September 25th, 2017 Minutes

219 Masspoag Avenue Sharon, MA

**Present:** Alexander Korin, Laura Nelson, Hanna Switlekowski, Edward Phillips, Patricia-Lee Achorn, William Brack, Arnold Cohen, Gordon Gladstone, Daniel Lewenberg, Ira Miller, Anja Bernier and Charles Goodman.

1. **Crescent Ridge Dairy Article**

Fred Turkington, Town Administrator, presented paperwork regarding the logistics over meeting easement at Crescent Ridge.

* There was a problem keeping up with ground water discharge requirements and zoning regulations in Sharon.
* Crescent Ridge wants to tie into Stoughton’s MWRA system to fulfill.

1. **Hall Presentation – Board of Selectman**

Bill Heitin, Board of Selectman, presented the Town Hall project.

* When built in 1958 it was not sufficient.
* It lacks ADA compliance; if fined it will cost $1,000 per day.
* No sprinklers are available throughout the building.
* The new town hall will meet needs of the town for the next fifty years.
* There are thousands of transactions done at town hall a week that need to be met as well as early voting.
* To make the existing town hall ADA compliant it would cost $6.7 million.
* The total cost for a new building is $13.5 million.

1. **Town Hall Financing Plan – Fred Turkington**

Fred Turkington, Town Administrator, presented the Town Hall Financing Plan.

* The total cost of the project is $13.5 million.
* An additional $500,000 will be funded from free cash.
* $10.8 million will be funded through non-exempt borrowing.
* The appropriate FY2017 capital borrowing for the May 2016 ATM bond premium is $245,000.
* Unexpended fire department building repairs from capital are $82,000.
* The appropriation from free cash is $1,264,600.
* There will be no impact on taxes to Sharon residents.

1. **Articles for STM further discussion and vote**

Bill Heitin, Board of Selectman, presented the warrant articles for the November town meeting. The Selectman supported all 3-0 except the article regarding business district D. The Board of Selectman will discuss zoning and the MOU further at their October 2nd, 2017 meeting.

The articles for town meeting will be presented in the following order.

1. High School Schematic Design Funding

2. Zoning By-Law Change: Expansion of Business Uses & Change Design Standards in Business District D

3. Town Hall Project Funding

4. Zoning By-Law Change: Temporary Moratorium on the Sale and Distribution of Recreational Marijuana

5. General By-Law Change: Authorization of Departmental Revolving Funds and Funding By-Law

6. OPEB Trust Fund Statute Reacceptance

7. Crescent Ridge Easement

8. Application of Bond Premium

Laura Nelson recused herself and asked about organ procurement in business district D as a private citizen and whether it has been removed or changed in the article. It will be discussed at the Planning Board’s meeting on September 28h, 2017.

Laura Nelson returned as a member of the Finance Committee.

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

The Finance Committee discussed the conditions of the high school after attending a tour on September 23rd, 2017.

* Classrooms did not have enough spacing and did not meet safety regulations.
* No ADA compliance in the auditorium.
* No air conditioning only industrial fans.
* No running water for showering in the girl’s locker room.
* Too many entry points; not enough cameras in case of emergency situation.

**MOTION:** by Ira Miller to approve the general by-law change: authorization of departmental revolving funds and funding by-law (article 5) SECONDED**:** by Hanna Switlekowski **VOTED:** 12-0-0.

**MOTION:** by Ira Miller to approve the application of bond premium (article 8) **SECONDED:** by Laura Nelson **VOTED:** 12-0-0.

**MOTION:** by Ira Miller to approve the OPEB trust fund statute reacceptance (article 6) **SECONDED:** by Hanna Switlekowski **VOTED:** 12-0-0.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on October 2nd, 2017 and on October 5th, 2017 the Committee will discuss and vote on the remaining articles.

1. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** by Hanna Switlekowski to adjourn **SECONDED:** by Laura Nelson **VOTED:** 12-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.