

Warrant Committee

April 29, 2015

Thirty-Fifth meeting

Present: T. Hays, P. Pasquerella, D. Turner, P. Mathews, B. White, K. Sorgi, R. Boehler, J. Eckner, M. Maholchic, S. McCurdy, J. Potter, C. Karimbakas, L.M. McLean

Absent: J. Schindler

Guests: Emily Innes, incoming Planning Board Chair; Marion McEttrick, Attorney for developer Tom Hamilton.

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1. Chair Hays called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Blute Conference Room and began the meeting with a discussion about Article 47, which calls for a moratorium on neon and L.E.D. signs.

R. Boehler arrived at 7:41 p.m.

2. Ms. Innes proposed that article 47 be referred to the Planning Board for further debate and clarified the definition of illuminated signage. She also suggested that the moratorium remain in place until October 2015, citing its logistics: duration, applicable signage, necessity, and its effect on the passage of the article. The criteria and goals of a special Planning Board committee to be formed for further study of the article were then discussed, and the WC and Ms. Innes agreed that a By-Law amendment should be proposed for Fall Town Meeting.
3. Article 48: a citizen's petition to amend the zoning By-Law. The Planning Board considered the proposed amendment to be too broad and problematic, and Ms. Innes requested that it be sent to the PB for further study. On a motion by Member McLean and seconded by Member Mathews, the Committee voted to uphold the request, 12/0/0.

ARTICLE 48

RECOMMENDED that the Town refer the subject matter of this article to the Planning Board for further study and that a new article addressing this subject be submitted by the Planning Board for Fall Town Meeting 2015.

4. Ms. McEttrick presented a proposed amendment to Article 48 and acknowledged that as the subject matter of the original citizens' petition had been referred to the Planning Board that no action on an amendment was possible nor, given the lack of community support, practical.
5. Article 38 and 39 for FY15 and 16 Reserve Funds and the set-aside for demolition of the Hendries Building were discussed. Potential uses for the \$300,000 medical expenses override reviewed.
6. Potential uses for \$300,000 of free cash made available by the passage of the medical expenses override were reviewed. On a motion by Member Pasquerella and seconded by Member McLean, \$186,780 was

allocated to school iPads (Article 5), \$33,000 to the school budget (Article 31), and the balance (\$80,220) to the FY 16 Reserve Fund (Article 39), 8/3/1.

ARTICLE 5

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,659,780 to fund the capital projects listed below:

DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED
Fire	Building(s) improvement and repairs	145,000
Police	Prisoner Transport Van	51,000
Schools	Security camera upgrades	68,000
Schools	Virtualize servers	32,500
Town	Virtual server environment upgrades	13,800
DPW	Bucket Truck	180,000
DPW	Roadways	400,000
DPW	Catch Basin Cleaner	80,000
Parks	Utility Tractor	30,000
DPW/Cemetery	Reconstruct DPW locker rooms / Cemetery Garage	200,000
Subtotal Recommended Bonded Capital Items		1,200,300
Town/School	Financial Software (Phase 1)	160,000
Schools	iPads and iPad carts	186,780
Schools	HVAC control upgrades	38,000
Town	Computer hardware	27,200
Library	Computer hardware	25,000
Inspectional Svc.	Vehicle	22,500
Subtotal Recommended Non-Bonded Capital Items		459,480
TOTAL RECOMMENDED CAPITAL ITEMS		1,659,780

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$1,659,780 be appropriated for the purpose of financing the rehabilitation, replacement, or enhancement of the Town's facilities and public safety equipment as described above, including costs incidental and related thereto; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to sell and issue bonds or notes of the Town, aggregating not more than \$1,200,300 in principal amount, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 7 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, or any other applicable law and that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to accept and expend in addition to the foregoing appropriation one or more grants or gifts from any other public or private funding source and that the sum of \$459,480 be raised from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

ARTICLE 31

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the amount shown in the following tabulation under the heading "Recommended:"

SCHOOLS	Actual	Approp.	Recomm.
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	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
School			
Department	\$37,462,592	\$39,357,890	\$40,747,500
TOTAL			
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and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$40,172,758 be raised from the tax levy, and that the sum of \$574,742 be raised from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

ARTICLE 39

RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$280,220 for the Reserve Fund for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015; and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$200,000 is to be raised from the tax levy and the sum of \$80,220 be raised from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash.

7. On a motion by Member Maholchic and seconded by Member Pasquerella, the WC voted that there be no allocation for Article 13 due to the passing of the override, 12/0/0.

ARTICLE 13

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote no appropriation for the purposes of this article.

8. Member McCurdy moved to allow Chair Hays to approve Reserve Fund and 3% Transfer requests without Committee approval after Town Meeting except for any Fire Dept. request to fund large amounts of overtime, which was seconded by Member Boehler, 12/0/0.
9. Chair Hays thanked resigning Member Pasquerella for his work as WC Secretary and made a motion to nominate Member McLean as his replacement, seconded by Member Boehler. The motion was passed, 11/0/1.
10. The Committee talked briefly about the upcoming Town Meeting.
11. On a motion by Member Pasquerella, seconded by Member Turner, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Julia Getman, Warrant Committee Clerk