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Meeting Minutes

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DEPT./BOARD: Ways & Means Committee
DATE: ~~July 11, 2023~~ July 12, 2023
TIME: 7:00pm
PLACE: Town Hall – Main Hearing Room

Present: John Iler, Chair
Doug Davison, Vice Chair

Shayan Bhattacherya
Chris Campbell
Chris Delaney
Frank Monaco
Steve Morin

Meghan Nawoichik
Rob Neufeld
Roger Riggs
David Tait

Remote: Ed Parsons

Absent: Brad Bond
Michael Hardy
Sonia Rollins

Guests: Paul Sagarino, Town Administrator
John Danizio, Assistant Town Administrator

Pledge of Allegiance
Public Participation N/A

Note: since one Committee member participated remotely, all votes were taken as roll call votes.

Ways & Means Committee Annual Reorganization – Chair and Vice Chair
Steve nominated John Iler for chair and Roger seconded.

Vote: 11-0-0

Note: Chris Campbell arrived late and was not present for this vote.

Frank nominated Doug for Vice Chair and Meghan seconded.

Vote: 12-0-0

End-of-Year Transfers

These are end-of-year transfers totaling \$601,891.64 to balance out the spending in each department. The main ones include fire salaries, which was mostly addressed at May Town Meeting and is being finalized, and debt





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Minutes need to be posted within 30 days or 2 meetings of the board – Draft minutes can be posted and revised at a later date and principal, which involved logistics relating to interest payments. The subcommittee voted 2-0 in favor. John Danizio publicly thanked the legislature for allowing these transfers to be made up until July 15 annually. A motion to approve was made and seconded.

Vote: 12-0-0

Fox Hill Building Committee Update

Roger provided an update on the Fox Hill Building Committee. In the last year, the Committee has hired a project manager and architects, established through subcontractors the conditions of Fox Hill and Pine Glen, surveyed both sites and identified the existing conditions relating to wetlands and traffic, and established working groups. They have also identified the MSBA required preliminary options for building configurations, a total of eight options consisting combinations of repair and new construction, and have documented them in terms of scope. They have developed an education plan, which describes in detail the activities that happen at the schools, as the basis for developing the space requirements needed for the new school. They have also produced cost estimates for each of building configuration options, both the MSBA required options and an additional option relating to Pine Glen. Various people have come up with the total cost of the project as well as the cost to the Town. The numbers have been broken down to an estimated annual median tax increase. The numbers are subject to change as things get refined. To date, the Committee has created a preliminary design program describing everything that has been learned from the sites, education plan, and space requirements. This document is ready to be submitted to the School Committee and submitted to the MSBA. There is also a thoroughly documented website, foxhillbuildingproject.com, that includes meeting information, minutes, and site evaluations. Next steps include submitting the preliminary design program, narrowing down the options, evaluating the impact on the neighborhood and community, evaluating the sustainability of the project, evaluating equity across schools, and evaluating and rating site benefits, limitations, and operational costs. The Ways & Means Committee discussed various concerns related to the project including financing concerns, equity, equality, and the impact on special education. There were no matters to vote on at this time.

Approval of Minutes – discussion, vote

There was one set of minutes to approve: May 3, 2023. Frank noted that the unanimous subcommittee vote for Article 19, the A&P Compensation Plan, was missing. It was added in. A motion to approve was made and seconded.

Vote: 11-0-1

Yes: Shayan Bhattacherya, Chris Campbell, Doug Davison, John Iler, Frank Monaco, Steve Morin, Meghan Nawoichik, Rob Neufeld, Ed Parsons, Roger Riggs, David Tait

Abstain: Chris Delaney

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned, 7:47pm.

