

PRESENT: Selectmen Roland P. Nutter, Lisa M. Ferolito and Bill Greathead; Andrew MacLean, Town Administrator; Tracie Looney, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was said. Mr. Nutter announced that the meeting is being broadcast live and recorded for rebroadcast.

1. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

1.1 FY2020 Budget (Exhibit 1)

The Town Administrator presented the preliminary FY2020 budget to the Board of Selectmen for consideration. The FY2020 budget outlook is dire. While there are still numbers to be finalized (schools and insurance expenses and new growth (revenue), this budget represents our current spending plan for FY2020 based on anticipated revenue. It includes lay-offs of eight staff and reduction in hours of other employees. It includes the use of \$591,898 in free cash to be in balance. It is also predicated on \$285,000.00 in additional reductions from the regional schools. Savings we cannot guarantee will be forthcoming.

The TA is not pleased to present this budget. It is below the minimum service requirements of every department. It includes significant lay-offs and other cuts that harm the community.

In addition to this budget, the Town Administrator submitted a supplemental budget request for \$1,460,000 to restore the budget cuts and eliminate the use of one-time revenues in the operating budget.

Brief discussion followed from different Town department heads regarding the impact that these reductions will have. Mr. Nutter thanked the Department Heads and the Town Administrator for working together on this budget. Mr. Greathead mentioned that this Town needs an override or the Town will be in worse shape next year.

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Mr. Nutter, it was voted to approve the FY2020 budget for inclusion on the Annual Town Meeting warrant for May 6, 2019 in the amount of \$27,809,571.00. Ms. Ferolito opposed.

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Mr. Nutter, it was voted to include on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, a supplemental budget appropriation article, with the appropriation contingent on approval of a proposition 2 ½ override ballot question, in the preliminary amount of \$1,460,000, with the final amount to be determined by the Board after the Board's receipt of additional information on the Town's financial position for fiscal year 2020. Ms. Ferolito opposed.

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Mr. Nutter, it was voted to set May 13, 2019 as the date for a special election for the consideration of a Proposition 2 ½ override, subject to approval of the FY2020 Supplemental budget at the Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Ferolito opposed.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Ms. Ferolito and seconded by Mr. Greathead, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Looney, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

Roland P. Nutter, Chairman

Lisa M. Ferolito, Clerk

Bill Greathead

Encl: *Exhibit 1 – Town Administrator’s Budget Documents