

Members present: Kevin M. McCormick Michael J. Kittredge, Jr.
John W. Hadley Siobhan M. Bohnson
Christopher Rucho

Mr. McCormick convened the special meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Review, Approve, Close & Sign Warrant for October 20, 2014 Semi-Annual Town Meeting

Article 1 - Authorization to hear the reports of officers and committees of the town

Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 1 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Hadley, all in favor. Mr. Gaumond advised that FISP would be making a report under this article and will be meeting later this evening to discuss who will be delivering the report, David Eckhardt will be making a report on the ESCO Project and the Parks Facilities Committee will also be delivering a report.

Article 2 - Authorization to amend the General Bylaws by adding a Wetlands Protection Bylaw

Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 2 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Hadley, all in favor.

Article 3 – Vote to appropriate funds for Community Preservation Fund Projects as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee

Mr. Crowley indicated that he is all set with the article as written.

Motion Mr. Hadley to include Article 3 on the warrant, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

Article 4 – vote to appropriate funds for capital improvement purchases

The CIB is finalizing its recommendations under this article.

Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 4 on the warrant, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

Article 5- Authorization to pay bills from a previous fiscal year

Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 5 on the warrant, seconded by Ms. Bohnson. Mr. Gaumond advised that we have one invoice which was for items procured for the new building and there was confusion about the invoice. Vote on the motion – all in favor.

Article 6 – Authorization to transfer funds from the Sale of Lots Account

Motion Mr. Hadley to include Article 6 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Article 7 – Authorization to appropriate funds for an electronic sign for The Common

Motion Mr. Hadley to include Article 7 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Kittredge. Mr. Gaumond intends to use Free Cash or raise and appropriate to fund this. We usually have Free Cash approved by the time town meeting comes around and we will need \$2,000 under this article, which will be included in the motion. The Municipal Light Plant is matching our funds. Vote on the motion – all in favor.

Article 8 – Authorization to Appropriate Funds to Prepare the Update to the Open Space Plan

Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 8 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Kittredge, all in favor.

Article 9 – Authorization to Appropriate Funds for the Celebrations Committee Revolving Account.

Mr. Gaumond explained that in past years we used to include this in the budget. The last three years we have relied on fundraising. The Celebrations Committee Chairman came to him and does not think they will have sufficient funds to cover about \$1,000 of their expenses. Mr. McCormick thinks he can come up with the \$1,000 from somewhere else and not ask the people for the money. He doesn't want to start a precedent of the town funding this once again and he knows he can get the \$1,000. Mr. Rucho pointed out that the Board could vote no on including the article on the warrant and at town meeting we could mention who is helping the Celebrations Committee with their funding.

Vote on the motion – Messrs. McCormick, Hadley, Rucho and Ms. Bohnson no; Mr. Kittredge yes. This article will be removed from the warrant.

Article 10 - Authorization to modify fiscal year 2015 appropriations and other necessary adjustments to the fiscal year 2015 budget

Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 10 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Hadley, all in favor.

Article 11 – Authorization to transfer funds to the Stabilization Fund

Motion Mr. Hadley to include Article 11 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Kittredge, all in favor.

Article 12 – Authorization to transfer funds to the Capital Investment Fund

Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 12 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Hadley, all in favor.

Mr. Gaumond explained that once Free Cash is certified, we set aside the amount of money to balance next years' and a percentage goes to Stabilization and the remainder to Capital. He believes we will have sufficient money for everything. Mr. Crowley asked the dollar value for the Open Space Study. Mr. Gaumond advised that they are requesting \$14,500 and he did send a request asking for information as to why they would need an appropriation. Mr. Hadley asked about using CPC funds and Mr. Crowley advised that he did pose that question to the Community Preservation Coalition and their response was a maybe. Mr. Hadley, who is the Conservation Commission designee to the Open Space Implementation Committee, advised that there was discussion that they do not want to move forward with the article and they would apply for CPC money first. Mr. Rucho suggested keeping it on the warrant and passing over it at town meeting. Mr. Hadley stated that the committee would be fine taking it off.

Motion Mr. Rucho to reconsider the vote on Article 8, seconded by Mr. Hadley.

Motion Mr. Rucho to add Article 8 to the warrant, seconded by Mr. Hadley. Vote on the motion – all opposed. Article 8 will be removed from the warrant.

Motion Mr. Rucho to sign and close the warrant and authorize its posting, seconded by Mr. Hadley, all in favor. Mr. Gaumond informed the Board that he does have his 3 quotes for the sign.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Mr. Rucho at 7:22 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: October 1, 2014

Nancy E. Lucier, Municipal Assistant

Kevin M. McCormick, Chairman

John W. Hadley, Vice Chairman

Christopher A. Rucho, Clerk

Michael J. Kittredge, Jr., Selectman

Siobhan M. Bohnson, Selectman