

## **Call to Order**

### **Remote Participation Requirements and Procedures**

Per 940 CMR 29.10(7), Ms. Anderson 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 her request, gained their approval, and called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m. in the Board of Selectmen Conference Room, and initiated roll call. Present were: Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Bojay Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y, Linn Anderson-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Also present were Donna Walsh, Finance Director, Fire Chief Mansfield and the Town Manager (arrived late.) Absent were Spiro Christopoulos and Paul Monticciolo. The meeting was taped and live cablecast.

### **Special Town Meeting - Article 2 Automatic External Defibrillators on Town Playing Fields**

Chair Moffitt welcomed the petitioners of the above private article, Mimi LeBrun, Santina Wilson and Stephanie Driscoll. They began their presentation by noting that co-proponents Mr. Henderson and Mr. Grieco, both local heart attack survivors, were unable to attend the meeting. The proponents reviewed the need for the AEDs citing local and national statistics of cardiac arrest among children and spectators in general and presented the details of the two phases of their project. STM Article 2 requests \$50,000 for Phase 1 of the plan. Donations for AED's have been received for Phase 1 and will continue to be pursued to defray the cost of Phase 2. Chief Mansfield reviewed the town's close collaboration with the proponents of the project both in the inception and continuing maintenance of the units (see attached.) Discussion ensued.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Zahorik, it was voted to recommend approval of Article 2 in the amount of \$50K to be taken from Free Cash. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Bojay Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y, Linn Anderson-N (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Motion passed 6-1-0 with Ms. Anderson opposing.

### **Preparation for Town Meeting**

Ms. Moffitt summarized the script meeting for town meeting held earlier in the day and reviewed the various speaking assignments of committee members. Discussion ensued on these assignments as well as the Chair's proposed opening remarks at Town Meeting.

### **Town Manager**

The Town Manager reviewed the results of the court's decision re retiree healthcare premiums. He pointed out that only contributions made during 2017 and 2018 would be impacted by any final ruling and stated that healthcare savings amounts deposited in the OPEB Trust Fund for those years would remain in that fund. If funds are required as a result of a final court ruling, they will come from another source and there would be no impact to the OPEB funding schedule. Discussion ensued.

### **Chair's Feedback on Comments re Finance Committee Report**

Ms. Moffitt reviewed the comments she had received from the School Committee on information contained in the letter as well as the email received from Mr. Hartwell. Discussion ensued.

**Water Rate Increase**

The Town Manager reviewed the Board of Selectmen's vote to increase water rates in order to advance the simultaneous replacement of water mains in conjunction with replacement of road work in conjunction with the gas disaster. He indicated that the amount of Article 29 – Water Main Replacement would not be adjusted at this ATM, but that additional funds may be requested at a future Town Meeting if a new plan for water main replacement is approved by the Board of Selectmen. Discussion ensued.

**Next Meetings – Finance Committee**

Monday, Pre Meeting 6:00PM before Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday, Pre Meeting 6:00PM before Special/Annual Town Meeting

**Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Barry and seconded by Ms. Zahorik, it was voted to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0 (Ms. Anderson had lost connectivity.) Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Andrew Betts-Y, Paul Russo-Y, Bojay Taylor-Y, John Barry-Y, Linn Anderson-Y (remotely) and Bonnie Zahorik-Y. Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Martin Barraford  
Recording Secretary

*Attachments:*

Article 2 Presentation