

Results of the Special Town Meeting 2018-06-27

Present: Selectboard: Chair Dave DiNicola, Members Judith Hoag and Albert Sirard

Moderator: Joseph Kearns Town Clerk: Suzanne C. Lemieux

Moderator Joseph Kearns opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a quorum present

Special Town Meeting Warrant was issued by the Selectboard, duly signed and duly posted.

Article 1. A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to take by eminent domain a certain portion of land from property owned by Jack Cobb located at 164 Skyline Trail and transfer from free cash the sum of \$4,500 to compensate, or take any other action relative thereto.

David DiNicola stated that in email correspondence with Kathryn Olson on May 19, 2018, Kathryn Olsen stated that she and Janet McKinnon Loop, owners of said property would like to proceed with the sale of property but would wait for a formal selling agreement. They are in agreement with the sales price on the appraisal document of \$4,500. The appraisal company had the owners sign an affidavit stating that they couldn't attend the appraisal.

Eleanor Doyle alleged that some of the approved Selectboard's minutes have omissions and inaccuracies. One of the alleged omissions included "Donald Doyle informed the Selectboard on January 29 that Kathryn Olson had considered gifting the property" Eleanor then cited other omissions.

In an email dated May 21, 2018, Kathryn informed David that there was never anything in writing from them about gifting the property to the town. They did have a discussion with Donald Doyle about the small corner of the property that the building overlaps with metal containers. She told Donald that she was waiting for the appraisal. Nothing more was said.

All in favor of Article 1 as presented, please signify by saying Aye. 28 people were in attendance. The majority said Aye. Three nays were recorded. Motion passes for the sum of \$4,500.

Article 2. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the following land parcels and or rights in land parcels for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right of way. This will allow for the bridge construction and roadway safety improvements on Chester Road over Smart Brook. Total # Parcel Area (Square Feet) Permanent Easements 2: 1,413 sq.ft./ Temporary Easements 3: 4,281 sq.ft.

Further that the Selectmen may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. This includes donations, purchase or eminent domain. The subject parcels are currently identified on plans drafted by CLD Consulting Engineers Inc. Dated April 13, 2018 Titled Chester Road over Smart Brook.

Owner of property, Kim Baker questioned the wording of the Article. Duane Pease stated that the wording was approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and was reinforced today.

Article 2 was brought to a vote, as presented on the warrant. Results: The majority voted Aye, 7 voted nay. Motion passed.

Article 3: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000 for an audit of the Town's financial records.

An expected change in personnel requires an exit audit. A complete audit should be done every five years. Article 3 was brought to a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 4: To transact any other business that comes before the town: The Purple Heart Celebration held on June 23rd was considered a huge success. Appreciation for the efforts of Selectboard member Judith Hoag was expressed.

Motion to dissolve 7:25

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne C. Lemieux, Town Clerk