

MINUTES
Warrant Committee Meeting
February 22, 2021

Warrant Committee Members	Participating remotely: Sharon Tatro (Chair), Amanda Hall, Ed Vozzella, Robert Sliney, Jeremy Marsette and Newton Thompson Absent: Kristine Barton	
Guests	Kristine Trierweiler, Town Administrator Nicholas Milano, Assistant Town Administrator Kathy McDonald, Director, Medfield Outreach	
Meeting Location	By remote participation via Zoom	
Meeting Times	Meeting convened: 7:02 pm	Meeting adjourned: 7:50 pm
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minutes for February 16, 2021 were unanimously approved by those Warrant Committee Members in attendance. 	
Operational Budgets (including votes taken)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Medfield Outreach 	
Warrant Articles (including votes taken)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Article 18 “Transfer of DOT Ride Sharing Funds” - approved unanimously by Warrant Committee members in attendance. ● Article 24 “Landfill Lease for Solar” - approved unanimously by Warrant Committee members in attendance. 	
List of all documents and exhibits used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Liaison analyses of the following FY22 departmental requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medfield Outreach ● Draft listing of Warrant article assignments for ATM 2021 	
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None 	
Follow-ups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None 	
Dates for Meetings including WC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Warrant Committee Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March 1, 8, 15, 18 and 23 (tentatively scheduled for Warrant Hearing) 	
Names of people participating remotely and why	All Warrant Committee members and invited guests participated remotely; see above for names of attendees.	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sharon Tatro opened the meeting at 7:02 pm and requested: 1) an update from Town Finance on the status of FY22 budget scenarios; 2) a review of any vote-ready warrant articles; and 3) a review of the FY22 budget request for Medfield Outreach. ● TOWN FINANCE UPDATE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Warrant Article Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. There will be some consolidation and/or reduction in the number warrant articles. 	

b. FY22 Budget Update:

- i. Local receipts are looking more positive than previously estimated.
- ii. Health insurance has been budgeted to increase 6.8% over prior year, but this line item may come in more favorably pending review with insurance agent.
- iii. Next version of the budget and scenarios will be reviewed with BOS next week and the Warrant Committee thereafter. Bottom line is that the FY22 budget is still in deficit, but more solid information is expected for the next Warrant Committee meeting.

● WARRANT ARTICLES REVIEWED:

- a. Article 4 "PEG Access Cable Related Funds" - Vote deferred pending report from Town Finance of dollar amount of access fees.
- b. Article 18 "Transfer of DOT Ride Sharing Funds" - Ridesharing fees for FY22 to be transferred are \$1,471; article voted and approved as drafted.
- c. Article 20 "Sewer Betterments Paid in Advance" - Vote deferred pending report from Town Finance of dollar amount of sewer betterments paid in advance.
- d. Article 23 "Disposition of Lot 1, Icehouse Road" - Vote deferred pending language for this article.
- e. Article 24 "Landfill Lease for Solar" - This article gives the Board of Selectmen the authority to enter into a ground lease with a private developer for the whole or any portion of a parcel known as the former Medfield landfill site. Article voted and approved as drafted.
 - i. According to the MA Department of Environmental Protection Landfill Post-Closure Use Permitting Guidelines published June 2009, "Landfills closed and capped in accordance with a MASSDEP permit issued after 1990 may be good locations for the post-closure development of facilities that use photovoltaic panels and/or wind turbines to generate electricity from these renewable resources."
 - ii. Solar contractors have approached the Town with an expression of interest in leasing the site to establish a solar array. However, before a lease can be executed, the landfill closure must be approved by MA DEP.
 - iii. Discussions between MA DEP and Medfield DPW on finalizing the landfill closure have commenced, but what requirements and what future costs to

finalize closure are not yet known. Further, whether any solar contractor would contribute funds to help the Town achieve final closure is also not known at this time.

- FY22 BUDGET REQUEST - MEDFIELD OUTREACH:
 - a. Amanda Hall, Warrant Committee liaison to Medfield Outreach, provided an overview of the department.
 - i. Under the auspices of the Medfield Board of Health, Medfield Outreach serves youth from infancy to age eighteen and their families with a host of social services. Staff provide free and confidential individual and family counseling, assistance with access to financial assistance programs, information and referral, community programming, and crisis intervention to Medfield residents.
 - b. Amanda noted that the department is a lean operation with only two full time staff (a Director and a Clinician) and the budget request for FY22 is level-funded.
 - i. That said, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Medfield Outreach has experienced more demand for its services from families in need.
 - ii. Outreach may need to add another resource and is seeking other sources of funds for programming.
 - c. Kathy McDonald, Medfield Outreach Director, provided further details on the department services.
 - i. She noted that the schools (nurses and guidance staff) are the greatest referral base of clients needing Outreach services.
 - ii. She has created a “drop in” service for mental health needs in addition to regular clinic visits.
 - iii. Other needs based work by Medfield Outreach includes:
 - Helping the Medfield Foundation to administer:
 - \$40K of rental assistance and
 - \$10K of “camperships.”
 - Provide administration of two local coalitions:
 - Medfield Cares about Prevention
 - Medfield Coalition for Suicide Prevention.
 - Currently preparing a youth survey (modeled after the larger MetroWest survey) which will drive future Outreach programming.

	<p>iv. Bob Sliney inquired about the interaction with the Board of Health as well as the school personnel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Kristine Trierweiler noted that currently there is no interaction between BOH nurses who are contracted and Outreach staff, although in future when the BOH has its own full time nurse, this professional would be another point of contact for Outreach. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and voted unanimously by a roll call of all Warrant Committee members present.● The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Newton H Thompson

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