

MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING

Monday, September 19, 2016

Selectmen’s Hearing Room

Present: Stephen G. Robbins, Chairman; James J. Fitzgerald; and Rocco J. Longo, Town Administrator

Excused: Michael G. Bradley

Steve Robbins opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being recorded by MCTV. Mr. Robbins noted that Mr. Bradley will not be in attendance tonight.

Mr. Robbins said that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss and vote on the remaining articles for the Special Town Meeting.

Article 8: Foster Avenue Seawall (formerly Article 9) – Tom Reynolds appeared before the Board to answer any questions regarding this article. Jim Fitzgerald said that the issue the Board had with this article last week was that the wording was unclear. Mr. Fitzgerald said that he met with Tom Reynolds and they have revised the article. Mr. Fitzgerald read into the record the revised Article 8, which includes three different financial transactions: two borrowing components and the acceptance of a State grant. Jim Fitzgerald asked if this article has gone to Capital Budget. Mr. Reynolds said that he emailed the article to the Capital Budget Committee but has not heard back. Tom Reynolds gave a brief explanation of the project. After a brief discussion, Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Jim Fitzgerald, to support this reworded article. The vote was 2:0.

Article 9: Ocean Street Seawall – Jim Fitzgerald said that the issue with this article was that it does not state what article the unexpended funds were approved in and whether the funds are available. Rocco Longo said that the funds were voted in Article 14 of the April 22, 2013 Special Town Meeting. There was some discussion regarding the amount of the outstanding balance of this article. Jim Fitzgerald said that the correct amount needs to be included in the printed warrant. After a brief discussion, Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Jim Fitzgerald, to support this article. The vote was 2:0.

Article 11: Library Funding – Rocco Longo said that this article will be passed over if the union contract article is passed. Steve Robbins moved, seconded by Jim Fitzgerald, to support this article. The vote was 2:0.

Articles 12 & 13: Furnace Brook Middle School – Steve Robbins noted that the Board voted to support both of these articles at their meeting last week, but they did have some questions. Jeff Granatino, Tom Miller and Sean Costello appeared before the Board to answer any questions. Steve Robbins asked about rebates on the boiler and roof replacement projects. Tom Miller said that there will be an opportunity for rebates on these projects, but the actual dollar amount of these rebates is not known at this time. Steve Robbins asked for a brief explanation of the roof replacement article. Jeff Granatino gave an overview of how the MSBA funding process works and said that this article is seeking funding for a schematic design study that is required by the MSBA. The Board thanked Mr. Granatino, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Costello for coming in to answer these questions.

Article 14: Open Space & Recreation Plan – Rocco Longo gave the Board some details on this article. After a brief discussion, Jim Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Steve Robbins, to approve the article using CPC money to fund the \$35,000 study pending appropriate language from Town Counsel. The vote was 2:0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. There was no executive session held.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Burke

The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: Special Town Meeting Warrant.