

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES REMOTE SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday September 17, 2020

Members Present: Richard W. Brewer, Chair

Shana M. Shufelt, Vice Chair

Ann E. Boxler, Clerk Steven J. Ouellette Brian T. Valcourt

Also Present: Timothy King, Town Administrator

Select Board Chair, Mr. Brewer, called the remote meeting to order at 5:30 pm **Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Chair's Announcement</u> – Under MGL Chapter 30A, section 20(f) – Meeting being recorded.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Westport Board of Selectmen is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order. The public was invited to join the meeting through the links provided at the time of posting.

1. Approve Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Members reviewed each of the articles:

Article 1 – Elementary School Roof

<u>Motion</u> by Ms. Shufelt to approve Article 1 as printed in the warrant. Seconded by Mr. Valcourt. The Board voted 5-0 in favor by roll call.

Article 2 – Revised Budget

The Finance Committee has included recommended additions to the budget. FinCom increased the headcount in the Fire and Police Departments and the budget for the Animal Control department. Ms. Shufelt noted that the School budget included a \$500K increase. There were other changes minor in nature.

<u>Motion</u> by Ms. Shufelt to approve Article 2 as printed in the warrant. Seconded by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted 5-0 in favor by roll call.

Articles 3, 4 and 5 petition articles prohibition of adult use marijuana.

<u>Motion</u> by Ms. Shufelt to include Articles 3, 4 and 5 in the warrant. Seconded by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted 3-1-0 in favor by roll call. Mr. Valcourt voted nay. Ms. Boxler was not present.

<u>Motion</u> by Ms. Shufelt to approve and post the warrant as soon as possible and authorize use of stamped signatures. Seconded by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted 4-0-0 in favor by roll call. Ms. Boxler was not present.

2. <u>Topics not reasonably anticipated forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting</u> None.

Adjournment

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Valcourt to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:46 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted 4-0 by roll call. Ms. Boxler was not present.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Tabit Administrative Assistant/

Confidential Clerk

Attachments to Agenda of 9/17/20:

STM Warrant for 100320