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TOWN OF CHARLTON

Minutes of Special Selectmen's Meeting
Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 6:30pm

Due to COVID19 – meeting held by ZOOM app, video participation:
ZOOM Webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86942763104>

Present remotely: Chairman – William Borowski, Vice-Chairman – Patsy Rydlak, Clerk – Barbara Zurawski, Members – David M. Singer and Stephen G. Koronis and Town Administrator – Andrew Golas.

Present from Finance Committee: John Grondalski, Carol Brodeur, Jason Julian, Kristin Kustigian and Joseph Spiewak.

1. Call to Order – Chairman Borowski called the meeting to order.
John Grondalski called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:33pm.
2. Appointments – Full Time Police Officer
Two Auxiliary Police Officers
Nine Traffic Controllers

Mr. Golas stated that Police Chief Dowd is asking the Board of Selectmen to appoint the following positions:

Full Time Police Officer – Four candidates were interviewed and Chief Dowd would recommend the Board appoint Leonard Beane as a Full Time Charlton Police Officer contingent upon his passing a background check and successfully transferring within the Civil Service. He would recommend the board make the appointment as requested. **Motion by Mr. Singer to make the appointment, seconded by Ms. Rydlak.** Mr. Singer asked why are we filling this role, where is the money coming from, is this a new position and how many applicants did we have. Mr. Golas said we had four applicants for the position and it's currently a vacant position that we have in the budget. **Vote on motion: Mr. Singer – aye, Ms. Zurawski – aye, Ms. Rydlak – aye, Mr. Koronis – aye and Chairman Borowski – aye.**

Two Auxiliary Police Officers – Chief Dowd is asking the board to appoint Mike Palermo and Donnie Zamis as Auxiliary Police Officers. Both have been previously Charlton Auxiliaries and reside in town. He would recommend the board make the appointments as requested. **Motion by Mr. Singer to make the appointments, seconded by Ms. Rydlak. Roll call vote: Mr. Singer – aye, Ms. Rydlak – aye, Mr. Koronis – aye, Ms. Zurawski – aye and Chairman Borowski – aye.**

Nine Traffic Controllers – Chief Dowd is anticipating several construction projects looming especially Route 20 and he would like to have skilled people ready to assist with detail requests. He is asking the board to re-appoint the following as Traffic Controllers for the Town of Charlton:

William Bedard
Eric Dyson
Michael Hassett
Robert Green

Dwayne Ledoux
Thomas Duffy
Robert Giovanni
Paul Morelli
Steve Goulet

He would recommend the board make the appointments as requested. **Motion by Mr. Singer to make the appointments, seconded by Ms. Rydlak. Roll call vote: Ms. Zurawski – aye, Mr. Koronis – aye, Ms. Rydlak – aye, Mr. Singer – aye and Chairman Borowski – aye.**

3. Fire Station Building Committee timeline – Rob Barton said they designed the building with the intent to keep it as cost effective as possible. They will have a builder to help them do this. The next process is schematic design. They will have an estimate after the schematic design is done. He said originally they would be voted next May for the final ask but with the process, they would need to change the timeline. The Board of Selectmen would like to hold off on any other discussion.

Review budget for Town Meeting - Mr. Grondalski reviewed the articles with his board.

Article 4 – Motion by Ms. Brodeur to accept, seconded by Mr. Julian. Roll call vote: Ms. Brodeur – aye, Ms. Kustigian – aye, Mr. Spiewak – aye, Mr. Julian – aye and Mr. Grondalski – aye.

Articles 5 – 8 – Motion by Mr. Spiewak to support articles 5 – 8, seconded by Mr. Julian. Roll call vote: Ms. Brodeur – aye, Ms. Kustigian – aye, Mr. Julian – aye, Mr. Spiewak – aye and Mr. Grondalski – aye.

Motion by Mr. Koronis to support Articles 4 – 8, seconded by Ms. Rydlak. Roll call vote: Ms. Zurawski – aye, Mr. Koronis – aye, Ms. Rydlak – aye, Mr. Singer – aye and Chairman Borowski – aye.

Articles 9 and 10 to be passed over.

Articles 11 – 14 – Motion by Ms. Kustigian to support, seconded by Mr. Julian. Roll call vote: Ms. Brodeur - aye, Ms. Kustigian – aye, Mr. Spiewak – aye, Mr. Julian – aye and Mr. Grondalski – aye.

Motion by Ms. Rydlak to support Articles 11 – 14, seconded by Ms. Zurawski. A question was asked if the board already acted on Article 14 and the answer was yes. **Ms. Rydlak modified her motion to read Articles 11 -13. Ms. Zurawski amended her second. Roll call vote: Mr. Koronis – aye, Mr. Singer – aye, Ms. Rydlak – aye, Ms. Zurawski – aye and Chairman Borowski – aye.**

Motion by Mr. Julian to pass Article 15, seconded by Ms. Brodeur. Roll call vote: Ms. Brodeur – aye, Ms. Kustigian – aye, Mr. Julian – aye, Mr. Spiewak – aye and Mr. Grondalski – aye.

Ms. Rydlak would prefer to pass on the Zoning Articles. Mr. Koronis thinks the Selectmen should take a position on these. **Motion by Ms. Rydlak to support Article 15, seconded by Ms. Zurawski. Roll call vote: Mr. Koronis – aye, Ms. Zurawski – aye, Ms. Rydlak – aye, Mr. Singer – aye and Chairman Borowski – aye.**

Mr. Grondalski stated that all the zoning articles, the Finance Committee will pass over as they don't take a position on these.

Article 16 – **Motion by Mr. Koronis to support Article 16 as written, seconded by Ms. Zurawski. Roll call vote: Ms. Zurawski – aye, Mr. Koronis – aye, Ms. Rydlak – aye, Mr. Singer – aye and Chairman Borowski – nay.**

Article 17 – Ms. Zurawski asked if this is the Article the Planning Board did not support and the answer was yes. **Motion by Ms. Rydlak that we not support Article 17 in agreement with the Planning Board, seconded by Mr. Singer. Roll call vote: Ms. Rydlak – aye, Mr. Singer – aye, Ms. Zurawski – nay, Mr. Koronis – nay and Chairman Borowski – aye.**

Article 18, 19, 20 – All articles rescinded by the parcel owner. **Motion by Ms. Rydlak to postpone these indefinitely, seconded by Ms. Zurawski. Roll call vote: Ms. Zurawski – aye, Mr. Koronis – aye, Ms. Rydlak – aye, Mr. Singer – aye and Chairman Borowski – aye.**

Article 21 – **Motion by Ms. Rydlak to support, seconded by Ms. Zurawski. Roll call vote: Ms. Zurawski – aye, Mr. Singer – aye, Mr. Koronis – aye, Ms. Rydlak – aye and Chairman Borowski – aye.**

Chairman Borowski thanked the Finance Committee and Finance Team for all their work on the budget. He congratulated Mr. Golas and the School Committee and Administration as well.

Mr. Grondalski said they have minutes from their last meeting to approve. **Motion by Ms. Kustigian to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Spiewak. Roll call vote: Ms. Brodeur – abstain, Ms. Kustigian – aye, Mr. Spiewak – aye, Mr. Julian – aye and Mr. Grondalski – aye.**

5. Other Business – Unknown at time of posting – Ms. Orzbut stated that Selectmen Borowski donates his stipend every year and this year he would like to donate it to the Fire Department so she needs both boards to vote to approve. The total is \$1,919.76 that would go over to the Fire Department over time. **Motion by Mr. Julian to approve, seconded by Ms. Kustigian. Roll call vote: Ms. Brodeur – aye, Ms. Kustigian – aye, Mr. Spiewak – aye, Mr. Julian – aye and Mr. Grondalski – aye. Motion by Mr. Koronis to mirror Fin Com's motion to move the money to the Fire Department over time, seconded by Mr. Singer. Roll call vote: Ms. Zurawski – aye, Mr. Koronis – aye, Ms. Rydlak – aye, Mr. Singer – aye and Chairman Borowski – aye.**

Motion by Mr. Julian to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting, seconded by Ms. Kustigian. Roll call vote: Ms. Kustigian – aye, Ms. Brodeur – aye, Mr. Spiewak – aye, Mr. Julian – aye and Mr. Grondalski – aye.

Chairman Borowski asked Ms. Johnson-Smith, Town Moderator if there is anything she would like to say about the upcoming Town Meeting. Ms. Smith thanked everyone for reviewing the articles and the presentations. She wanted to discuss the public health guidelines for the meeting. Residents will be required to wear masks and they will need to be 6 ft apart. There is plenty of room for those that attend the meeting. There have also been some requests for outdoor seating and it is our intention to provide options for that.

6. Adjourn - Motion by Mr. Koronis to adjourn at 7:31pm, seconded by Ms. Rydlak. Roll call vote: Ms. Rydlak – aye, Ms. Zurawski – aye, Mr. Koronis – aye, Mr. Singer – aye and Chairman Borowski – aye.

Submitted by:
Mary C. Devlin
Administrative Assistant

Accepted by:



William Borowski, Chairman



Patsy Rydlak, Vice-Chairperson



Barbara Zurawski, Clerk

David M. Singer, Member

Stephen G. Koronis, Member