

MINUTES
Warrant Committee Meeting
June 1, 2020

Warrant Committee Members	Participating remotely: Michael Pastore (Chair), Sharon Tatro, Robert Sliney, Jeremy Marsette, Joanna Hilvert, Ed Vozzella, Kristine Barton and Newton Thompson, Absent: Amanda Hall	
Guests	Kristine Trierweiler, Town Administrator Nicholas Milano, Assistant Town Administrator	
Meeting Location	By remote participation via Zoom	
Meeting Times	Meeting convened: 7:03pm	Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Minutes of the May 18, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously by roll call of all Warrant Committee members participating remotely.	
Operational Budgets (including votes taken)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FY21 Budget - TA [Town Administrator] Recommendation was unanimously approved by a roll call of Warrant Committee members present. 	
Warrant Articles (including votes taken)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Article 6 (Operating Budget) - Unanimously approved by a roll call of Warrant Committee members present. ● Article 7 (Capital Budget) - Unanimously approved by a roll call of Warrant Committee members present. ● Article 8 (Municipal Building Stabilization Fund) - Unanimously approved by a roll call of Warrant Committee members present. ● Article 9 - (Authorization to Lease Vehicles) - Unanimously approved by a roll call of Warrant Committee members present. 	
List of all documents and exhibits used	<p>The following budget documents were presented at the June 1, 2020 Warrant Committee Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FY21 Budget Summary ● FY21 Budget Worksheet ● Draft 2020 ATM Warrant (updated through June 1) 	
Other Business		
Follow-ups		
Dates for Meetings including WC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● June 8 - Warrant Committee ● June 15 - Warrant Committee ● June 27 (rain date June 29) - Annual Town Meeting on Medfield High School turf field. 	
Names of people participating remotely and why	All Warrant Committee members and invited guests participated remotely; see above for names of attendees.	

Other

- There being a quorum present, Michael Pastore, Chair, opened the meeting.
 - Mike explained that since the May 28th Warrant Committee meeting, he had many deliberations with all parties associated with the FY21 budget process.
 - The questions before the Warrant Committee tonight for discussion, debate and vote are - Do we think that this budget is fair, and should it be recommended to the Board of Selectmen?
 - Kristine Trierweiler reviewed the process of arriving at the recommended budget.
 - She noted that the budget is not static and kept evolving both during both pre- and post-COVID shutdown.
 - All departments have been making real cuts.
 - The size of the cuts are unprecedented.
 - In FY21, funding the Town's capital needs was to be the cornerstone of the budget.
 - If we didn't have COVID, we'd have the Municipal Building Stabilization Fund and insurance cost savings to help balance the budget.
 - Although the Board of Selectmen have not voted on the budget yet, they have expressed their support for last Thursday's (5/28) version, which is being presented tonight.
 - Mike Pastore recognized Superintendent Marsden who was logged into the Zoom meeting.
 - Working off the FY21 Budget Summary, Superintendent Marsden expressed his concern that the School budget is bearing a disproportionate amount of expense cuts.
 - The Pre-COVID school reduction of \$915K is 96% of the \$953K Pre-COVID operating budget deficit.
 - Kristine Trierweiler stated that the total Pre-COVID deficit is \$1.316 million, not \$953K because capital has always been included in the General Fund budget.
 - Comments from various Warrant Committee Members:
 - Ed Vozzella noted that we shouldn't be discussing percentages, but rather budget dollars.
 - Joanna Hilvert also supports not relying on percentages, but wants the Warrant

	<p>Committee to remain focused on a budget outcome that is fair to taxpayers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The budget summary may be confusing, but it doesn't change the conclusion that this budget works even though there's a lot of pain for all. ● Sharon Tatro stated that the budget is fair and will be balanced if the Town departments reduce their budgets another \$230K and the Schools reduce their operating budget another \$144K and remove \$200K of capital from the Capital Budget. ○ Prior to calling for a vote on Article 6 (Operating Budget), Mike Pastore remarked that the budget process has been a long, difficult journey with all parties working diligently and co-operatively. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Mike made positive motion to accept the "FY 21 Budget - TA Recommendation" operating budget which was seconded and unanimously approved by roll call of Warrant Committee members present. ● Scott McDermott, Town Moderator, was recognized by Mike Pastore. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scott thanked all participants in the meeting, citing their exceptional dedication to the Town. ○ He noted that we have a most unique scenario with COVID, but we are intending to go forward to ATM on 6/27 ○ He hopes that we all work to arrive at a fair budget and reach a unified position so that any budget debate at ATM is not contentious. ● Mike Pastore thanked Scott for his comments and echoed his appreciation for the collective efforts of the WC members. ● There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and voted unanimously. ● The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Newton H Thompson

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