

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the eighth day of May 2017 A.D. the said meeting was called to order by Town Council President Frank Landolfi at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02832.

PRESENT: Frank Landolfi, Barbara Capalbo, David Husband, Sylvia Thompson; Town Solicitor Kevin McAllister; Town Manager William McGarry; Town Clerk Elizabeth Cook-Martin; Finance Director Brian Rosso.

Absent: Thomas Buck.

The meeting opened with a moment of silent meditation and salute to the Flag.

## **DISCUSS/REVISE PROPOSED FY 2017/2018 BUDGET AND PROPOSED WARRANT ITEMS**

### **Proposed FY 2017/2018 Budget**

Council President Landolfi asked Mr. Rosso if the Town received quarterly reports from Chariho. Mr. Rosso responded that they were currently received monthly but all three Towns Finance Directors had been contacted recently by the Chariho Finance Director and going forward they will be sent quarterly as required and would be accessible on-line through the school district's website.

Councilor Thompson asked if it was a surplus-deficit report. Mr. Rosso responded no, that Chariho Finance Director Brian Stanley had decided some time ago not to do that report anymore. Councilor Husband questioned if the Towns adjustments to assessments had been factored in to the proposed budget. Mr. Rosso reported these figures were up to date and included. Councilor Thompson questioned the available funding if the Town would like to move forward with potential for solar arrays on Town-owned property; it was noted \$18,000.00 was set aside in a restricted grant matching account and that additional funds had been added to Town Council Contingency in the event the Town Council purchased laptops so there may be some flexibility there; an additional \$2,000.00 would be needed.

Councilor Husband was not certain if solar panels were feasible on the 19 acres to

the rear of the Town Hall and Thayer House because of the existing wetlands.

Councilor Thompson suggested that it may be more like 13 acres as there were more wetlands than was thought. She commented that a solar project could bring in approximately \$100,000.00, there would be tax credits and reduced electric energy costs. Discussion on the the proposed FY 17/18 budget ended, no changes were made.

**Proposed Warrant Items**

The Town Clerk read the two proposed warrant items:

1. To restrict the unspent balance of the Salt & Sand Budget Line Item #5350-6000 and Overtime Pay Budget Line Item #4060-6000 in the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year Public Works Department Budget to be placed into the Public Works Emergency Winter Operations/Snow Removal Restricted Account and to change the name of the Restricted Account to Public Works Emergency Winter Operations, and,
2. To rename the Contract Negotiations/Arbitration Restricted Account to Legal Fees Restricted Account.

There were no changes to the two proposed warrant items.

**ADOPT FY 2017/2018 BUDGET AND WARRANT ITEMS FOR JUNE 13, 2017 BUDGET REFERENDUM BALLOT**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO ADOPT THE FY 2017/2018 BUDGET WITH CHANGES AND THE TWO WARRANT ITEMS FOR THE JUNE 13, 2017 BUDGET REFERENDUM BALLOT.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

**ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO ADJOURN.

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk