

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013 6:00 P.M.
Town Hall, 109 Front Street, Winchendon
4TH Floor Robinson-Broadhurst Conference Room**

Present: Robert M. O'Keefe, Chairman
Keith Barrows
Guy Corbosiero

James M. Kreidler, Jr., Town Manager
Linda A. Daigle, Executive Assistant

Remote Participation: C. Jackson Blair

Absent: Elizabeth R. Hunt, Vice-Chairwoman

List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- Draft Revised FY14 Town Government Budget (attached)
- Draft Revised Version 1.4 ATM Warrant May 20, 2013 (attached)

Chairman O'Keefe called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The meeting aired live on local cable access channel 8.

Disclosure of Audio/Video Recording: No one disclosed audio/video recording this evening.

Announce Remote Participation: O'Keefe announced that Selectman Blair would be participating remotely.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Review Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant and FY14 Budget:

Kreidler explained the copy of the warrant presented this evening was different from the last meeting with changes that Town Counsel has recommended. Changes under his authority were made and were by and large formatting and nothing in substance. Articles 14 through 19 were submitted by the Capital Planning Advisory Committee and those changes that Town Counsel has recommended showing as strike outs, deletions, additions and with notes are there for you for your reference and it is not expected that those comments will be taken into consideration for the final warrant you will be approving this evening. The Capital Planning Advisory Committee submitted them and they cannot be changed without the Committee taking a vote to change them. The Committee is not meeting until Thursday so those articles will revert back to the original article.

Article 29, Kreidler pointed out the two stylist comments from Town Counsel. He didn't accept those changes because they would need to be amended by Montachusett Regional Vocational School District. If the article goes to Town Meeting, it would need to be amended through the motion to pick up recommendations of Town Counsel.

O'Keefe he said this com doesn't finalize language of any article were simplying approving what is proper and send off to fincom who is meeting at 7:00 p.m. jim said you are approving and finalizing the language in the warrant which can be amended after the fact at Town Meeting but needs to be closed and final for the Finance Committee's Public Hearing hearing.

O'Keefe noted all votes would be by roll call due to remote participation.

Barrows noted a correction on page 5 that references the General Government. The header should read FY14 not FY13 General Government Budget.

O'Keefe announced his procedure would be to mention each article and if anyone wanted to discuss the article to stop him. The articles with some discussion are as follows:

Article 4: Barrows asked if there were any committees that needed to be discharged. Kreidler responded that there were none appointed by Town Meeting. O'Keefe mentioned the Public Safety Committee could be discharged but thinks best to wait until they see a new Police Station before they are discharged.

STOPPED AT 12:03 P.M.

Article 5 Revolving Funds – Keith asked if any revolving funds new – Jm said no.

Article 6 genral gov operating budget – okeefe asked about the budget canging. jim said yes because of the street lights there are line items that are reduced to

next you;ll see human services, pg 8 council on aging, and 3 of 3 in 1.1 , change in new version 140,411...just mentioned the changes jim made to reduce line items to put \$25,000 in .

jim said for those following at home, electric was not changed for prior year. half way through fiscal year, we finalized a constact that we wer epaying 14.2? kilowatt cents per hour. going to default rae with national grid, we say our price go from 14.2 to roughly 7.5 cents. Therefore, in this year's budget we should realize a savings in those lines cost of reduction in raw power. His expectations for him was where the solar power money would go. It was made clear to him that the expectation would not ...budget but...with that expectation he didn't use them. now that you have asked, he's gone back to those lines, made the 30% cut inthos line items. those all totaled will be \$24,900 for street lights.

Okeefe asked Blair if he ...he says it sounds like smoke and mirrors, Jim said he would have like to hear that from the email. Blair said if the tm is saing that we would get 25% of lights back on he accepts that. Jim said its not 25% but \$25,000. Balir said yes, hes right. Jim offered to show contract and ng bid. blair said he believed him. Okeee said the reason it changed from 25% to \$25,000...blair interrupted that at the last meeting it was asked to put a dollar figure to make it easier to work with. he amdned motion and it was approved. Okkeefe sasked if this amount will be 25% with this number. Jim said because we don't know the numer and cost, there is no way to know. he asked if this 58,000 will provide Okeefe wanted to clarify that the number now is an additional \$25,000 of lights turned on. Kreidler agreed. goal to quantify said blair. okeefe said maybe the street light committee can provide this. blair said also the tm office said what it would cost to turn on lights. he wants to know how many will be on due to motion passed last week. and if a resident wanted to pay for it himself he would like that info. jim said email from Kevin Shaugnassy at 5:15 and he attached a cost analysis and s looking to peg that against that ... he sad he'd hapy to send **to them for their review and he asked to put it on the next meeting.**

Article 7 Water Enterprise Art. – Barrows question on Art. 7 and 8 as presented that it did not impact the water/sewer rate. jim said no recommendation is being made to change it. the budget will support it.

Article 12 senior tax work off program – Jim said one position not filled this year and will transfer over for this year, the figure is a bit less this year, Bob asked.

Article 13 CAC, Clark/YMCA

Article 14 lengthy change to bylaws to the capital planning committee.

Article 15 listen Bob said the cap plan com revise one of it. Bob said direct town mag to make a change in the budget

Article 16 floor drain system at fleet maintenance garage and...Bob asked if there is a question about fund. Jim said a motion would need to be made to...Jim said cap had some savings...listen. dpw spends 5,000 a year to pump the tank, and those savings would be realized. take care of need of tank and... Jim said what will need to be done to affect that, a budget appears that is balanced in mainten funds, if we pass that budget, you can't do what your seeking to do. in order to affect this a motion would be made to revise the budget, reduce public works budget by 5200 and ..the debt service by the 5200 and it will be covered to. Guy asked what if it didn't pass. Jim said we would have to go back to special town meeting to reallocate it.

they went back to budget under highway budget pg. 7-8 reduce budgets

Article 24 Stabilization – Jim said no money going out. placeholder that is usual and customary

Article 25 bos to WRA – Jim said parcel has handout will be passed out. parcel separately drawn and attached the town hall lot, there is a garage behind townhall. interest for a business on central st. the plan involves this piece and garage to purchase. We would need to go to town meeting and go through a procurement process.. this space would be replicated at the Fire Dept in a new building. Jim said this piece would be a public bid.

Article 27 amend historic district bylaw. impose architectural standards in the ...this article will have that tool. Guy said the section now does not allow them to put standards on. listen

Article 28 Stretch Energy Code – Bob said wonderful presentation and info is available at Town Manager BOS office

Article 29 Monty Tech to establish a Stabilization Fund. Art. submitted by the school district and he didn't see in charter where they could. art can be submitted by citizens (10) or any town agency. Bob said. Guy said he is in agreement. He asked if the school district take a vote. and he said they did they took a vote to ask each member communities to adopt this. Jim thinking any town agency has the ability to submit an article. def in 7.7 town agency it references office, board committee. he judged we do have an officer that is appointed to represent the town, connecting those dots. O'Keefe said if it was submitted by the member, he would feel different. Before moving on, it would be a motion to strike article 29 to have the appropriate standing to be in our warrant. Blair moved. Guy seconded for discussion. O'Keefe said this art is to allow Monty to create a stabilization fund., a rainy day fund. Bob said if something happens, we have a fund, \$1.8m we have saved for an emergency. Monty Tech doesn't raise money like the we do or the commonwealth. they send a bill to the communities and we have to pay it. He said the bill has gone up. it's a good reason if they don't spend all their money they could transfer to a rainy day fund. if there is any money left over, he wants it returned to the towns. With a roll call vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously.

Barrows moved to finalize the warrant with Articles 1 through 28 as presented this evening; Corbosiero seconded. By a roll call vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously.

Barrows moved to adjourn; Corbosiero seconded. By roll call vote of all aye, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daigle
Executive Assistant