

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**May 3, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Charles Ampagoomian, Jr. at the Northbridge Middle School Auditorium, 171 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, MA. **Present:** Board Members: Melia, Athanas, Collins, Cannon, and Ampagoomian.

**Also Present:** Adam D. Gaudette, Town Manager and Sharon Susienka, Exec. Asst. to the Town Manager.

**Town Meeting Business.** Town Manager Gaudette advised Board members that several changes have been made to the motions for Articles 1, 2, 19, 21, and 22 and therefore the Board would need to revote those particular articles. He said the Finance Committee will be doing the same at their meeting this evening. **Article 1 (Bills of a prior year):** He mentioned an additional outstanding bill was added to the category of Non-Departmental/Property & Liability Insurance in the amount of \$128.94 and payable to Cabot Risk Strategies, LLC. **Article 2 (FY'22 Budget Transfers):** First, Mr. Gaudette noted additional funds were needed for the Fire and Ambulance budget line items and the funds would come from Line 26 Veterans Services and allocated as follows: Line 15A Fire Personnel - \$20,000; Line 15B Fire Expenses - \$15,000; and Line 16B Ambulance Expenses - \$15,000. Next, he said the number for Line 21C Snow/Ice Personnel would increase from \$300,000 to \$343,304. **Article 19 (Capital Items):** The Town Manager mentioned there was a change to the item entitled Upton Town Line Guardrail from \$3,489 to \$11,156. **Article 21 (Fire Station funding):** Mr. Gaudette mentioned the town needs an additional \$3,755,182 to complete the Fire Station Project as originally planned. He explained the increase is due to the dramatic rise in construction costs (materials and labor) as the result of the post-pandemic economy, the war with Ukraine, and increased fuel costs. **Article 22 (Transfer to Stabilization):** The Town Manager stated there are no funds available to transfer into Stabilization and therefore this article will be passed over tonight. There being no further items to address, a motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to support the changes to Articles 1, 2, 19, and 21 and to pass over Article 22 all as noted above. Vote yes/Collins, Athanas, Cannon, Ampagoomian, and Melia.

There being no further business before the Board at this time, a motion/Mr. Melia seconded/Mr. Athanas, to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at the conclusion of the Spring Annual Town Meeting this evening. Vote yes/Collins, Athanas, Cannon, Ampagoomian, and Melia.

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:35 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Russell D. Collins, Clerk**

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**LIST OF DOCUMENTATION**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING – OPEN SESSION**

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES/None**

**PUBLIC HEARING/None**

**APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS/None**

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT/None**

**DECISIONS**

- A. Town Meeting Business**
  - Copy of updated motions**

**DISCUSSIONS/None**

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/None**

**SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS/None**

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None**

**CORRESPONDENCE/None**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**