

Present: Daniel Lewenberg, Patricia-Lee Achorn, Anja Bernier, William Brack, Gordon Gladstone, Charles Goodman, Ann Keitner, Ira Miller, Jada Wang.

Not Present: Brian Collins.

Also Present: Krishan Gupta - Finance Director, Tanya Lewis – School Committee Chair.

1. Dan Lewenberg, Chair, gave opening remarks:

This meeting is being held via remote means through the Zoom online platform pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021.

2. Discuss Late Addition to the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) Sharon Gallery Easement Request – Bob Shelmerdine - attorney and Matt Smith – Norwood Engineering Co.:

- a. Able to get site approval and zoning relief. Decision has been filed
- b. One year ago the client successfully negotiated a sewer connection through the Town of Foxboro, which runs through Quail Ridge (Sharon Woods). Municipal sewer from Foxboro to the Sharon town line up to Gavin's Pond Road and then to the intersection with Reeve Road. Running a line for the rest of the road to South Main Street and then on to Sharon Gallery
- c. Working to negotiate an agreement with the developer and Town of Foxboro for remuneration when connecting that line and amending an existing municipal agreement to successfully use the line that is being extended. Both Towns have to approve and deal with related technical matters. Will be a private sewer line maintained and operated by the Sharon Gallery
- d. Need to obtain an easement from Sharon because it is a private sewer line on a public way
- e. Developers will install a pump station to pump effluent into the force main which carries it to a different part of Town, tying into the existing sewer manhole at Gavin's Pond Road and Reeve Road and then flowing to Foxboro and the Mansfield treatment plant. Majority of the force main has been installed with independent engineers overseeing it on the Foxboro side of I95
- f. Developer is and will be responsible for installation, maintenance, repair and operation of the system
- g. Have been through a review with the ZBA. Town engineer has looked into water quality and Town experts have agreed this is the best option
- h. Residents will continue paying current rates
- i. Will discuss further at the April 11, 2022 Finance Committee meeting.

3. Discuss/vote recommendations on all remaining Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles:

- a. Personnel Bylaw:

Motioned: by Ann Keitner, **Seconded:** Patricia-Lee Achorn to recommend approval of the amended Personnel Bylaw as presented in the draft warrant. **Voted:** 9-0-0.

- b. Compensation of elected officials:

Motioned: by Ann Keitner, **Seconded:** Patricia-Lee Achorn to recommend approval of compensation of elected officials. **Voted:** 9-0-0.

- c. Capital Outlay:

Motioned: by Patricia-Lee Achorn, **Seconded:** Anja Bernier to recommend approval of the Capital Outlay budget. Voted: 9-0-0.

- d. FY'23 Budget:

Motioned: by Anja Bernier, **Seconded:** Bill Brack to recommend approval of the FY23 budget total of \$97,200,543 not including water. Voted: 9-0-0.

- e. Long term lease authorization for High School solar project:

- i. Ms. Keitner has received feedback on the article write up but still has questions regarding the lease revenue. Have received a reasonable estimate from the solar installation company which includes a discount.
- ii. Reasonable projection over 20 years is \$1.2 million
- iii. Statewide procurement through Power Options who have represented many municipalities to draft leases. Modest changes to leases over time, but very similar to the Heights Elementary project agreement language
- iv. A request was made by the Committee to Mr. Turkington that a review of the lease be done by counsel whose specialty includes reviewing public solar leases.

Motioned: by Bill Brack, **Seconded:** Patricia-Lee Achorn to recommend approval of article 21. Voted: 8-1-0. Charles Goodman voted no.

- f. Outdoor water use bylaw:

- i. The warrant article discusses installing a second water meter to record water volume separately, as well as what is allowed and not allowed. Based on the second meter, water managers can determine needs and how to control.

Motioned: by Ira Miller, **Seconded:** Patricia-Lee Achorn to recommend approval of the outdoor water use bylaw. Voted: 8-1-0. Charles Goodman voted no.

- g. Codification of zoning bylaws:

- i. Public hearings are being held on April 14, 21 and 28
- ii. Will have a presentation on this topic at the next Committee meeting, along with a follow-up presentation on the Sharon Gallery article. Will vote these articles at a later date.

4. Liaison Updates:

- a. Schools - Ann Keitner:

- i. Thank you to Tanya Lewis for her service as Chair of the School Committee. Ms. Lewis has expressed she won't be seeking reelection.

- b. Standing Building Committee - Gordon Gladstone:
 - i. Having some supply chain issues
 - ii. Reviewed major component of electrical system one week ago, which had been promised back in December or January. This should not affect the opening schedule of the school. Construction managers are working hard to finish.
- c. Library - Charles Goodman, with Cheryl Weinstein:
 - i. In-person programming is starting up again.
- d. Planning Board – Brian Collins:
 - i. No update, as Mr. Collins was not present at the meeting.
- e. Community Preservation - Patricia-Lee Achorn:
 - i. No update as this committee will not meet again for 6-8 months once the projects are approved.

5. Minutes to be voted:

Motioned: by Patricia-Lee Achorn, **Seconded:** Bill Brack to approve the February 7, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Voted: 9-0-0.

Motioned: by Patricia-Lee Achorn, **Seconded:** Ann Keitner to approve the February 28, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Voted: 8-0-1. Bill Brack abstained.

Motioned: by Patricia-Lee Achorn, **Seconded:** Bill Brack to approve the March 7, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Voted: 9-0-0.

6. Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair in 48 hours:

None discussed. Next meeting is April 11.

7. Adjournment:

Motioned: by Bill Brack, **Seconded:** Patricia-Lee Achorn to adjourn. Voted: 9-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24pm.