Warrant Committee June 2, 2021 6pm Remote Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

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DATE: July 9, 2021 TIME: 8:56 AM

Members in Attendance

Warrant Committee: Laurie Slap, Paul Rickter, Ellen Schreiber, Elizabeth Dionne, John Alcock, Christine Doyle, Jennifer Fallon, Elizabeth Goss, Andrew Levin, Daniel Halston, Anne Helgen, Geoffrey Lubien, Robert McLaughlin, Lynn Read, Jack Weis

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

I. Discuss/Voted on Motions and Amendments for Town Meeting.

BRAVE ACT

Several members of the Committee explained that they were uncomfortable with the previous vote to delay consideration of the BRAVE Act. There was support to consider the four separate sections of the BRAVE Act this evening. Committee members have received information regarding the projected financial impact of the Act however, some members raised hesitancy that the sections are not means-tested.

Detailed plans relating to the BRAVE Act would need to be approved by the Select Board but it is unknown if it would require a vote at Town Meeting.

Motion: Ms. Goss moved to reconsider action on the BRAVE Act, seconded by Mr. Levin (Motion passed unanimously, roll-call vote: Alcock, Dionne, Doyle, Fallon, Goss, Halston, Helgen, Levin, Lubien, McLaughlin, Read, Rickter, Schreiber, Slap, Weis, voted yes.)

Motion: To delay consideration of the BRAVE Act. (Motion failed, 7-8, roll-call vote: Alcock, Dionne, Doyle, Halston, Helgen, Levin, McLaughlin, voted yes. Fallon, Goss, Lubien, Read, Rickter, Schreiber, Slap, Weis, voted no.)

Mr. Pikcilingis proposed an amendment to the BRAVE Act which recommends monitoring the BRAVE Act programs for a period of five years.

Motion: Mr. Lubien moved favorable action of the BRAVE Act amendment, seconded by Ms. Helgen (Motion passed unanimously by consensus vote.)

Motion: Ms. Fallon moved favorable action of Section A of the BRAVE Act, seconded by Mr. Rickter (Motion passed, roll-call vote: Alcock, Doyle, Fallon, Goss, Halston, Helgen, Levin, Lubien, Read, Rickter, Schreiber, Slap, Weis, voted yes. McLaughlin, Dionne abstained.)

Motion: Ms. Fallon moved favorable action of Section B of the BRAVE Act, seconded by Mr. Rickter (Motion passed, roll-call vote: Alcock, Dionne, Fallon, Goss, Halston, Helgen, Levin, Lubien, Read, Rickter, Slap, Weis, voted yes. Doyle, Schreiber voted no. McLaughlin abstained.)

Motion: Mr. Levin moved favorable action of Section C of the BRAVE Act, seconded by Mr. Weiss (Motion passed, roll-call vote: Alcock, Dionne, Fallon, Goss, Halston, Helgen, Levin, Lubien, Read, Rickter, Slap, Weis, voted yes. Schreiber, Doyle voted no. McLaughlin abstained.)

Motion: Mr. Lubien moved favorable action of Section D of the BRAVE Act, seconded by Mr. Halston (Motion failed, roll-call vote: Doyle, Lubien, Read, voted yes. Alcock, Dionne, Fallon, Halston, Helgen, Goss, Levin, McLaughlin, Rickter, Schreiber, Slap, Weis, voted no.)

Article 12 Amendment to Delete \$200,000 for Community Path

The \$200,000 in funding will be set aside to complete the assessments and evaluations for temporary easements that may be required during the Community Path project. This funding would be used for survey work to see what temporary easements may be necessary for the project. Any permanent acquisition of land would need to go before Town Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Rickter moved unfavorable action of the request, seconded by Ms. Fallon (Motion passed unanimously, roll-call vote: Alcock, Dionne, Doyle, Fallon, Goss, Halston, Helgen, Levin, Lubien, McLaughlin, Read, Rickter, Schreiber, Slap, Weis, voted yes.)

Article Article 16, Motion A Amendment to delete the item "Fuel Replacement Tank" and its associated \$150,000 in funding from the Water Department Capital Expenditures

Article Article 16, Motion B Amendment to delete the item "Fuel Replacement Tank" and its associated \$150,000 in funding from the Sewer and Stormwater Capital Expenditures

Motion: Ms. Dionne moved unfavorable action on both amendments, seconded by Mr. Lubien. (Motion passed unanimously, roll-call vote: Alcock, Dionne, Doyle, Fallon, Goss, Halston, Helgen, Levin, Lubien, McLaughlin, Read, Rickter, Schreiber, Slap, Weis, voted yes.)

VI. Adjournment.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting (Motion passed unanimously).

6:44pm

Submitted by Katie Luczai