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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

**Memorial Town Hall**

**10/30/17**

**Middle/High School Guidance Room**

**11 Winter Street**

**6:00PM-General Meeting**

**7:00PM-Special Town Meeting**

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**Selectmen Present:** Joseph Bonavita, Chairman; Steven Sadler, Clerk; Douglas W. Dawes, Gary C. Fowler, and C. David Surface

**Others Present:** Michael Farrell, Town Administrator; Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant; Police Chief Cudmore

**Absent:**

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**6:15PM Call to order**

**WARRANT and MINUTES**

Board signed the weekly warrant

*Special Town Meeting Warrant-Discussion*

Mr. Farrell went over the warrant articles.

Article 1- Adjustments to the FY 2017 Operating Budget

Mr. Farrell explained the adjustments, a CPC debt service change, using new \$169K of new growth for Police communication, Insurance consultant, Assessors new software and server, and funds going to Reserve Fund. He stated that there are two decreases to the budget from debt service from Penn Brook and the Middle/High School.

Mr. Surface stated that the numbers do not add up how we can explain this to the town. Mr.

Farrell stated that Assistant Assessor Thom Berube can explain the numbers. Discussion

Mr. Berube, Assistant Assessor explained that there are 7 factors that came together for these adjustments.

Mr. Farrell stated that FinCom will read the motion for article 1.

Article 2 – Capital Fund

Mr. Fowler stated he would read the motion for Article 2.

Mr. Farrell stated that these are new growth funds to be put into the Capital Fund.

Article 3 – Tax Stabilization Fund

Mr. Surface stated that he would read the motion for Article 3.

Mr. Farrell stated that this is Free Cash being put into the Tax Stabilization Fund.

Article 4 – Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments

Mr. Bonavita stated that this article may have the most discussion.

Mr. Fowler stated that he has an issue with wording under section 165.69.3. Temporary Moratorium in the sentence stating the moratorium shall be in effect through June 30, 2018 *or until such time as the Town adopts Zoning Bylaw amendments that regulate Recreational Marijuana Establishments*. He stated that he would like to amend the article to remove the rest of the sentence after June 30, 2018. Discussion

Mr. Fowler stated that the motion does not list 165.69.3 only 165.69.3. Mr. Farrell stated that town council is present the board should discuss amendments to the article with him.

Mr. Sadler asked if we deleted after June 30, 2018 would we have to have a STM to extend the deadline. Discussion

Mr. Surface stated that we could extend at the Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Sadler stated that it is in the town's favor to have the bylaws in place by July.

Attorney McEnaney joined the meeting and was updated on the changes the board was looking at.

Mr. McEnaney discussed the changes the board wanted to make. He discussed that there may be a need for a STM in February or March to accept the new bylaws so the Attorney General can approve them so that they would be effect by July 1, 2018. He stated that if they wait until the ATM the bylaws may not be approved by July 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated that the AG usually takes 3 months to approve bylaw changes. He stated that the State is accepting licenses for recreational marijuana dispensaries on April 1, 2018.

Mr. Fowler stated that he would be in favor of the article if the amendment was approved.

**Mr. Surface moved to amend Article 4 – Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments to remove after June 30, 2018 in the last section “*or until such time as the Town adopts Zoning Bylaw amendments that regulate Recreational Marijuana Establishments*.” Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Board Business

Mr. Dawes stated he wanted to update the board on the Substance Abuse Advisory Panel. He stated that the foundation of the panel is set and requires more than he can contribute. He stated that Pam Lundquist will be the new Chair and he will still be the board's representative on the board. He stated that they propose changing the name to the Georgetown Cares Coalition Committee.

**Mr. Fowler moved to change the name from the *Substance Abuse Advisory Panel* to the *Georgetown Cares Coalition Committee*. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Affordable Housing Trust/LIP-Compliance Certificate

Mr. Surface stated that the certificate requires the signature of the Chairman to keep the property as affordable. He stated that this is a deed rider.

**Mr. Surface moved the Chairman sign the LIP/Compliance Certificate transferring from Lori A. Nickerson Grantor to Sheila A. Parker Grantee. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:06PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved November 13, 2017.

Documents used in this meeting:

- Special Town Meeting Warrant with motions
- Affordable Housing Trust Compliance Certificate-Deed rider