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October 28, 2013

Present: Ron Mikol, Joe Dean, Kevin Welch, Harold Simmons and Dana Metzler Absent: Christine Muir

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

The board reviewed the warrant articles for the special Town Meeting and voted on each article in the following manner to prepare for the public hearing to be held on Tuesday October 29th.

Article 1 Feasibility study for public safety site and building. The board approved support for this \$30k expenditure unanimously from free cash.

Article 2 Repair of air-conditioning units at town hall. The board approved support for this \$20K expenditure unanimously from free cash.

Article 3 Repair of transfer station fence.

The board approved support for this \$15K expenditure 4 to 1 with Kevin dissenting, also from free cash.

Article 4 request for Fire Chief vehicle. No action as this article to be withdrawn by BOS.

Article 5 increase in Accounting Clerk salary by \$950.00. The board approved support of this article unanimously by raise and appropriate against the tax levy.

Article 6 increase the Audit line item in the 2014 budget by \$2000.00. The board approved support of this article unanimously, by raise and appropriate against the tax levy.

Article 7 to make the Constable an appointed position versus an elected position. The board approved supports of this article unanimously, no monetary effect.

Article 8 is to purchase a new sander for the Highway Department. The board approved support for this \$8500.00 purchase from free cash unanimously.

Article 9 is to repair the Highway Garage roof. The board approved support for this \$20K expenditure from free cash unanimously.

Article 10 is to establish a maintenance line item in 2014 budget for Highway Garage.

The board approved support for this \$10K line item by raise and appropriate unanimously.

Article 11 to survey Town owned land know as the Pelletier property to verify the actual acreage. The board approved support of this \$30 survey from free cash unanimously.

Article 12 was to establish funding for a salt shed and feasibility study of the Pelletier property. The board voted not to support this article unanimously.

Article 13 to authorize the Water Department to use its retained earnings to fund equipment repairs.

The board voted to support this article unanimously. No effect on the budget or free cash.

Article 14 to authorize the Water Department to use its retained earnings to fund major repairs. The board voted to support this article unanimously. No effect on the budget or free cash.

Article 15 to establish a Town Administrator budget line item and set compensation at \$38K for the remainder of the 2014 budget.

The board voted not to support this article. In its deliberations, the board suggested the Board of Selectmen establish an article to bring in a consultant who would clarify the needs and actions to be taken in order to effectively hire a Town Administrator.

Article 16 is to establish a Medical Marijuana Treatment Moratorium.

The board voted to support this article unanimously, with no budget or free cash consideration.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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