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Present: Kieran Meehan, Christine Muir, Bob Nelson, Leo Tometich, Harold Simmons

Also attending: Tracey Hutton, Leah Basbanes, Alan Chaney

Review of potential warrant items for Special November 7th Town Meeting

1. Article to allocate \$2553.00 to pay unpaid bills.
2. Allocate \$24,000 to survey Simmons Property Donation for Public Safety building in town center.
 - i. Harrold abstained from input as he is related to the donor
 - b. Survey would include "geo-teching the building"
 - c. We spent large amount of time debating the merits of the building and usefulness of such a large survey project
 - d. Secondary benefit of survey would be the placement of a water department storage / mechanical need on rear part of land.
3. \$30,000.00 for the New England Police Bargaining Agreement (NEPBA).
 - a. This new collective bargaining agreement covers 7 Dunstable Police officers.
 - b. Exact language of the agreement is still being discussed and will be shared at a later date – once ratified by the officers.
4. \$5,000.00 for an Actuary Consultant to review OPEB and the evaluation of Retirement health insurance for employees. Actuary would review financial consequences of town offering this health insurance coverage to employees.
 - a. Sizeable discussion about why this offering is needed. Feelings were mixed about the value it would provide to the town.
5. \$40,000.00 to replace town hall boiler that has failed. This is a critical item as the fall and winter are approaching. There is no heating in the town hall.
 - a. Previously replaced circulator pump (last year) will remain and continue to be functional.

Additional items for Special Town Meeting

1. Increase in Dog Fines for barking / bad behavior
2. Commercial overlay discussion and its usefulness to the town.
 - a. Leah brought forth the Historic Town Center classification as an effort to maintain the town center image and facades of buildings.
 - b. The motivation for the commercial overlay – Dunstable's dry-town stipulation
 - c. Noise – by-law for commercial overlay – town center
 - i. Feasibility of this is still being reviewed
3. Town Hall is considering changing office hours for voter registration – away from weekend hours.

4. Alexander Way – completion of road and public approval to make roadway part of town.
5. Acceptance of land donation from Simmons's family (Public Safety building for Dunstable).

Miscellaneous items

Groton Dunstable Regional School District Cap Stabilization fund was discussed for funding projects for the schools.

- School items could be earmarked for approval
- We could also use debt exclusions and operations override in place of the Cap Stabilization fund.

Meeting was adjourned.