

## Call to Order

### Remote Participation Requirements and Procedures

Per 940 CMR 29.10(7), Mr. Barry contacted Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt in sufficient time prior to the meeting with the request to participate in the meeting remotely. Pursuant to 940 CMR 29.10(5), Chair Moffitt so notified the members of his request, gained their approval, and called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, and initiated roll call. Present were: Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Bojay Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik. Also present were Patrick Lawlor, Management Analyst and Donna Walsh, Finance Director. The meeting was taped and live cablecast.

### Article 59 – Free Cash

Chairman Moffitt welcomed Private Article Petitioner Joe Albuquerque to the meeting. He made his presentation to the members (see attached.) Discussion ensued. It was decided that further discussion by the committee would precede a vote on the above article.

### Article 4 – FY2020 Operating Budget

Ms. Anderson pointed out that the Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval of Article 4 in the amount of \$187,494,538, according to the Town Clerk's tracking sheet. This amount is \$15,965 more than the net total of the Article 4 FY2020 operating budget. Ms. Walsh will follow up with the Board of Selectmen.

### *Departmental Line Items*

#### Public Safety

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Russo, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Public Safety budget in the amount of \$17,354,029, consisting of Personal Services in the amount of \$15,780,079 and Other Expenses in the amount of \$1,573,950 and inclusive of \$140,073 in parking receipts, \$90,000 in detail fees and \$1,350,000 in ambulance collections. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Bojay Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

#### General Government/ IT / CD&P

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Anderson, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Government Government/ IT/ CD&P budget in the amount of \$8,671,068, consisting of Personal Services in the amount of \$6,510,793 and Other Expenses in the amount of \$2,160,275 and inclusive of Wetland Filing Fees of \$25,000. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Bojay Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

#### Department of Public Works

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Anderson, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Department of Public Works budget in the amount of \$8,736,419, consisting of Personal Services in the amount of \$3,464,080 and Other Expenses in the amount of \$5,272,339 and inclusive of Cemetery Revenues of \$60,000. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y,

Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Bojay Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

### **Department of Public Facilities**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Anderson, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Department of Public Facilities budget in the amount of \$3,772,745, consisting of Personal Services in the amount of \$2,374,145 and Other Expenses in the amount of \$1,398,600 and inclusive of Rental Receipts of \$80,000 and \$8,000 Andover Youth Foundation Gift. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Bojay Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

### **Library**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Anderson, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Library budget in the amount of \$2,844,388, consisting of Personal Services in the amount of \$2,177,076 and Other Expenses in the amount of \$667,312. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Blackwell Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

### **Community Services**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Anderson, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Community Services budget in the amount of \$2,407,961, consisting of Personal Services in the amount of \$1,735,271 and Other Expenses in the amount of \$672,690 and inclusive of \$583,510, \$4,482 and \$47,000 in User Fees; \$59,000 Grants and \$22,000 Andover Youth Foundation Gift. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Bojay Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

### **Unclassified**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Anderson, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Unclassified budget in the amount of \$790,000, consisting of Personal Services in the amount of \$590,000 and Other Expenses in the amount of \$200,000. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Blackwell Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

### **School Department**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Anderson, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the School Department budget in the amount of \$85,929,808, consisting of Personal Services in the amount of \$70,381,403, Other Expenses in the amount of \$15,473,405 and Kindergarten Fee Offset Personal Services of \$75,000. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Blackwell Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

**Sewer and Water**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Anderson, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Sewer and Water budget in the total amount of \$8,335,066, consisting of a total Sewer budget in the amount of \$2,988,024 consisting of Personal Services in the amount of \$333,049 and Other Expenses in the amount of \$2,654,975; a total Water budget of \$5,347,042 consisting of \$2,056,092 in Personal Services and \$3,290,950 in Other Expenses. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Blackwell Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

**Technical Schools**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Anderson, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Technical Schools budget in the amount of \$647,149. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Blackwell Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

**Debt Service**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Anderson, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Debt Service budget in the amount of \$15,149,625. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Blackwell Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

**General Insurance**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Anderson, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the General Insurance budget in the amount of \$1,064,473. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Blackwell Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

**Unemployment Compensation**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Anderson, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Unemployment Compensation budget in the amount of \$160,000. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Blackwell Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

**Retirement Fund**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Anderson, *and following discussion regarding the concern over the level of our unfunded Retirement and OPEB liabilities and the need to consider contributing more in the coming years*, it was voted to reluctantly recommend approval of the Retirement Fund budget in the amount of \$11,410,355. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Blackwell Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-N. Motion passed 8-1-0 with Ms. Zahorik voting against.

**Health Insurance Fund**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Anderson, *and following discussion*, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Health Insurance Fund budget in the amount of \$21,340,842. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Blackwell Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

**OPEB**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Anderson, *and following discussion*, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the OPEB budget in the amount of \$1,569,559. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Blackwell Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik. Motion passed 8-1-0 with Ms. Zahorik voting against.

**Total FY2020 Budget**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Anderson, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Grand Total Operating budget in the amount of \$190,183,487 less Budgeted Revenues of \$2,704,915 for a net total of \$187,478,572. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Blackwell Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

**Article 5 – Capital Improvement Projects**

Ms. Zahorik reviewed the playground project at Indian Ridge (see attached). Discussion ensued.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Russo, it was unanimously agreed to recommend approval of Article 5 in the total amount of \$3,963,698. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Blackwell Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

**Article 11G Rescinding Bond Authorizations**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Russo, *and after Ms. Walsh shared details*, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval to rescind the amount of \$172,353. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Blackwell Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

**Finance Committee Report/Letter**

Ms. Anderson reviewed progress on the report and Mr. Monticciolo reviewed progress on the letter. Discussion ensued.

**Post-Triboard Discussion**

Ms. Moffitt deferred discussion of the special town meeting article until the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Next Meetings – Finance Committee**

Wednesday, March 27

**Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Christopulos and seconded by Mr. Monticciolo, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. Motion passed 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Martin Barraford  
Recording Secretary