



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

TOWN HALL
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TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS 01876

FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Aznavoorian, Chairman
Damin Sutherby, Vice Chair
Rob Kocsmiersky, Clerk
Raymond Lisiecki
Thomas L. Cooke
Laurence Sanford
Paul McDermott

Meeting Minutes April 22, 2015

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by David Aznavoorian at 7:00 p.m. at the Pike House. Present at the meeting were Tom Cooke, Ray Lisiecki, Larry Sanford, Paul McDermott, and Damin Sutherby. Also present was Richard Montuori, Town Manager, and Karen Kucala, Finance Director.

Mr. Kocsmiersky was not in attendance

2) Open Public Hearing – Address requirements of Finance Committee Public Hearing

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to waive the reading of the warrant articles; seconded by Mr. Lisiecki and the motion carried 6-0.

3) Warrant Articles – Annual and Special Town Meeting

Annual Town Meeting

Article 1

Mr. Montuori noted that Article 1 is the standard article for elections of officers for the past election in April.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt Article 1 as presented; seconded by Mr. Lisiecki and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 2

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 2 is a standard article to fix the salaries of certain elected town officials.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt Article 2 as presented; seconded by Mr. Cooke and the motion carried 6-0.

Articles 3-32, 3-33, 3-34, 3-35

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 3-32 requests to accept the report of various Town Officers, which are in the 2014 Town Report located on the Town's Website.

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 3-33 is an annual article that allows the town manager to lease/purchase equipment for various town departments, subject to appropriation.

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 3-34 authorizes the town to spend Chapter 90 funds.

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 3-35 seeks to reauthorize, under Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, the self-sufficient revolving funds as outlined in the warrant article.

Mr. Cooke asked if 3-35 is being amended and Mr. Montuori noted that it will not be. Mr. Montuori explained that language was to be added for the Council on Aging and that he intends to discuss this further at town meeting.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to adopt Article 3, 3-32, 3-33, 3-34 and 3-35 as presented; seconded by Mr. Cooke and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 4

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 4 is the annual budget for both the town and school departments. The total FY16 town manager's recommended budget is approximately \$95,153,612 net allocations, representing an approximate increase of \$2,638,113 from last year. Mr. Montuori reviewed some of the increases; which on the town side include: safety officer, teen librarian, project manager for DPW and permit tech for DPW. Expenses have increased approximately \$132,000 in various departments. Mr. Montuori noted that there are no raises incorporated in either the town or school departments aside from step increases and longevity. State Aid has been level funded.

Mr. Aznavoorian explained that the Finance Committee has been working with Mr. Montuori and the department heads on the budget for several months and tonight's question are more for the public than the committee. Mr. Aznavoorian asked if the general fund budget number is \$95,407,336 and Mr. Montuori confirmed this.

Mr. Cooke noted that last week the Committee took votes on individual budgets and he voted no on town manager unclassified, DPW sewer budget, and abstained on the Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, Town Manager and Fire Department budgets. Mr. Cooke noted that the capital outlay budget was tabled.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt Article 4 as presented; seconded by Mr. Lisiecki and the motion carried 5-0-1. Mr. Cooke abstained.

Article 5, 6, 7 and 8

Mr. Montuori requested the Committee hold off on any votes on Articles 5, 6, 7, and 8 until their next meeting on April 30, 2015. If the agreements have not been finalized by April 30, 2015, the articles will be withdrawn.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to table Articles 5, 6, 7, and 8 to April 30, 2015; seconded by Mr. McDermott and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 9

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 9 requests to raise and appropriate \$5,937,648 to operate the sewer enterprise fund. Mr. Montuori reviewed each line item contained in the article.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt Article 9 as presented; seconded by Mr. Lisiecki and the motion carried 5-1. Mr. Cooke was opposed.

Article 10

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 10 seeks to raise and appropriate \$6,110,505 to operate the water enterprise fund. Mr. Montuori reviewed each line item contained in the article.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Lisiecki made the motion to adopt Article 10 as presented; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 5-1. Mr. Cooke was opposed.

Article 11

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 11 seeks to transfer \$117,500 from the stabilization fund for one time expenditures for town departments, including: \$25,000 for carpet replacement at the library, \$2,500 for senior center roof repair, \$50,000 for former police station demolition and site work, \$25,000 town hall furniture and equipment, and \$15,000 for a telephone system for the town hall.

Mr. McDermott asked if there will be a handout at town meeting for the stabilization fund articles and Mr. Montuori confirmed this.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to adopt Article 11 as presented; seconded by Mr. Lisiecki and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 12

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 12 seeks to transfer \$50,811 from the stabilization fund for various one time costs for the police department, including: \$4,661 for defensive tactics training equipment, \$8,605 for 5 power heart defibrillators, \$1,638 for 2 portable breath test devices, \$10,207 for 8 patrol rifles, and \$25,700 for police promotional assessment center.

Mr. Cooke explained that he will be recusing himself from this vote due to the police promotional assessment center and noted that his son is a police officer.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt Article 12 as presented; seconded by Mr. Lisiecki and the motion carried 5-0-1. Mr. Cooke did not take part in this vote.

Article 13

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 13 seeks to transfer \$140,000 from the stabilization fund for costs related to tree and stump removal throughout town.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Lisiecki made the motion to adopt Article 13 as presented; seconded by Mr. Lisiecki and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 14

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 14 seeks to transfer \$339,741 from the stabilization fund for ambulance upgrade (\$145,000), protective turnout gear, uniforms, dress uniforms for new employees (\$110,000), new utility truck with plow (\$41,000), chain saws for engineers and ladder truck (\$7,905), interior and exterior South Station repairs (\$8,000), and new fire hose (\$27,836).

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Lisiecki made the motion to adopt Article 14 as presented; seconded by Mr. McDermott and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 15

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 15 seeks to transfer \$725,000 from the stabilization fund for the purpose of establishing a Special Education Out of District Tuition. The funds can only be spent upon approval of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt Article 15 as presented; seconded by Mr. Lisiecki and the motion carried 5-0-1. Mr. Cooke was opposed.

Article 16

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 16 seeks to transfer \$255,723 from the stabilization fund to be expended by the school department for school building and maintenance (\$222,223) and school technology (\$33,500).

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Lisiecki made the motion to adopt Article 16 as presented; seconded by Mr. Lisiecki and the motion carried 5-0-1. Mr. Cooke was opposed.

Article 17

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 17 seeks to reallocate \$15,296.25 from an original appropriation of \$60,000 approved at the October 1, 2013 to be expended by the town manager for voting booths.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt Article 17 as presented; seconded by Mr. Lisiecki and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 18

Mr. Montuori noted a scrivener's error: delete "from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings".

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 18 requests to raise and appropriate \$235,000 through water rates for: hydrant replacement program (\$125,000), water tank mixers (\$35,000), engineering Astle Street tank (\$30,000), and water distribution system improvements (\$45,000).

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt Article 18 as presented; seconded by Mr. Lisiecki and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 19

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 19 seeks to re allocate \$27,253, or any amount remaining, from the original appropriation of \$35,000 as approved at the May 6, 2013 town meeting for water distribution system improvements engineering and design.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to adopt Article 19 as presented; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 20

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 20 seeks to transfer \$400,000 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings for water distribution improvements.

Mr. Cooke asked if a listing of streets will be provided and Mr. Montuori noted that this has not yet been prepared as there are so many different areas that need work.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt Article 20 as presented; seconded by Mr. Lisiecki and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 21

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 21 seeks to borrow \$13,100,000 to upgrade the town's water treatment plant. Mr. Montuori explained that a study of the plant was conducted by AECOM. The plant came online 1988 and is beyond its life cycle.

Mr. Montuori requested the Committee table this Article until its next meeting as he continues to gather information for one of the members.

Mr. Aznavoorian asked if \$13,100,000 is the cost of the project and Mr. Montuori explained that this is an estimate.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public.

Todd Johnson, Board of Selectmen, came forward and noted a scrivener's error in the Motion and Executive Summary. The amount should be \$13,100,000.

Mr. Cooke suggested tabling to this article to May 4, 2015 rather than April 30, 2015. Mr. Montuori suggested tabling to April 30, 2015 and if the Committee is still not comfortable, to May 4, 2015.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to table Article 21 to April 30, 2015; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 22

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 22 seeks to transfer \$120,000 from certified Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings for the design and engineering of the Andover Street Force main upgrade.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt Article 22 as presented; seconded by Mr. McDermott and the motion carried 5-1. Mr. Cooke was opposed.

Article 23

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 23 seeks to transfer \$25,000 from the Assessor's Overlay Surplus to fund the senior tax relief work program.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to adopt Article 23 as presented; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 24

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 24 seeks to amend an existing revolving fund for revenues and expenditures of selling “Emergency 72 hour Go Kits” to Tewksbury residents.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt Article 24 as presented; seconded by Mr. McDermott and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 25

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 25 seeks to establish a revolving fund account for the revenues received from grants and donations generated from energy efficiency projects.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt Article 25 as presented; seconded by Mr. McDermott and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 26

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 26 also seeks to establish a revolving fund to assist the treasurer/collector to secure the town’s liens for delinquent real estate tax receivables. Any remaining balance will go into the general fund.

Mr. Cooke noted that he plans to offer a friendly amendment in item five to include the Finance Committee.

Mr. Aznavoorian asked if this will be treated as a scrivener’s error or an amendment and Mr. Sellisen noted that he would like to treat it as an amendment.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt the amendment to Article 26; seconded by Lisiecki and the motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt Article 26 as amended; seconded by Mr. Cooke and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 27

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 27 is the annual Community Preservation Article. Appropriations: \$47,072.06 for administrative costs. Reserves: open space (\$94,144), community housing (\$94,144), and FY16 budgeted reserve (\$700,000). The total CPA estimated FY16 revenue is approximately \$941,441.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt Article 27 as presented; seconded by Mr. McDermott and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 28

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 28 is the annual Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) allocation plan. The total FY16 available funds are \$1,942,107. \$75,000 was spent from the AHTF in FY15 to support the Habitat for Humanity project at 110 State Street.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt Article 28 as presented; seconded by Mr. McDermott and the motion carried 5-0-1. Mr. Cooke did not take part in this vote.

Article 29

Mr. Montuori requested to table Article 29 to the Finance Committee's April 30, 2015 meeting as the matter has not yet been finalized.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to table Article 29 to April 30, 2015; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 30

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 30 seeks to appropriate \$45,000 from the CPA open Space Reserve to fund a study for the Tewksbury Rail Trails.

Mr. Sellisen questioned if this should be "appropriate" or "transfer". Mr. Montuori will check with the Community Preservation Committee chair on this.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to adopt Article 30 as presented; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 31

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 31 seeks to amend the personnel bylaw as the result of a study that was conducted in 2013. The bylaw would be amended by inserting the new Addendums A and B as outlined in the warrant article. Mr. Montuori noted that certain positions that were at the top of the scale will be grandfathered; they will have no further step increases, but they will receive the 2.5% cost of living increases. Mr. Montuori noted that he would also like to implement 2.5% raises in FY17 and FY18. The first year cost implications is approximately \$90,659.

Mr. Cooke asked if Article 4 will have to be adjusted if Article 31 passes and Mr. Montuori explained it would not change Article 4 as the funds have already been set aside.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Lisiecki made the motion to adopt Article 31 as presented; seconded by Mr. McDermott and the motion carried 6-0.

SECTION 3

Present was Steve Sadwick, Director of Community Development. Mr. Sadwick noted that Articles 36-44 have been submitted by the Planning Board and Article 45 has been privately submitted.

Article 36

Mr. Sadwick explained that Article 36 seeks to amend Section 2100 of the Zoning Bylaw by adding Heavy Industrial District 1 to the underlying zoning districts; which is a district that was approved in 2014.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to defer Article 36 to the Planning Board; seconded by Mr. Lisiecki and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 37

Mr. Sadwick explained that Article 37 seeks to amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding a new section to ensure that overlay district requirements apply to an entire lot, even if the underlying zoning is split among two different districts.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to defer Article 37 to the Planning Board; seconded by Mr. Cooke and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 38

Mr. Sadwick explained that Article 39 seeks to amend Section 4210 of the Zoning Bylaw by adding and deleting the language as outlined in the warrant article. The purpose of the amendment is to make the text more consistent with the subject line.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to defer Article 38 to the Planning Board; seconded by Mr. Lisiecki and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 39

Mr. Sadwick explained that Article 39 seeks to amend Section 4240 of the Zoning Bylaw by adding the following sentence: “The dimensional requirements for thief proposed single family building as permitted under this section shall comply with the dimensional requirements as listed in Appendix B – Table of Dimensional Requirements for R40 rather than the dimensional requirements of the Commercial or Industrial District in which the lot is located.”

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to defer Article 39 to the Planning Board; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 40

Mr. Sadwick explained that Article 40 addresses an inconsistency in the bylaw and seeks to amend Section 5120 of the Zoning Bylaw by adding language to clarify that this section refers to parking requirements relief specifically sought under this section and not related to waiver requests under Section 9415.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to defer Article 40 to the Planning Board; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 41

Mr. Sadwick explained that Article 41 seeks to create a new zoning district: Westside Neighborhood Business District (WNBD) which is a step down from the existing Heavy Industrial use. Mr. Montuori noted that this is a six step article:

- Step one: Create New Section 6700 as outlined in the warrant article
- Step two: Amend Appendix A: Table of Use Regulations by adding WNBD
- Step three: Amend Appendix B Table of Dimensional Requirements by adding WNBD
- Step four: Amend Section 2100 Establishment by adding WNBD
- Step five: Amend Section 3110 by adding language as outlined in the warrant article
- Step six: Amend the Tewksbury Zoning Map by changing the highlighted area from Heavy Industrial (HI) to Westside Neighborhood Business District (WNBD)

Mr. Aznavoorian asked if this allows for more property to be utilized for non commercial use. Mr. Sadwick explained that it holds the same requirements as

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public.

Todd Johnson, Board of Selectman, came forward and asked if this should be voted as one article or six separate actions. Mr. Sellissen feels this should be one article, but he will check with town counsel on this. Mr. Lisiecki asked if this entire article would be done if it was voted as six separate articles and one did not pass and Mr. Sadwick confirmed this.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to defer Article 41 to the Planning Board; seconded by Mr. Cooke and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 42

Mr. Sadwick explained that Article 42 seeks to delete the Senior Village District; which is an overlay district that was created some years ago. Mr. Sadwick noted that the Community Village Overlay has replaced this district at the intersection of North and Andover Streets.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to defer Article 36 to the Planning Board; seconded by Mr. Cooke and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 43

Mr. Sadwick explained that Article 43 seeks to amend Section 8402 of the Zoning Bylaw by making the additions and deletions as noted in the warrant article. Mr. Sadwick explained that the Interstate Overlay District is near interstate interchanges, there are some instances where the land is zoned commercial that are acceptable to the uses proposed.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to defer Article 36 to the Planning Board; seconded by Mr. Cooke and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 44

Mr. Sadwick explained that Article 44 seeks to amend the Zoning Bylaw by making the additions and deletions as outlined in the warrant article. Mr. Sadwick explained that the purpose of this Article is to make clear the parking requirements for uses are located in the Table of Parking Requirements and not to the underlying zoning.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to defer Article 44 to the Planning Board; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 45

Mr. Sadwick explained that Article 45 has been privately submitted and the Planning Board has recommended adoption.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to defer Article 45 to the Planning Board; seconded by Mr. Lisiecki and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 46

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 46 seeks to allow the Board of Selectmen to research and participate in a contract to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in town.

Mr. Lisiecki noted that there may be some residents who have already enrolled in these types of programs and if they are automatically enrolled it could cause them fees for leaving the other program. Mr. Montuori will look in to this. Mr. Lisiecki suggested an “opt in” option rather than an “opt out”.

Mr. Cooke asked if the contract would be brought before the residents for approval prior to it being entered in to. Mr. Montuori explained that the article currently reads that it would not go to the residents. Mr. Montuori will provide additional information on this.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to table Article 46 to April 30, 2015; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to close the annual town meeting warrant and take up the special town meeting warrant; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 6-0.

Special Town Meeting

Article 1

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 1 is a standard article to transfer funds from budgets that have identified surpluses to those budgets with identified deficits. The total amount requesting to be transferred is \$180,200.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt Article 1 as presented; seconded by Mr. McDermott and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 2

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 2 seeks to transfer \$100,000 from the stabilization fund to fund the three year Department of Revenue mandated revaluation of all town's real and personal property.

Mr. Cooke suggested adding FY16 as an amendment. Mr. Montuori will look in to this as sometimes it is calendar year.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt Article 2 as presented; seconded by Mr. McDermott and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 3

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 3 seeks to transfer \$600,000 to the DPW 2015 Snow and Ice Budget.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to adopt Article 3 as presented; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 4

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 4 seeks to transfer \$2,510.06 to fund outstanding bills from FY15 budgets. Mr. Montuori noted that it should state “street lighting” and not “town hall utilities”. Mr. Sellisen noted this will be treated as a scrivener’s error.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion adopt Article 4 as presented; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 5

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 5 requests to re-allocate \$14,918, or any amount remaining, from the original appropriation of \$353,590 as approved on October 7, 2014 for the purpose of purchasing attachments for equipment.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to adopt Article 5 as presented; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 6

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 6 authorizes the Board of Selectmen to authorize an easement to National Grid for new electrical service to the Town Hall, Town Hall Annex, and Central Fire Station.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to adopt Article 6 as presented; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 6-0.

Article 7

Mr. Montuori explained that Article 7 seeks to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the State Legislature to amend Section 3 of Chapter 251 of the Acts of 2002 by striking the first paragraph and inserting the language as outlined in the warrant article.

Mr. Aznavoorian opened the hearing to the public and no one came forward to comment.

MOTION: Mr. Sutherby made the motion to adopt Article 7 as presented; seconded by Mr. Lisiecki and the motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to close the public hearing on the annual and special town meeting warrant articles; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 6-0.

Adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Sanford and the motion carried 6-0.

Approved: February 25, 2016

**Documents Presented and/or Discussed
April 22, 2015**

- 1) May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles
A copy can be found with the Town Manager's office

- 2) May 6, 2015 Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles
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