Board of Selectmen Minutes Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 9:00AM Town Hall Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM by Chair, Lucy Wallace in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Selectmen Marie Sobalvarro, Ron Ricci, Bill Johnson and Tim Clark were all in attendance as well as the Town Administrator Tim Bragan and Executive Assistant Julie Doucet.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT REVIEW CONTINUED...

Article 10: Planning Board – Town Planner

On a Johnson/Ricci motion, the board voted unanimously to place article 10 (Town Planner) on the warrant.

Article 15: The Bromfield School – Pond Road Parking Lot

Bragan said the funding option was not set. The board discussed the different funding options that could be considered.

Article 33: Parks & Recreation Commission – Restrict use of Bare Hill Pond Bragan said the article as drafted had been reviewed by Town Counsel who provided some suggestions as the draft language was not in proper legal form. Bragan said the intent of the article is to restrict access to the beach not the pond. The board discussed how enforcement by the Police Department may be helpful. They decided to revise the language as follows: To see if the town will vote to enact a series of regulations, restrictions and or fees related to the use and access to the Harvard town beach area or take any action or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 36: Board of Selectmen – Accept M.G.L Chapter 32B, Section 20

OPEB Trust Fund Establishment

Marie Sobalvarro and Tim Clark suggested drafting a separate article specifying the fund amount that will be used to establish the trust fund.

Article 38: Home Rule Petition Special Act – Liquor Licenses

Lucy Wallace said she suggested this article to alleviate some of the restrictions Harvard has under its current licensing abilities. Sobalvarro suggested adopting Sections 12 & 15 of the state law.

Ron Ricci agreed that maybe it is time to ask the voters how they feel. Clark expressed reluctant over adopting the entire Chapter. Bragan reminded the BOS they as the Local Licensing Authority have the ability to control the number of licenses granted.

Article 39: Home Rule Petition – Prevailing Wages on Local Projects
The board members decided to amend the article as written by utilize language approved in Chatham and North Andover.

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The board voted unanimously in favor of the revised language on Article 39.

On a Ricci/Clark motion, the board voted unanimously to accept the warrant as amended with further refinements by town counsel and Selectmen will sign the warrant upon notification it is ready by noon on Monday, March 4, 2013.

**** On a Sobalvarro motion, the Board voted unanimously by a roll call vote (Sobalvarro – Aye, Johnson – Aye, Wallace –AYE, Ricci – Aye, Clark - Aye) to enter into executive session at 10:30am, as authorized by Chapter 30A, Section 21.3 of the Massachusetts General Laws, at a meeting for which 48-hours notice has been given, to discuss a union contract. Following the executive session, the Board will reconvene into open session only to adjourn. ****

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

Documents referenced:

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT – dated 2.28.2013