

Whately Selectboard Meeting

October 20, 2021

12:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Remote Meeting via Zoom

The open session of the Selectboard of the Town of Whately was called to order on October 20, 2021 at 12:01 pm by the Chairperson Jonathan Edwards. Present via Zoom were Selectboard members Joyce Palmer-Fortune and Fred Baron. Also present was Town Administrator Brian Domina and Administrative Assistant Amy Lavallee.

To discuss and vote to approve warrant articles for the October 20, 2021 Special Town Meeting

Brian read the warrant articles listed on the STM warrant and discussed the articles with the Board.

Article 1:

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, to appropriate and transfer the sum of **\$6,500** from the Community Preservation Fund – Unreserved Fund Balance for the expansion of the existing ice rink, installation of a smaller ice rink and for lighting of both rinks, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 2:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$4,509** from available funds to the Public Hearing Revolving Fund (251-176-4540) to pay for unreimbursed expenses in that account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Brian explained that this is for previous advertisement costs incurred by the Planning Board and Zoning Board that were not reimbursed.

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$107,911** from available funds, for the purpose of making certain accessibility improvements at Herlihy Park, including but not limited to paving and striping of the driveway/parking lot and renovation of the toilet facilities, and that Herlihy Park is dedicated to active recreation purposes as authorized in G.L. c. 45 § 3, and the Selectboard be authorized to file on behalf of the Town of Whately any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and /or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities Grant Program and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and the Selectboard be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Whately, or take any other action relative thereto.

Brian explained that this article is being presented to show the granting agency that the Town has the money to cover the total project costs for the PARC grant. This money will not actually be spent and this article will be rescinded when project is completed.

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$7,500** from available funds to pay for the engineering and design costs of sidewalks to be constructed on Chestnut Plain Road and at the elementary school, and for other safety improvements on town roads, or take any other action relative thereto.

Brian explained that this money is to cover engineering costs for the work to be completed with Complete Streets grant funding.

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to repurpose **\$9,618.75** of unexpended funds appropriated under Article 3 of the December 1, 2016 Special Town Meeting to include the design and construction of a pumping station to be located off Chestnut Plain Road and associated pipes and infrastructure in order to connect the Whately Water District's water supply system to the Whately Water Department's water supply system, and for all costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Brian explained that this is an article to repurpose and expand the permitted uses of these previously appropriated funds.

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to repurpose **\$4,700** of unexpended funds appropriated under Article 21 of the April 29, 2014 Annual Town Meeting to include making improvements to the athletic fields at Herlihy Park, including but not limited to dugout improvements at the small baseball diamond, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Brian explained that this is an article to repurpose and expand the permitted uses of these previously appropriated funds.

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Whately Zoning Bylaw and Zoning Map, established under § 171-4, to rezone the following parcel from the Agricultural/Residential District 1 to the Commercial District, in order to allow for more commercial uses to be carried out on this parcel: Parcel # 1 – Assessors Map ID # 12-0-24-2 (State Road) or take any other action relative thereto.

Don Sluter (Whately Planning Board) explained that he is working on a new Zoning Map. The Board questioned whether the proper procedures had been followed to make the changes eligible for adoption at the Special Town Meeting. The Board asked Don to research whether all

procedures had been followed for adoption and offered to consider placing the proposed zoning map change article on the warrant for the next Town Meeting.

Jonathan motioned to approve all articles listed on the warrant to be presented at the Special Town Meeting on November 6, 2021. Joyce seconded. Roll call vote: Jonathan-yes, Joyce-yes, Fred-yes. Motion passed.

Document List filed in the Selectboard Office

Special Town Meeting Warrant for November 6, 2021