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April 7, 2016

Present: Dana Metzler, Harold Simmons, Christine Muir, Amie Stevens, Pam Crocker
Absent: Ron Mikol

Also attending: Town Administrator Tracey Hutton

Meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. In Ron's absence, Harold chaired the meeting.

FY17 Budget Review

The board voted unanimously to approve the current Recommended Budget set forth in the documents provided by Tracey. This budget includes a deficit of \$1,107,506. The board voted unanimously to ask for a combined override of \$1,110,000 to fully fund all departments, municipal and educational.

Meeting Minutes

The board members present unanimously approved the meeting minutes of March 28 and 31.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

We reviewed articles 1 through 25 on the annual town meeting warrant. (Numbers may change as Tracey has been updating the document frequently. The following numbers refer to those on the document dated April 6, 2016.) The board voted unanimously to support articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21 (the motion will be for no action), 22, 23, 24 and 25.

Tracey has added an article to provide funds for part of the capital plan. The board voted to approve funding \$10,000 for building evaluations, and to remove \$10,000 in funding for new voting machines.

Article 10 provides for Chapter 90 money for the Highway Department. We chose to put off voting on this article until we know the actual dollar amount.

Article 11 may be covered by grant money so there is no need to vote on it at Town Meeting. This article will be removed.

The board recommended removing Article 13, which addressed the River Street survey. This can be done at any time but is not necessary to complete in FY17.

Article 16 is a duplicate and will be removed. It provides for the acceptance of open space at Alexander Estates.

The board chose to wait to vote on Article 18, regarding funding for the library doorway revisions. We'd like to see more specific information on the borrowing before voting.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

The board agreed to set meetings for Thursday, April 14; Tuesday, April 19; Monday, April 25 (public hearing); Monday, May 2 OR Tuesday, May 3. The Town Meeting is set for Monday, May 9 and may be continued on Monday, May 23, after the May 16 election. On April 14, the board will continue voting on warrant articles and will begin considering what cuts might need to be made should an override fail at the town election.

We adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Anna Stewart
Frank K. Smith
Christine Miller