

Special Town Council Meeting with the Budget Committee

May 11, 2021 MINUTES

This meeting was held in person at the Town Office at 44 Main Street and on Zoom on Tuesday, May 11th, 2021.

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cooper at 8 p.m.

Roll Call Attendance- Councilors Cooper, English-Flannagan, Ginn, Higgins, and Ronco present.

Budget Committee Members: Susie Rioux, Joe Tyler, Paula Cote, Dale Rawley, Marry Ann Royal, and Mathew Crousier present.

Adopt Agenda- Councilor English-Flannagan motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Councilor Ronco seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Input from Citizens on Unscheduled Items- None

Scheduled Items:

A). New Business

1. Review and Approval of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021- Item was tabled until discussion and votes on the individual articles were completed.

2. Town Meeting Warrant- Discussion, Reading, and approval of 2020 Town Meeting

Warrant Articles & Warrant.

Article 4: Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend as presented with a recommended date of July 29, 2021. Councilor Ginn seconded the motion. Town Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee Vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 5. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend as presented with a first half due date of September 16, 2021 and 6% interest and a second payment due date of March 17, 2022 and a 6% interest rate. Councilor Ginn seconded motion. Town Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee Vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 6. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend yes on Article 6 as presented. Councilor English Flannagan seconded the motion. Town Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 7. Councilor English-Flannagan motioned to recommend yes on Article 7 as presented with a 6% interest rate on abated taxes and to appropriate money out of overlay to pay for abatements and interest on abated taxes. Councilor Ronco seconded motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee Vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 8. Councilor English-Flannagan motioned to recommend yes on Article 8 as presented, related to disposition of tax acquired property. Councilor Ronco seconded the motion. Council Vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee Vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 9. Councilor English-Flannagan motioned to recommend as presented, Department 10 Town Council in the sum of \$20,275. Councilor Ronco seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor. 5-0.

Budget Committee Vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 10. Councilor English-Flannagan motioned to recommend as presented, Department 12 Board of Assessors in the sum of \$57,059. Councilor Higgins seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor. 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 11. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend article 11 as presented with Department 15 benefits in the sum of \$120,626 and Department 17 insurances in the sum of \$16,150 with a total recommended sum for the article of \$136,776. Councilor Higgins seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee voted: All in favor 6-0.

Article 12. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend Article 12 Administration Department 20 as presented in the sum of \$256,890. Councilor English-Flannagan seconded the motion. Town Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee Vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 13. Councilor English-Flannagan motioned to recommend Article 13 as presented with Department 25 Municipal Building in the sum of \$11,240 and Department 70 Victoria Grant Civic Center in the amount of \$7,700 for a total recommend sum of \$18,940. Councilor Ginn seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 14. Councilor English-Flannagan motioned to recommend Article 14 Department 30 Planning Board as presented in the sum of \$1,725. Councilor Ronco seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 15. Councilor English-Flannagan motioned to recommend Article 15 Department 35 Fire Department as presented in the sum of \$52,912. Councilor Ronco seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee Vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 16. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend Article 16 Department 40 Code Enforcement as presented in the amount of \$7,400. Councilor English-Flannagan seconded the motion. Town Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 17. Councilor English-Flannagan motioned to recommend Article 17 Department 45 Winter Roads as presented in the sum of \$377,564. Councilor Ronco seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 6-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 18. Councilor English -Flannagan motioned to recommend Article 18 Department 50 Road Maintenance as presented in the sum of \$162,140. Councilor Higgins seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 19. Councilor English-Flannagan motioned to recommend Article 19 Department 55 Road Paving & Road Construction in the sum of \$395,000. Councilor Ginn seconded the motion. Council Vote All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 20. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend Article 20 Department 60 Solid Waste as presented in the sum of \$280,513. Councilor Higgins seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 21. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend Article 21 Department 65 Recreation Programs in the sum of \$24,675. Councilor Ginn seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 22. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend Article 22 Department 75 Community Grounds and Equipment in the sum of \$15,300. Councilor Ginn seconded. Council vote: All in favor: 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 23. Councilor Higgins motioned to recommend Article 23 Department 85 General Assistance in the sum of \$4,300. Councilor Ronco seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 24. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend Article 24 Dept 90-60-35 Memorial Day in the sum of \$400. Councilor Ginn seconded the motion. Council vote: All in 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 25. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend Article 25 Department 87 Social Services in the amount of \$7,100, Department 90-60-15 Union Meeting House in the amount of \$650, and Department 90-60-25 Winterport Free Library in the amount of \$38,740 for the total sum of \$46,490 as presented. Councilor English-Flannagan seconded the motion. Council vote all in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee Vote: 5 in favor and 1 against.

Article 26. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend the article as presented with the estimated pass through of \$1,179 to the snowmobile club. Councilor Ginn seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 27. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend Article 27 Department 90-60-55 Cemetery District as amended in the sum of \$48,020. Councilor Ginn seconded the motion. Council vote: 4 in favor to 1 against.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 28. Councilor English-Flannagan motioned that Article 28 be tabled until the next meeting. Councilor Ronco seconded the motion. Town Council vote: All in Favor of motion 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor of tabling Article 28 until the next meeting 6-0.

Article 29. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend Article 29 Department 96 Animal control in the sum of \$8,820. Councilor Ginn seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 30. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend Article 30 Department 90-70-68 Street lights in the amount of \$17,100 and Department 97-70-70 Fire Hydrants in the amount of \$86,942 for the total recommended sum of \$104,042 as presented. Councilor Ginn seconded the motion. Town Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: 5 in favor to 1 opposed.

Article 31. Councilor English Flannagan motioned to recommend Article 31 Department 98 Reserves as presented in the total sum of \$156,000. Councilor Higgins seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 32. Councilor English-Flannagan motioned to recommend Article 32 fund balance transfer in the total sum of \$180,000. Motion seconded by Councilor Ginn. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 33. Councilor English-Flannagan motioned to recommend Article 33 estimated revenue authorizations as presented in a grand total sum of \$1,590,915. Councilor Ginn seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 34. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend Article 34 Department 99-311 Local Road Assistance in the amount of \$47,676. Councilor Ginn seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 35. Councilor English-Flanagan motioned to recommend Article 35 Conservation Reserve Account as presented. Councilor Higgins seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: 5 in favor with 1 abstention.

Article 36. Councilor Higgins motioned to recommend Article 36 as presented with a recommendation of yes to vote to appropriate from fund balance to pay for account overdrafts. Councilor Ronco seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 37. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend Article 37 as presented with a recommendation of yes to accept any gifts, unanticipated donations or pass-through funds. Councilor Higgins seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 38. Councilor English-Flanagan motioned to table Article 38 until the next meeting. Councilor Ronco seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 39. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend Article 39 carry forward Council Contingency Funds with a yes as presented. Councilor Ginn seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 40. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend Article 40 carry forward Winter Roads Building Repair Not Annual Account funds with a yes as presented. Councilor Ginn seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 41. Councilor Higgins motioned to recommend Article 41 carry forward Solid Waste Disposal Building Repair Not Annual Account Funds with a yes as presented. Councilor English-Flanagan seconded the motion. Council vote: All in Favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 42. Councilor Ronco motioned to recommend Article 42 carry forward Municipal Building Repair Account Funds with a yes as presented. Councilor Ginn seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor 6-0.

Article 43. Councilor English-Flanagan motioned to recommend Article 43 carry forward Public Works Road Reconstruction Account with a yes as presented. Councilor Higgins seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee Vote: All in Favor 6-0.

Article 44. Councilor English-Flannagan motioned to table Article 44 until the next regular council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilor Ronco. All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor of motion to table 6-0.

Article 45. Councilor English-Flannagan motioned to table Article 45 until the next council meeting. Councilor Ronco seconded the motion. Council vote: All in favor 5-0.

Budget Committee vote: All in favor of motion to table 6-0.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor English-Flannagan. Councilor Ronco seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0. Meeting adjourned @ 8:35 P.M.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Michael Crooker.




Stephen Cooper



Maggie English-Flanagan

Corey Ginn



Tammy Higgins

Ann Ronco