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Members Present: Jake Lewon, Clint Keeney, Jim Frey, Harold Simmons, Matt Naughton, Leo Tometich

Meeting called to order 6:31 at Dunstable Town Hall.

ITEM 1 - Public Hearing for Special Town Meeting Warrant

The committee held a Public Hearing to review articles for the Special Town Meeting, to be held November 14, 2022.

Article 1: Affordable Housing Committee report on Housing Production Plan.

Motion: Support as presented (J.Frey)

2nd: L. Tometich

Vote: Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

Article 2: Reallocation of excess funds authorized for GDRS Capital Budget.

Motion: Support as presented. (J. Frey)

2nd: M. Naughton

Vote: FOR: Lewon, Frey, Simmons, Keeney, Naughton. AGAINST: Tometich. Motion passes.

Article 3: Town Administrator and Select Board Special Act.

Discussion: The proposed bylaw, Section 3, appears to be in conflict with the Advisory Board Bylaw of the Town of Dunstable, in terms of budget review/approval responsibilities. Other potential conflicts of responsibilities with town departments and boards were also noted in Section 3.

Motion: Support Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 of the Article (J. Frey)

2nd: M. Naughton

Vote: FOR: Keeney, Naughton, Tometich, Frey, Lewon. ABSTAIN: Simmons. Motion passes.

Motion: Not Support Section 3 (M. Naughton)

2nd: L. Tometich

Vote: Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

(Clerical Note: M. Naughton departed the meeting at this point)

Article 4: Funding for Police Union Contract.

Discussion: No actual expense figures were available at the time of this meeting, and thus the committee could not fully evaluate this article.

Motion: Take no position (H. Simmons)

2nd: J. Frey

Vote: Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

Article 5: Prior Year Bills

Discussion: The second line item, \$750 Nashoba Analytics water testing, was incurred by the Water Department. The committee requested that this expense be allocated to the Water Department reserve funds rather than free cash. The Town Administrator will research whether or not this is possible. The committee determined that it could not reach conclusion on the balance of the article without clarification on this point.

Motion: Take no position (J.Frey)

2nd: L. Tometich

Vote: Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

(Clerical Note: M. Naughton rejoined the meeting at this point)

Article 6: SAFER Grant Supplement

Discussion: This issue involves payment for services already incurred, for which a grant was sought but the final grant amount was insufficient to cover all costs. The committee noted that the Fire Department should not commit to such expenses in the future without clear and confirmed funding.

Motion: Support the article (J. Frey)

2nd: L. Tometich

Vote: Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

Article 7: Route 113 Water Line

Discussion: The Select Board indicates that this article will be withdrawn.

Motion: Take no position (J.Frey)

2nd: L. Tometich

Vote: Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

Article 8: Funding for changes and surcharges for new fire rescue truck

Motion: Support the article (M. Naughton)

2nd: L. Tometich

Vote: Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

Article 9: Compensation of GLTHS school committee members

Motion: Not Support the article (M. Naughton)

2nd: L. Tometich

Vote: Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

ITEM 2: Advisory Board Bylaw

Brief discussion held on this bylaw and the responsibilities, and the potential elimination of the purpose of the Advisory Board by the proposed Town Administrator Bylaw. No action taken.

Review/Approve Minutes

Advisory Board Meeting minutes from October 6, 2022 were presented

Motion: To approve as presented - HSimmons

2nd: L. Tometich

Vote: Vote: Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

Next Meeting: To be held 30 minutes prior the Special Town Meeting, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn - J. Frey, 2nd - L. Tometich. Vote: Unanimous to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.