March 27th, 2017 Minutes

219 Massapoag Avenue, Sharon, MA

Present: Laura Nelson, Ira Miller, Alexander Korin, Edward Phillips, Patricia-Lee Achorn, Gordon Gladstone, William Brack, Charles Goodman and Arnold Cohen

Absent: Hanna Switlezowski

1. **Review, discuss and vote ATM Codification Articles 21, 22 and 23 – Marlene Chused- Town Clerk/Lisa Whalen- Town Counsel**

Lisa Whalen, Town Counsel, presented Codification Articles 21, 22, 23 in regards to changes made by general code.

* The four changing categories include spelling and grammar, state law regulations, town regulations and town meeting votes.
* Three items being removed include the building fees reference, special town meeting provisions and parking restrictions.
* The redline will show the existing building fees but no new fees next to them.

**MOTION:** by Patricia-Lee Achorn to recommend approval of Article 21 **SECONDED:** by Gordon Gladstone **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

**MOTION:** by Patricia-Lee Achorn to recommend approval of Article 22 **SECONDED:** by Arnold Cohen **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

**MOTION:** by Patricia-Lee Achorn to recommend approval of Article 23 **SECONDED:** by Gordon Gladstone **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

1. **Review, discuss and vote ATM Capital Outlay Article 6– Paul Linehan, COC**
   1. **1:1 Schools**

Paul Linehan, CDC, presented Article 6 in regards to the 1:1 school proposal.

* There is a reduced cost being proposed.
* The Board of Selectman voted in favor of the article.
* $88,000 will be capitalize and $91,000 will be paid in cash.
  1. **Other Capital Outlay**

Paul Linehan continued the discussion in regards to the generator at Heights Elementary and Town Hall.

* They will need $25,000 more than first proposed.
* The Board of Selectman were not ready to move forward with Town Hall in this Town Meeting.
* There is a 4.47% threshold, which is decreased from the 6% in previous years.

**MOTION:** by Gordon Gladstone to recommend approval of Article 6 **SECONDED:** by Alexander Korin **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

1. **Review, discuss and vote ATM Special Education Reserve Fund Article 26 – Tim Farmer, Superintendent**

Tim Farmer, School Superintendent, presented the Special Education Reserve Fund, Article 26.

* It is limited to a net of 2% of their overall school spending.
* The fund can be used for transportation, tuition or other special education costs.
* It will allow flexibility and safety for unexpected special education costs.
* In order for the Article to pass both the Board of Selectman and the School Committee need majority vote.

**MOTION:** by Patricia Lee- Achorn to recommend the approval of Article 26 **SECONDED:** by Charles Goodman **VOTED:** 7-2-0. Laura Nelson and Alexander Korin opposed.

1. **Review, discuss and vote ATM Article 19 on Zoning Regarding SVCC and Special Within the Annual – Selectman Bill Heitin**

Fred Turkington, Town Administrator, presented Article 19. Laura Nelson recused herself.

* The Board of Selectman and Spring Valley Country Club reached an agreement.
* The complex will include fifty-two condominiums with twenty-six buildings, each having two bedrooms.
* 80% of the occupants must be fifty-five years or older.
* The Planning Board will hold a hearing on April 13th, 2017 on the new version of the bylaw.
* Items still needing information include projected revenue to the town, projected costs of single family homes versus active adult zoning and benefits of the new complex as pertaining to the MOU.

**MOTION:** by Ira Miller to defer the recommendation of Article 19 **SECONDED:** by Patricia-Lee Achorn **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

1. **Review, discuss Lake Management Budget – Noah Siegel - Lake Management**

Noah Siegel, Conservation Commission Appointee, presented the Lake Management budget.

* The Committee is asking for an increase in budget from $2,500 to $6,500 annually.
* They want a lake biologist to check the PH, chemical counts and various other issues in the lake every year.
* The second request is a reserve fund transfer of $18,800 to treat invasive weeds in Lake Masspoag.
* A bad area was found in the lagoon and their plan is to treat the lake as well as do a mechanical removing of the weeds.
* Three things needed to accomplish their goals are a company to administer, a consulting company to oversee the administration and suction harvesting.

**MOTION:** by Ira Miller to recommend $18,800 reserve fund transfer to treat the lake **SECONDED:** by Gordon Gladstone **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

1. **Review, discuss and Vote ATM Article 4 and 5 on Personnel and Towns Budget**

Marlene Chused, Town Clerk, presented her adjusted salary request from 3% to 4% in the Town Clerk’s budget. The amount changed is $890.00.

**MOTION:** by Gordon Gladstone to approve the increase to town clerks budget of $890.00 **SECONDED:** by Patricia-Lee Achorn **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

**MOTION:** by Patricia-Lee Achorn to recommend approval of Article 4 **SECONDED:** by Edward Phillips **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

**MOTION:** by Patricia-Lee Achorn to recommend approval of Article 5 **SECONDED:** by Alexander Korin **VOTED:** 8-0-1. Laura Nelson abstained.

1. **Review, discuss and vote ATM Article 18 - Sharon Gallery**

The Planning Board voted in support of Article 18 on March 16th, 2017.

**MOTION:** by Alexander Korin to recommend approval of Article 18 **SECONDED:** by Gordon Gladstone **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

1. **Review, discuss and vote all other ATM Articles**
   1. **ATM Article 1- Finance Committee Members**

The moderator has not appointed five people, for a one year term, to the Committee since 2009.

**MOTION:** by Patricia-Lee Achorn to recommend the approval of Article 1 **SECONDED:** by Arnold Cohen **VOTED:** 8-0-1. Alexander Korin abstained.

* 1. **ATM Article 17 – Master Planning**

**MOTION:** by Edward Phillips to recommend the source of funding for Article 17 using free cash **SECONDED:** by Patricia-Lee Achorn **VOTED:** 6-3-0. Ira Miller, Charles Goodman and Arnold Cohen opposed.

* 1. **ATM Articles 24 and 25 relative to Green Community Articles**

**MOTION:** by Ira Miller for no recommendation for town meeting for Article 24 **SECONDED:** by Alexander Korin **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

**MOTION:** by Arnold Cohen to recommend approval of Article 25 **SECONDED:** by Ira Miller **VOTED:** 8-0-1. Charles Goodman abstained.

1. **Discuss ATM recommendations**

All Finance Committee members will send their remaining articles by noon on March 28th, 2017.

1. **Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair in 48 hours**

Pre-town meeting will be held on Tuesday April 25th, 2017.

1. **Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 pm.