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Present: Jake Lewon, Bob Nelson, Harold Simmons, Leo Tometich
Also attending: Town Administrator Brian Palaia, Fire Chief Rich, Public

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Town Administrator Update and Review of FY21-26 Budget Projections

1. Preliminary FY21 budget adjustments.
 - 1.1. Planning Board clerk hours reduced from 25 hours per week to 20 hours per week.
 - 1.2. Three additional health insurance subscribers.
 - 1.3. Needs MA DOR certification, but anticipate \$400,000 to \$450,000 free cash at end of 2019 fiscal year.
2. Brian P. will consult with Groton TA Mark Haddad to get a sense of the Groton FY20 budget status.
3. Dunstable and GDRSD FY21 budget timeline review.
4. Some discussion on how to engage town citizens in override need and planning.
5. Fire Chief Rich and Brian P. presented Phelan Engineering Dunstable fire station structural issues report.

Fall Special Town Meeting Draft Warrant Review

Discussion of warrant articles of interest.

1. Some concern by the AB about the relatively large \$150,000 transfer to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund proposed in Article 1. No defined funding purpose at this time and minimal oversight.
2. Massachusetts now requires solar overlay districts for solar projects.
3. Alan Chaney spoke against liquor article citing increased traffic concerns.

Motion to adjourn - Harold, - 2nd Bob. Vote: Unanimous to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.