DEPT./BOARD: Ways & Means Town Hall II Subcommittee

DATE: May 13th, 2020

TIME: 2:00 PM

PLACE: Virtual Meeting held over WebEx/phone.
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AGENDA

Discuss and vote on the pair of warrant articles submitted by the Planning Department for the June 2020 Town Meeting.
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Minutes

In Attendance: Kristin Kassner (Planning Director), Andy Ungerson (Inspector of Buildings), Shari Ellis (Chair of ZBRC), Sally Willard (ZBRC – Business Community Rep), Steve Morin (Ways & Means), Doug Davison (Ways & Means), Brad Bond (Ways & Means)

Began the meeting by discussing Article 27 which is requesting $75,000 for consulting help for the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee to address the Sign Bylaws. At their meeting of May 11th, the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee voted to pull this warrant article until the town understands the full financial impact of the pandemic.

The second topic was Article 26 which is requesting $100,000 for consulting help with the Wireless Legal Infrastructure Analysis. There are two parts to this request. The first part requires $30,000 to $40,000 to work with a consultant on getting the town’s wireless zoning bylaws in compliance with federal law. This part of the request will be needed in working with wireless providers as they propose new and improved systems in town. The remaining money is needed for a study of the current “lay of the land” as far as wireless in Burlington is concerned. The last such study was conducted in 1996. While this part was considered by the administration to be of lesser importance, the subcommittee sees this part as being necessary for the town to be prepared for upcoming rounds of negotiations with the wireless companies beginning as soon as the end of the calendar year.

Article 27 Sign Bylaw Consulting -   Withdrawn.
Vote on Article 26 Wireless Legal Infrastructure Analysis – 3-0 in support.

Adjourned – 3:00 PM