

Town of Sandisfield

Select Board

May 3, 2022

Minutes for Select Board Work Session with the Finance Committee held on Friday, May 3, 2022 at 5:00p.m. at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Sandisfield Road, Sandisfield, MA

Members present: George Riley, Steve Seddon, Alex Bowman, Jonathan Sylbert

1. Finalize and sign Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Jonathan Sylbert asked Town Counsel whether they could change free cash to stabilization for the roller, grader or dump truck on the floor of Town Meeting. The reason for changing where these funds were being spent is because there would only be \$11,000 left in free cash.

Jonathan spoke to Brian Maser about a timeline for calling a special election to discuss. Alex Bowman questions whether they could hold the Special Election and Primary Election at the same time. Jonathan supports this idea.

All other warrant articles appear to be in order. Changing the levy limit with free cash can be addressed on the floor at Town Meeting. Jonathan notes that special articles should be allowed to be paid out of capital stabilization without a capital plan.

A tentative plan to hold a Special town meeting in the summer, and an election in September to vote to borrow for the roller and/or grader is made. Jonathan suggests taking the floor at Town Meeting and reporting that the town would like to borrow for the roller and grader, funds will initially be allocated from free cash, but not be paid right away. Should borrowing still prove to be a good option, they will hold a Special Town Meeting where the town will vote to borrow. Permission to borrow is a warrant item, but debt exclusion is a ballot item.

Town Clerk, Douglas Miner requested an article be added to the warrant which states, "To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Clerk to make non-substantive changes to the bylaws." This would permit the Town Clerk to fix any spelling, grammatical, or formatting errors within the bylaws. No changes would alter the meaning or ruling of any bylaw.

The Assessors Salary is confirmed at \$37,920, which includes a 3% COLA.

The Select Board and Jonathan go over and make revisions to the formatting of the Town Meeting warrant. It's noted that there has been a 2% increase in the operating budget this fiscal year. Jonathan exits the meeting to make the appropriate changes to the warrant; he returns with the finalized warrant for the Select Board to sign.

The Select Board signs the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Three copies will be given to the Constable to be posted.

There is a period of time between now and when the Constable posts the warrant. If there are any necessary adjustments, they can be made before 5:00pm today.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

George Riley

Alex Bowman

Steve Seddon