

SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
APRIL 17, 2017

Meeting opened at 6:03pm

Present: David DiNicola, Chair; Judith Hoag  
Duane Pease, Town Administrator (TA)  
Finance Committee members: Joe Kearns, Chair, Dale Hoag, Ed Vivier and  
Scott Artioli

Board met to review Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

There was discussion on Articles 15 and 16 concerning the Gateway School budget. Article 15 deals with the transportation and debt service for the school. The Finance Committee is recommending not to endorse this budget item in hopes that it will send a message to the State to provide more funding for the transportation costs, originally, the State said it would fund regional school transportation at 100% but that has never happened. According to Finance Chair, Joe Kearns, the member towns are hoping a no vote on this will make a stronger statement to the legislature. Also, the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools spent time at Gateway and have made a number of recommendations that have yet to be responded to by the administration, this is another way to get their attention.

Article 16 is the Vocational Education budget; there is an increase of \$80,000 for FY'17. The Town has no control over this cost as it is set by the vocational school and the Towns have to pay. Dave said he understands but still can not recommend its passing.

Highway Superintendent, Skip Savery, discussed the purchase of a new truck and how it would be paid for. Skip plans on using \$50,000 of his Chapter 90 monies over a 3 year period; the State allows Chapter 90 monies to be used to purchase equipment and this would be on a lease to own payment. The truck is a Freightliner that a number of towns have bought and had good success with. This truck is a little bit bigger than the Ford 550 and can be equipped with a wing. Skip would like an article on the ATM warrant transferring the \$15,000 in the transfer case/Autocar account and \$6,000 in the truck warranty account transferred to a new account for snow removal equipment. That way he can use this money to pay for the plow and wing for

this truck. The Board and Finance Committee agreed this would be a good purchase. TA will draw up the article and place it on the ATM warrant.

Dave motioned to adjourn, July 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 2-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease  
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

David DiNicola, Chair

Judith Hoag