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TOWN OF CHARLTON

Joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen
and Finance Committee

Tuesday – September 22, 2015 @ 6:00pm

Board of Selectmen members: Chairman – Frederick C. Swensen, Vice-Chairman – Joseph J. Szafarowicz, Clerk – Cynthia B. Cooper and member – John P. McGrath. Also present: Town Administrator – Robin L. Craver. Absent: Member – David M. Singer.

Finance Committee Members: Frank Morrill, Peter Cooper, Sr., Dan Prouty, Howard Carney and Doug Stepien.

Chairman Swensen called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. **Motion by Mr. Szafarowicz to enter into executive session under MGL c. 30A, sec. 21, #1 – to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health rather than professional competence of an individual or discuss the discipline or dismissal of or complaints or charges against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, seconded by Mr. McGrath.** Chairman Swensen asked if there was any other business before going into executive session. Mrs. Craver stated the Board will need to return to open session to review the Special Town Meeting warrant. **Roll call vote taken: Mrs. Cooper – aye, Mr. McGrath – aye, Mr. Szafarowicz – aye and Chairman Swensen – aye.** Chairman Swensen stated that the Board will reconvene to open session to review the warrant. Finance Chairman Morrill stated he is still waiting for one more member before he can open the Finance Committee meeting. Chairman Swensen stated that we could start discussion until then.

Chairman Morrill called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:22pm because they now have a quorum. He introduced the new member Howard Carney. **Chairman Morrill stated that they would join the Board of Selectmen in executive session under MGL c. 30A, sec. 21, #1 – to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health rather than professional competence of an individual or discuss the discipline or dismissal of or complaints or charges against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. Roll call vote taken: Mr. Cooper – aye, Mr. Stepien – aye, Mr. Carney – aye, Mr. Prouty - aye and Chairman Morrill – aye.**

Motion by Mr. McGrath to exit executive session, seconded by Mr. Szafarowicz. Roll call vote taken: Mrs. Cooper – aye, Mr. McGrath – aye, Mr. Szafarowicz – aye and Chairman Swensen – aye.

Motion by Mr. Prouty to exit executive session, seconded by Mr. Cooper. Roll call vote taken: Mr. Prouty – aye, Mr. Cooper – aye, Mr. Stepien – aye, Mr. Carney – aye and Chairman Morrill – aye.

Mrs. Craver provided the draft Special Town Meeting warrant to both boards. She stated that there are thirteen articles on the warrant. Articles 1 – 4 are money articles and explained them. For the Town Accountant position, she is looking to train a Town Accountant prior to her leaving. She explained the OPEC article and Chairman Swensen stated that this is something we need to start addressing. For stabilization, we will be putting more back in. Chairman Swensen stated that the Board has discussed and will be speaking with the Finance Committee in the future, is an override needed? She reviewed the balance of the warrant.

Article 5 – Treasurer has stated that we have been authorized to borrow additional money. She is suggesting to change the authorization and ask town meeting to change it to use for our storage. Mr. McGrath stated that the Municipal Building Committee has discussed this.

Article 6 - Donation of Land – Treasurer Arsenault has stated that there is a 5,000 sq. ft. portion of land that someone would like to donate to the town. She will be going out to look at it and provide more information.

Article 7 – Authorize Selectmen to authorize money for a study and design for the South Charlton Reservoir Dam.

Article 8 – When we signed the IMA, there was a section that we have to pay unpaid collectable water bills.

Article 9 – Local gas tax. Board of Assessors requested the Selectmen do this. This would provide extra revenue from the Mass Pike. Mr. Cooper would sooner see this than an override. He would still like more information on this. Mrs. Craver stated this could be reserved for repair of roads and bridges. John McGrath left the meeting.

Article 10 – Zoning Map Amendment – Village District Boundary Expansion

Article 11 – Zoning By-Law Revision: Vehicle Garage Structure in AG

Article 12 – Petition

Article 13 – Petition

Mrs. Craver asked the Board that if the warrant is acceptable, she would like the board to vote and sign it.

Motion by Mr. Szafarowicz to approve the warrant as is and allow any legal or accounting issues, seconded by Mrs. Cooper, motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Cooper to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Prouty, motion carries.

Motion by Mrs. Cooper to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Szafarowicz, motion carries.

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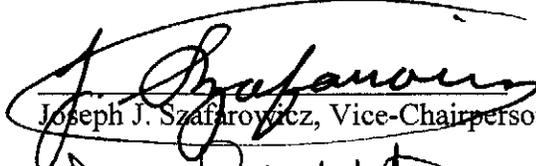
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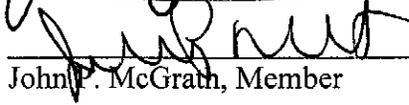
Frederick C. Swensen, Chairman



Joseph J. Szafarowicz, Vice-Chairperson



Cynthia B. Cooper, Clerk



John P. McGrath, Member



David M. Singer, Member (absent)