthy Pharms) and they predicted \$15M in sales the first year. He stated that this is a higher number than they gave us before and will mean additional funds than anticipated.

Mr. Sadler stated that the motions show additional funds to these accounts in the ATM warrant. He stated that the STM articles are a three-year commitment and after that they can move around.

Mr. Durney stated that he is okay with going back to original percentages and asked if we have numbers for the ATM articles.

The Finance and Advisory Board joined the meeting. They had already been in session.

Wayne Snow, Sheila Ruth, Eric Burton, and Steve Epstein, were present

Mr. Snow stated that without the 30% going to OPEB they will have to take funds from somewhere else to fund this account. He stated that they had put additional funds in Snow & Ice but had to reduce back to original amount to balance budget. He stated so we know we will need Free Cash for Snow & Ice next year and we do not know how much. He stated that the FinCom would like to see the board stay with the 35%, 35%, and 30%.

Mr. Epstein stated that they can add to Articles 3, 4, and 5 in the ATM from Free Cash.

Mr. Sadler asked how do we know 30% will go to OPEB.

Mr. Fowler stated that we have \$493,275 in Free Cash. It was stated that \$300K was to stay in Free Cash.

Mr. Epstein stated that they also do not know the SPED number.

Ms. Ruth stated counsel stated that unless the town had guidance from DoR for the OPEB funds they did not recommend the article. She stated that we should check with DoR and see what they recommend.

Discussion on different percentages for STM articles 3 and 4, and how much to fund articles 3,4, and 5 in the ATM warrant.

Mr. Fowler stated that the FinCom Report has the 35% and 35% in the STM articles and would be less confusion for residents if left at this amount. Discussion

Mr. Fowler moved that the percentages in the STM Articles 3 and 4 stay as presented in the Finance and Advisory Report at 35% and 35%. Mr. Durney seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Annual Town Meeting Articles 3, 4, and 5 Discussion

Mr. Sadler asked if the board wants to vote to put funds into these three articles.

Mr. Dawes stated that the board should fund the articles.

Mr. Epstein stated that he would like to see \$25,000 to each account from Free Cash.

Mr. Sadler stated that this will be additional to the percentages added in the STM. Board agreed

Mr. Fowler moved for the motions for Articles 3, 4 and 5, in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to appropriate from Free Cash \$25,000 for each article. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Discussion on who would present motions.

Mr. Dawes moved to adjourn. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved May 20, 2019.

Documents used in the meeting:

- Finance and Advisory Report
- ATM Warrant with motions
- STM Warrant with motions
- Free Cash information from Town Accountant