March 6th, 2017 Minutes

Sharon Community Center, 219 Masspoag Avenue

Present: Wlliam Brack, Patricia- Lee Achorn, Gordon Gladstone, Arnold Cohen, Alexander Korin, Hanna Switlezowski, Ira Miller, Charles Goodman and Laura Nelson

Absent: Edward Phillips

1. **Review Priorities Committee Meeting discussion – Fred Turkington**

Fred Turkington, Town Administrator, discussed proposed alternate changes in the priorities worksheet based on increase in state aid.

* Shift to cash capital saving tax payers interest FY 19 and maintain budgets as submitted.
* Increase funds available for Priorities to distribute to budget sectors (Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee).
* Pay down existing debt to reduce interest expense.

Capital Outlay discussed whether 1:1 computers belong in the Capital budget.

1. **ATM Warrant Article – Citizen Petition - Gavins Pond Alice Cheyer**

Selectman were asked to formalize protection of natural habitats and water resources of land near Gavin’s Pond placing it under the management of Conservation Commission.

* It is in the Groundwater protection district and overlies Billings Brook aquifer and town well #7.
* Athletic fields are not the best use for protecting the aquifer.
* The land has been designated by the state Natural Heritage program.
* Selectman to create new deed specifically limiting use of Gavin’s Pond land to conservation purposes (Article 97).

1. **Review Lake Management FY 18 Budget Request**

One major project with the Conservation Committee (Lake monitoring for invasive species).

1. **Other ATM Warrant Articles for information needs/information request**

Committee members assigned to write-up Article recommendations for the Warrant:

* Article 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 (Patricia Lee Achorn/William Brack)
* Articles 17, 19, 20 & 21 (Edward Phillips)
* Article 18 (Ira Miller)
* Article 6 and 16 (Gordon Gladstone)
* Article 7 (Hanna Switlezowski)
* Article 22, 23 and 24 (Arnold Cohen)
* Article 25 (Charles Goodman)
* Article 26 (Alexander Korin)
* Article 27 (Laura Nelson)

Requests for additional information should be submitted to William Brack, Finance Committee Chair.

1. **Set future Schedule**

An update regarding the codification, library and CPA will be given during the March 13th, 2017 Finance Committee meeting. The Finance Committee will then meet with the Personnel Board, Capital Outlay and Lake Management on March 20th, 2017.

1. **Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 hours prior to posting**

VisGov update: Town Finance Director is still on leave. The schools need to meet with the Finance Director and/or a representative from VisGov to determine information to be entered on VisGov.

1. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** by Laura Nelson to adjourn **SECONDED:** by Patricia-Lee Achorn **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.