

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MINUTES OCTOBER 20, 2014  
APPROVED**

**Present:** Anna Eliot, Vice Chair; Stuart M. Schulman, Clerk; Peter S. Cunningham, Member; John G. Petropoulos, Member

**Absent:** Josh A. Degen, Chair

**Also Present:** Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant

Ms. Eliot called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Mr. Haddad said that he asked Ms. Dufresne to be present to speak in more detail about article 2. Ms. Dufresne said that she wanted to make sure the Board understood that she was not looking for additional hours for the Assistant Town Accountant. It was replacing hours that were there prior to 2008. She said that 3 hours had been cut when the needs analysis was done at the same time payroll had been cut from their department. She said in 2012 they took on the revenue side of payroll but the hours were not restored. She said that with only 2 of them in the department they could really use the hours back adding again that it was a restoration of hours that had been cut. Ms. Dufresne added that Ms. Doig had conducted a benchmark study in which 68 towns responded. Out of those 68, 63 had Assistant Town Accountants who worked more than 30 hours/week.

Mr. Petropoulos said that he would be glad to consider it but couldn't make a decision without being more prepared. Ms. Eliot asked why this wasn't done in the spring. Mr. Haddad said that it was not brought up in the spring because of the budget issues and needing to fund the schools. He said he can't determine what the best time is for these adding that he had to look at them when they come up. Mr. Schulman asked what the Finance Committee's position was. Mr. Haddad said that they were unanimously in support of the increase. Ms. Eliot said that she felt as though it should be part of the annual budget process.

Mr. Haddad said that Mr. Petropoulos needed to take a position on offsetting the tax rate. Mr. Petropoulos said that he was in support of this. Mr. Haddad said that the Board was unanimous in its support of the article.

Mr. Haddad said that Mr. Schulman needed to take a position on article 6. Mr. Schulman said that he was in support of the article. Mr. Haddad said that the Board was unanimous in its support of the article.

Mr. Haddad said that Mr. Schulman needed to take a position on article 7. Mr. Schulman said that he was against this article. Mr. Haddad said that the Board was 4-1 in support of the article.

Mr. Haddad said that Ms. Eliot needed to take a position on article 8. Ms. Eliot said that she was not in support of the article. The Board was 4-1 in support of the article.

Mr. Haddad said that the Board was unanimous in its support of article 12. He said that if article 10 failed, article 11 would be withdrawn. He asked what the Board would like to do with article 12. Mr. Schulman said that he was still in support of article 12 should 10 fail. Ms. Eliot said that if 10 failed, she would like to see the zooming left as public. Mr. Petropoulos said that the overlay was useful for marketability as it provided flexibility. Mr. Haddad said that the underlying zoning of "P" would remain. Mr. Petropoulos said that it was a good place to hear discussion. It was decided to move forward with article 12.

Mr. Haddad said that the Sewer Commission was unanimous in its support of article 16 and asked the Board to take a position. The Board was unanimous in their support of the article.

Mr. Haddad said that article 21 was different than it appeared in the warrant. He said that had now excluded light and water department from the bylaw adding that it cleaned it up. Mr. Schulman said that he was in support of the

article with the change. Mr. Petropoulos said that he was unable to support the article. Mr. Cunningham said that he was unable to support the article. Ms. Eliot said that she was in favor. The Board was split 2-2.

Mr. Haddad said that Mr. Degen asked if the Board could reaffirm their support of the Prescott School purchase and sales. He said that the initial extension was up until October 1<sup>st</sup> and a subsequent further extension gave them until the end of the year. Attorney Doneski said that they weren't affirming the purchase and sales but their intent to enter into negotiations with Mr. Yanchenko.

*Mr. Schulman moved to confirm the commitment to Mr. Yanchenko as previously discussed. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0-1 in favor with Mr. Petropoulos abstaining.*

*The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Stuart Schulman, Clerk

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respectfully *submitted*,  
Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant

Date Approved: 11/24/14