

Town of Sandisfield

Select Board
May 14, 2022

Minutes for Select Board meeting before Annual Town Meeting held on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 9:00AM at the DPW Garage, 5 Silverbrook Road, Sandisfield, MA

Members present: George Riley, Steve Seddon, Alex Bowman, Nicole Costanzo, Brian Maser, Dominic Konstam, Douglas Miner

1. Review procedures for Annual Town Meeting with Select Board, Town Counsel, and Moderator

George opens the meeting.

Jonathan goes over some of the controversial items that will need to be discussed.

It's noted that the Select Board originally decided to give the Planning Board members stipends of \$400 and the Chair would receive \$500. However, according to the Sandisfield bylaws, the Planning Board cannot receive any compensation. Alex will make a motion to amend Article 2 by removing the Planning Board stipends.

George will then motion in Article 3 to adjust the Planning Board Salary budget from \$2,500 to \$0. He will also motion during this article to amend Fire House Rental- Rt. 57 from \$6,242 to \$6,367.24.

Article 12, 13 and 14 will need to be explained and amended. Steve will be responsible for these articles, which refer to the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to a stabilization fund established under Massachusetts General Laws, and specifically making changes into the Ambulance Fund. Article 13 will need to be amended to dedicate 50% of the ambulance revenues to the Ambulance Stabilization, rather than no more than 25%. Steve will also motion to amend the sum being transferred from Ambulance Revolving to Ambulance Stabilization in Article 14. The sum will go from \$227,009.30 to \$232,094.87.

Alex will make an amendment to Article 16 depending on available funds to get a flat levy. There will be an adjustment of \$198,114.57 to \$216,954.29 should the funds remain where they were before the meeting. It's noted that this number may change by the end of the meeting; Jonathan will do the calculations as the meeting progresses.

It's clarified that once a motion is made and someone seconds, the amendment is open for discussion.

Steve will make an amendment on Article 19 in the Shared Driveway Amendment to strike the Building Inspector from Section 8B (14) which states that all driveway excavation and construction must follow the approved plan and be inspected and approved by the Sandisfield Building Inspector. This is the responsibility of the DPW Superintendent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25AM.

George Riley

Alex Bowman

Steve Seddon