

## **Call to Order**

### **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair, Kevin O’Handley called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. Present were Aaron Buzay, Bill Haskell, Kevin O’Handley, Ken Russo, Paul MacKay, and Kim Perry. Andrew McBrien, Yican Cao and Paula Colby-Clements were absent. Also present were Town Manager, Andrew Flanagan and Chief Financial Officer, Patrick Lawlor. The meeting was videotaped and cablecast.

### **Public Safety Staffing Recommendation – Andrew Flanagan, Patrick Lawlor**

Town Manager, Andrew Flanagan gave the committee a presentation regarding Public Safety Staffing. The needs in Andover have increased by 16.8%, 5,270 residents. There has not been an increase in fire staff since 2000. Police staff was increased in 2002 and then decreased by four in 2004.

The question was asked if this brings us to capacity? It will give us a better chance of responding to the 239 “missed calls” where we had to use mutual aid. Ambulance 3 will be in use 50% of the time.

The question was asked if this staffing plan is enough? This is most likely a multiple year process.

Ambulance fees have increase and will increase another 5% for the next two years.

### **Review and vote on Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles**

#### **Article P5 – Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Projects Fund**

Following discussion and upon motion duly made by Paul MacKay and seconded by Bill Haskell it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant.

Motion passed 6-0.

#### **Article P8 – Minor Financial Articles (A through D)**

Following discussion and upon motion duly made by Paul MacKay and seconded by Bill Haskell it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant.

Motion passed 6-0.

#### **Article P9 – General Housekeeping Articles (A through G)**

Following discussion and upon motion duly made by Paul MacKay and seconded by Bill Haskell it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant.

Motion passed 6-0.

#### **Article P11 – Chapter 90 Authorizations**

Following discussion and upon motion duly made by Paul MacKay and seconded by Bill Haskell it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant.

Motion passed 6-0.

#### **Article P11 – Granting Easements**

Since there is no financial impact, the Finance Committee will not be taking a position on the above article.

#### **Article P13 – Stabilization Fund Bond Premium**

Following discussion and upon motion duly made by Paul MacKay and seconded by Bill Haskell it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant.

Motion passed 6-0.

#### **Article P15 – Sewer collection System Maintenance**

Following discussion and upon motion duly made by Paul MacKay and seconded by Bill Haskell it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant.

Motion passed 6-0.

**Article P16 – Transportation Network Company Funding**

Following discussion and upon motion duly made by Paul MacKay and seconded by Bill Haskell it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant.

Motion passed 6-0.

**Article P19 – Capital Projects from General Fund Borrowing**

Following discussion and upon motion duly made by Paul MacKay and seconded by Bill Haskell it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant.

Motion passed 6-0.

**Article P20 – Capital Projects from Free Cash**

Following discussion and upon motion duly made by Paul MacKay and seconded by Bill Haskell it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant.

Motion passed 6-0.

**Article P22 – Jerry Silverman Fireworks**

Following discussion and upon motion duly made by Paul MacKay and seconded by Bill Haskell it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant.

Motion passed 6-0.

**Article P42 – Rental of Electronic Voting Equipment**

Following discussion and upon motion duly made by Paul MacKay and seconded by Bill Haskell it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant.

Motion passed 6-0.

**Liaison Updates**

None

**Review and Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2023**

Upon motion duly made by Paul MacKay and seconded by Aaron Buzay it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2023, Finance Committee Meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

Next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 and Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Paul MacKay and seconded by Kim Perry it was unanimously voted to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0

**Documents:**

Minutes from January 25, 2023, Public Safety Staffing Recommendation PowerPoint presentation, Finance Committee Articles PowerPoint Presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Salvi  
Recording Secretary