Warrant Committee

December 2, 2015 Ninth Meeting

**Present:** Chair Ted Hays, Secretary LeeMichael McLean, Members Brian Beaupre, Jean Eckner, Betty White, Chuck Karimbakas, Steve McCurdy, James Potter, Philip Mathews, Richard Boehler, Michael Maholchic

Absent: Jonathan Schindler, Darnell Turner

## **Reserve Fund Balance:** \$597,445

**1.** The 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Warrant Committee was called to order at 7:34 p.m. in the Carol Blute Conference Room of Milton Town Hall.

2. Chair Hays stated that the RFT approval listed as an agenda item was no longer being requested.

**3.** The Committee discussed the FY17 budget process and schedule. The FY17 contingent and noncontingent budgets were examined with attention to a possible override. Total revenue, including property taxes and state and federal aid, were discussed. A general fund expense detail spreadsheet with contingent and non-contingent budget requests was analyzed.

**4.** The Department of Public Works budget, proposed Storm Water Enterprise Fund and reserve fund as it applies to winter storms were discussed. Town salaries and cost of living adjustments were examined. The Committee discussed the rationale behind supporting an override; Town-based level services—particularly schools, fire and police departments—and the need to increase debt capacity were debated. The condition and cost of maintaining Milton roads was raised.

**5.** The Committee moved on to a discussion of contingent requests, including one-time items and use of free cash. Funding of stabilization funds and the need for infrastructure and new-growth spending were discussed.

## Michael Maholchic arrived at 8:40 p.m.

6. The Committee discussed upcoming meeting schedules and agendas.

**7.** At 9:06 p.m. committee members dispersed to join their designated subcommittees: Board of Health, Council on Aging, Parks, Public Works, Cemetery, Zoning, Employee Benefits, Library, General Government, Public Safety, Schools and Consolidated Facilities. Each subcommittee met for ten minutes.

8. The Warrant Committee reconvened in the Blute at 9:49 p.m.

**9.** On a motion by Member McLean, seconded by Member Boehler, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m., *10/0/0*.

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Respectfully submitted by Julia Getman Warrant Committee Clerk