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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes October 24, 2011

Attendance: John Bladon, Steven Correia, Thomas Fay, Joseph Nolan, Susan Pope
Also Present: Town Administrator Fred Turkington

Chair T. Fay called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room and reviewed the agenda for the viewing public.

Public Comment Linda Segal, 9 Aqueduct Road, advised the Board that she was audio-recording the meeting. She advised that the audio quality of the WayCAM broadcasts was poor and asked participants to speak louder so television viewers can hear the proceedings. She asked, through the chair, whether Town Moderator Dennis Berry made any changes to the rules for town meeting. D. Berry, who was in attendance, advised that the only change for fall Special Town Meeting was the removal of the designation of the town meeting site as a polling place within the meaning of state law.

A2. Consider and Approve Consent Calendar J. Bladon moved, seconded by S. Correia, to approve the consent calendar. S. Pope abstained from the vote to approve the minutes of October 11, 2011, as she was not present at the meeting. YEA: J. Bladon, S. Correia, T. Fay, J. Nolan, S. Pope. NAY: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0, with an abstention by S. Pope as to the approval of the minutes of October 11, 2011.

T. Fay recessed the meeting to move to the School Committee Room at 7:12 p.m.

A3. Reconvene in School Committee Room with School Committee and Finance Committee to Hear Presentation by Operational Review Committee Regarding Findings and Recommendations on Part 2 of the Abrahams Group (Red-Lined Revised Draft) Report T. Fay reconvened the Board in the School Committee Room for a joint session with members of the Finance Committee, School Committee and Operational Review Committee at 7:15 p.m. Rebecca Chasen, Chair, Operational Review Committee, reviewed the committee's findings and recommendations with regard to Part Two of the Abrahams Group report (red-lined draft).

S. Correia and F. Turkington left at 7:42 p.m. to represent the Board of Selectmen at the Finance Committee article hearing. The remaining members of the Board of Selectmen joined the Finance Committee article hearing at 7:50 p.m.

S. Correia explained the Selectmen's article, which would change the funding sources in the FY2012 budget adopted at Annual Town Meeting by increasing the amount appropriated from free cash by \$1M and reduce the amount raised by taxation (property taxes) by \$1M, and then responded to questions from the Finance Committee and citizens. All Selectmen, except J. Nolan, who serves as liaison to the electronic voting article, left the Finance Committee article hearing.

T. Fay reconvened the Selectmen's meeting at 8:33 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

A4. Review Articles Submitted for Insertion and Order Warrant for November 17, 2011 Special Town Meeting S. Correia moved, seconded by S. Pope, to order the Special Town Meeting Warrant for the November 17, 2011, Special Town Meeting as follows:

1. Enable and Fund Electronic Voting at Town Meeting through Calendar Year 2014
2. Amend Section 19 of the Town Bylaw: Require Tax Rate Public Hearing
3. Amend 2012 Budget Funding Sources (Petitioners)
4. Amend 2012 Budget Funding Sources (Selectmen)

YEA: J. Bladon, S. Correia, T. Fay, J. Nolan, S. Pope. NAY: none. ABSTAIN: J. Bladon. ABSENT: J. Nolan. Adopted 3-0-1.

A5. Report of the Town Administrator F. Turkington reviewed the timetable for warrant production and the schedule through mid-November. J. Nolan returned to the meeting at 8:48 p.m. F. Turkington discussed information and issues related to each article.

1. F. Turkington said the Finance Committee approved \$30K from the FY12 reserve account to fund electronic voting on October 17 in hopes of forestalling the submission of petitioners. F. Turkington, J. Nolan, and Richard Stack, Finance Committee, are working with petitioners to modify the article to a resolution or consider passing over. Petitioners seek commitment from the Board to expend the Finance Committee reserve fund transfer on electronic voting for the April 2012 Annual Town Meeting. The Board agreed to hold a special Board of Selectmen meeting on Thursday, October 27, at 8:30 a.m. to vote this item.
2. He reviewed the legal questions surrounding the scope of the article, including the lack of specificity of information that triggers a hearing and participating board in public hearing on tax recap sheet
3. He discussed the lack of an amount in the article and the potential that the amount to be sought starts at \$4M. He reviewed Finance Committee efforts to reach a consensus on the numbers and the assumptions so the Special Town Meeting debate could be about policy; i.e., a greater use of cash in FY12 and a resulting tax increase in FY14 and beyond.

A6. Selectmen's Reports and Concerns J. Nolan reported on the Selectmen office hours held with S. Pope on October 22. He said three residents from Keith Road expressed concern about communication regarding the ongoing evaluation of the Middle School athletic field proposal. F. Turkington reviewed the direct communication and the website page dedicated to the project, noting multiple areas of investigation under the jurisdiction of several boards and committees. S. Pope reported on an invitation to represent the Board at a Girl Scout award event, and requested certificates be prepared for each recipient. J. Bladon noted that the Operational Review Committee will be unlikely to meet the current November 15 reporting deadline, and would need an extension to complete Article 8, the 2011 Annual Town Meeting restatement of the FY2011 school budget to actual expenditures. T. Fay thanked J. Bladon for his work as a member of the Operational Review Committee, and S. Correia for his involvement with the budget funding issue.

A7. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting, If Any T. Fay said there were no additional topics.

A8. Adjourn There being no further business before the Board, S. Pope moved, seconded by S. Correia, to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 9:44 p.m. YEA: J. Bladon, S. Correia, T. Fay, J. Nolan, S. Pope. NAY: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0.

Items Distributed For Use by the Board of Selectmen at the October 24, 2011 Meeting:

1. Obituary, October 21, 2011, John Forrest Ahern, Former Wayland Firefighter
2. Invitation from WaylandCares to Community Program, November 9, 2011, "In Their Own Words"
3. Email of 10/24/11 from Frederic E. Turkington, Jr., Town Administrator to David Bernstein, Electronic Voting Implementation Subcommittee, re: Electronic Voting Petition