

Advisory Committee

May 10, 2016

King Philip Middle School

Present: Peg Drisko, Arthur Frontczak, Arlie Sterling, Steve McDonough, Jonathan Hurwitz, Pat Snead, Dave Benton, Lisa Keating and Susan Jacobson. Also present Jay Talerma, Town Moderator, Jack Hathaway, Tow Administrator, Jim Lehan, Jeff Palumbo, Scott Bugbee, and Board of Selectmen.

Dave called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

There are (2) two articles that the Advisory Committee did not vote on and two articles (2) that will require re-voting.

Article 5:

Dave put together a quick sheet to show the changes made to the budget. The budget was approved on the 13th the Selectmen met on the 20th and made changes. They returned some money to the King Philip budget. King Philip also received some additional state funding and returned those to the Norfolk Schools.

Over the past few days King Philip has met with Plainville and Wrentham and they discovered they cannot meet the Norfolk increase. Each town assessment dropped. The first year turf payment due is \$114,000. The amount of free cash that was being used has been decreased. We are now only using \$336,000 of free cash this year. The final number is \$37,625,000.

A motion was made by Pat Snead to approve Article 5 as amended. It was seconded by Jim Tomaszewski and **so voted**. All were in favor.

Article 10:

The Debt Funded Capital: we are down to one item the oil tank at the H. Olive Day School. The cost to replace the tank has been increased to \$300,000. The Facilities Director does not believe it will be that high but he is concerned that the quotes he received from vendors are not taking prevailing wage into consideration. He is also concerned about the footings needing some work or possible replacement.

Arlie moved to re-open Article 10 it was seconded by Jonathan Hurwitz. A motion was made by Arlie Sterling to approve a new motion for \$300,000.00 for a new oil tank at the HOD. It was seconded by Pat Snead **and so voted**. All were in favor.

Transfers: Salaries are being moved around based on overtime being spent in departments. Some spent more while other departments spent less. We are getting rid of the snow and ice deficit.

The other two items are two items that were debt funded and are going to be purchased with cash. Jack has also requested removing 20k from the Advisory Fund to pay bills for Town Counsel. Dave asked why the legal fees increased by \$20,000. Jack said we had an overlap from prior counsel (Kopelman and Paige) while the transitioning to new counsel (Murphy, Hesse). We have also had a couple of cases that have gone to court.

A motion was made by Pat Snead to approve Article 3. It was seconded by Art Frontczak and it **so voted**. All were in favor.

Article 25:

Jack said Town Counsel feels we need to present the pilot at Town Meeting. It is a payment in lieu of taxes. Pat said that in the absence of the agreement we could tax the house but not the land. This article gives the BOS the authority to negotiate the agreements. Jack said we may be able to offer them a better deal, although he is not sure the BOS are looking to provide that. Jofran has asked them to go through the negotiation process anyway. Jay said this allows them flexibility. Arlie asked if this was an open ended agreement. Jay said he would not approve it if he was our town counsel but he is not our town counsel. The word came directly from Town Counsel. Lisa said take out the language. Dave said this is a pilot only for solar energy. He does not have an issue with them negotiating as many solar projects as they need to.

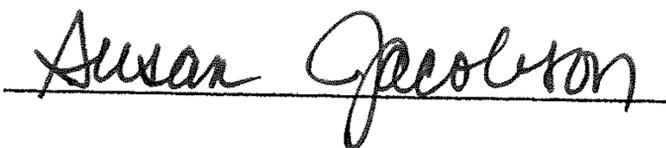
A motion was made by Pat Snead moved to approve Article 25. It was seconded by Art Frontczak and **so voted**. All were in favor

A motion was made by Arthur Frontczak to approve the meeting minutes from 3/16/2016. It was seconded by Pat Snead and **so voted**. All were in favor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Arthur Frontczak. It was seconded by Peg Drisko and **so voted**. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Jacobson

David Benton

re-approved 2/12/2020