

Call to Order

Roll Call

Chair Moffitt called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m and initiated roll call. Through video conferencing mode, present were Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Also present were Finance Director Donna Walsh. The meeting was videotaped and recorded but not live cablecast.

Presentation on Articles 21, 22, 23 – Installation Roof Solar Panels on Sanborn School

Chair Moffitt introduced Ms. Joyce Losick-Yang, Sustainability Director, who presented information related to the above warrant articles regarding the installation of solar panels on the new roof which will be Sanborn School. A study was done by the Cadmus Group and revealed the following:

- The south facing, minimal pitch, and low shade of the existing roof make it an ideal candidate for solar panels.
- Production capacity could be almost twice as much energy as is currently consumed onsite.

Article 21

- Excess generated energy delivered to the grid could then be applied as a credit that would specifically be applied to other schools’ energy bills.
- The coverage would be applied as an on-bill credit to offset costs of utilities in other schools on a per/building basis within the district as above delineated.
- A long-term off-take so-called Power Purchase Agreement between a third-party solar developer/owner would be necessary to use space on top of the school for solar panels.

Article 22

- School Committee would lease space of rooftop to support interconnection between the development and power grid, as well as granting any necessary easements.
- No upfront costs to the town except for any costs associated with roof replacement and any structural, mechanical and electrical changes deemed necessary to support the weight of solar panels and the use of appropriate materials to accommodate the system.
- Maintenance and operation of system are the responsibility of third-party developer.
- No risk and no additional town personnel required.

Article 23

- New source of revenue for the town payment in lieu of taxes.
- Income would go into general revenue
- Discounted offtake of energy in light of what town is paying in utilities costs.

Ms. Losick-Yang outlined the financial implications of the project as follows:

- Energy savings depends on timing and the regulatory approval process. i.e. the sooner the interconnection is approved and statement of qualifications approved, a higher amount of savings will be gained.

- The current solar incentive program in the state (SMART) will determine actual savings. The Cadmus Group conservatively estimated savings, but actual savings could be higher depending on timing.
- Payment in lieu of taxes gives flexibility to the Select Board on deciding appropriate rate structure. The typical rate is about \$10K per megawatt installed capacity. The predicted megawatt capacity of our project is megawatt of .25 (250kw), i.e. applying rate of \$10K on facility yields an anticipated revenue on a yearly basis \$2,500/yr. for 20 years.

She also stated that she is researching the prospect of the town proceeding with ownership and maintenance of the solar project.

Ms. Losick-Yang noted that the electricity supply contract is with Constellation at a certain price and National Grid is the provider of power lines for delivery and transmission of electricity. The town already has a Power Purchase Agreement in a so-called NEMA zone to some of our facilities and that credit is applied to bills of facilities in that zone. Discussion ensued on the prospect of the installation of solar farms instead of rooftops. The Town Manager noted that there are certain thresholds within zones that cannot be exceeded. Also discussed were the site conditions of the Sanborn School which have been addressed to accommodate the expected life expectancy of the school.

Ms. Losick-Yang noted that since the current West El school project is a multi-roof system, solar would not be appropriate for that site. Additional horizontal space would be required if solar were to be considered.

Warrant Article Votes

Article P1 – Annual Town Election – No Position

Article P2 – Election Not Required by Ballot – No Position

Article P21 – Authorize Electricity Supply/On Bill Credit Purchase Agreements at Sanborn School

Following discussion and upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Articles P22 – Authorize Lease of Land/Rooftop Space a Sanborn School Photovoltaic Facilities; and

Article P23 – Authorize Agreements for Payment in Lieu of Taxes at Sanborn School

Following discussion and upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above articles as printed in the warrant. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P3 – Salaries of Elected Officials

Upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P4 – Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

Upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant in the amount of \$205,050,163, which with approved offsets reduces the total amount to \$202,928,693. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P5 – Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Projects Fund

Upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant in the amount of \$3,010,000. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P6 – Unfunded Pension Liability

Following discussion and upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P7A – Budget Transfers

Following discussion this article is put on hold for vote at Town Meeting.

Article P7B – Supplemental Budget Appropriations

Following discussion this article is put on hold.

Article P7C – Stabilization Fund

Following discussion this article is expected to be withdrawn.

Article P7D – Free Cash

Following discussion this article is expected to be withdrawn.

Article P7E – Unexpended Appropriations

Following discussion this article is put on hold.

Article P7F – Unexpended Appropriations Capital Projects Fund

Following discussion this article is put on hold.

Article P7G – Fiscal Year 2022 Revolving Accounts**Article P7H – PEG Access and Cable Related Expenses**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above articles as printed in the warrant. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P8A – Overlay Surplus Transfer**Article P8B – Elderly/Disabled Transportation Program****Article P8C – Support for Andover Day****Article P8D – Spring Grove Cemetery Maintenance**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above articles as printed in the warrant. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P9A – Grant Program Authorization**Article P9B – Road Contracts****Article P9D – Property Tax Exemptions****Article P9E – Contracts in Excess of Three Years**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above articles as printed in the warrant. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P9C – Town Report – No Position**Article P9F – Accepting Easements – No Position****Article P9G – Rescinding Bond Authorizations**

Following discussion this article is expected to be withdrawn.

Article P10 – Unpaid Bills

Upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant in the amount of \$6,673.19. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P11 – Chapter 90 Authorizations

Upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P12 – Granting Easements – No Position

Article P13 – Stabilization Fund Bond Premium

Upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant in the amount of \$100,000. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P14 – Water Treatment Plant Maintenance

Upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant in the amount of \$300,000. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P15 – Capital Projects from General Fund Borrowing

Upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant in the amount of \$6,595,000. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P16 – Capital Projects from Free Cash

Upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant in the amount of \$1,983,372. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P17 – Capital Projects from Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds

Upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant in the amount of \$9,375,000. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P18 – Deficit Reduction

Following discussion this article was put on hold.

Article P19 – Establish New Revolving Fund - Student Technology Rental

Upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P20 – Interest on Late Payments

Following discussion and upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant.

Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P24 – Shawsheen School

Following discussion this article is expected to be withdrawn.

Article P25 – Wet El/Shawsheen Design and Construction

Upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant in the amount of \$151,661,968. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P26 – Andover High School Design

Following discussion this article is put on hold.

Article P27 – Retail Package Store Quota – No Position

Article P28 – Means Tested Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption

Following discussion and upon motion duly made by Mr. O’Handley and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article as printed in the warrant. Chairperson Eugenie Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-Y and Paul Russo-Y. Motion passed 9-0.

Article P29 – General Bylaw Amendment – Outdoor Dining or Retail License – No Position

Article P30 – Amend Andover Zoning Bylaw Article VII - No Position

Article P31 – Automatic Sprinklers

Following discussion it was decided to take no position on this article.

Article P32 – Street Acceptance Monarch Lane – No Position

Article P33 – Amendment of Open Space Land Acquisition Bonding

Following discussion this article was put on hold.

Article P34 – Land Acquisition Chandler Road

Following discussion this article was put on hold.

Article P35 – Merrimack River Solid Waste Collection and Removal

Following discussion this article was put on hold.

Article P36 – Form of Government Ballot Question – No Position

Article P37 – Town Election Date – No Position

Article P38 – Terms for Boards, Committees and Commissions – No Position

Article P39 – Noise and Vibration Standards Bylaw – No Position

Working Group Update - FinCom Report and Letter

Mr. Monticciolo reported on the progress of the report and letter. He noted the timeline for the responsibilities of members and others for content submissions.

Liaison Updates

No updates.

Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2021

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Christopulos and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was voted to approve above minutes. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, John Barry-A, Ms. Anderson-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y and Mr. Christopulos-Y. Motion passed 8-0-1 with Mr. Barry abstaining.

Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, April 21 @ 7:00PM – complete votes; draft school project and POB content

Wednesday, April 28 @7:00PM – Triboard Meeting

Wednesday, May 5 @ 7:00PM

Working groups to continue

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Christopulos and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, Paul Monticciolo-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Ms. Anderson-Y, John Barry-Y, Kevin O’Handley-Y and Mr. Christopulos-Y. Motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Martin Barraford

Recording Secretary

Attachments:

Minutes of Meeting March 24, 2021