Meeting Minutes Joint Capital Improvements Committee, Finance Committee and Selectboard Meeting Monday, November 14, 2022, 5:00 Town Hall, 5 Academy Hill Road

Present for the Selectboard: Phil Kantor, Chair; Chris Waldo, Erica Goleman

Others Present: Bob Armstrong, Roy Cohen, Tom Donovan, John Krane, Alan Singer, Bob Baker, Sia Stewart, Seth Capista, Chris Larabee, Véronique Blanchard, Adam Reed

Minutes	On a motion from Phil to approve the minutes of November 7, 2022, Erica seconded all said aye and the motion was unanimous in favor.
Warrants	None
Meetings Attended by Select Board Members	Phil attended the Frontier School Committee meeting.
Public Comments	None
New Business <i>Vote to appoint Seth Capista to the</i> <i>Capital Improvements Committee</i>	On a motion from Phil to appoint Seth Capista to the Capital Improvements Committee until 6/30/24, Erica seconded all said aye and the motion was unanimous in favor.
Vote to sign a letter to MassDOT regarding a replacement bridge for North Poland Road	On a motion from Erica to sign a letter to MassDOT re: replacement bridge on N. Poland Rd., Phil seconded all said aye and the motion was unanimous in favor.
5:15 Joint Meeting with Finance Committee & Capital Improvements Committee	The three committees discussed the first four warrants for the Special Town Meeting. Article 1: On a motion from Phil to approve the establishment of a capital stabilization fund for Frontier Regional School, Erica seconded all said aye and the motion was unanimous in favor.
	Capital Improvements and Finance had previously voted on Article 2, each adding their own alterations to the recommendation. The article was revisited by both committees and the selectboard based on more information having been provided. The article language was reworded to reflect this discussion, and then the article re-voted.
	Article 2: On a motion from Phil to appropriate \$50,000 for a replacement vehicle for the Fire Department, Erica seconded all said aye and the motion was unanimous in favor. Finance Committee voted 4-0 in favor and the Capital Improvement Committee voted 4-0 in favor.
	Article 3 and 4: On a motion from Erica to appropriate \$92,000 for a new chipper and \$7,000 for a chip box, chris seconded all said aye and the motion was unanimous in favor.

	Article 5: On a motion from Erica to appropriate \$37,000 to repair the Transfer Station landfill cap, Chris seconded all said aye and the motion was unanimous in favor. Finance Committee voted 4 - 0 in favor.
	Article 6 and 7: On a motion from Erica to appropriate \$970 and \$920 to pay two bills from a prior fiscal year, Chris seconded all said aye and the motion was unanimous in favor. Finance Committee voted 4 - 0 in favor.
	Article 8: On a motion from Chris to create a special fund for the purpose of making timely payments to Police officers on outside details, Erica seconded all said aye and the motion was unanimous in favor. Finance Committee voted 4 - 0 in favor.
	Article 9: On a motion from Chris to appropriate \$10,000 to the Article 8, Erica seconded all said aye and the motion was unanimous in favor. Finance Committee voted 4 - 0 in favor.
New Business Discussion and vote on the remaining warrant articles	Article 10: On a motion from Phil to accept Mass. General Law, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, Erica seconded all said aye and the motion was unanimous in favor.
	Article 11: On a motion from Phil to request special legislation providing for the recall of elected officials, Erica seconded all said aye and the motion was unanimous in favor.
	Article 12: On a motion from Phil to see if the town will vote to recommend to the Selectboard a specific fee for permit stickers and set a limit on the number of stickers, there was no second and the motion did not pass.
	Article 12: On a motion from Chris to remove the article so more information can be shared with the public regarding cost and use of the Transfer Station, Erica seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 2-1.
	On a motion from Erica to close the close the warrant for Special Town Meeting, Phil seconded all said aye the motion was unanimous in favor.
Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting	None
Town Administrator update	 Last week I attended the MMA's update on the new law governing Host Community Agreements, which went into effect on November 9th. Of interest is that municipalities may now waive an HCA requirement altogether and use the special permit process alone to address concerns. Also, any impact fees assessed must document the actual costs incurred by the municipality for the preceding year, may not exceed 3%, and can be effective for eight years from the date the license was issued. All municipalities must also establish minimum standards to promote social equity for businesses by June 30, 2023. As you are aware, the second bridge on North Poland Road off of 116 has been closed, effective November 4th. MassDOT was conducting their quarterly inspection and recommended the bridge be shut down immediately. I met with emergency services on the 10th to discuss the

	impacts to response time and drafted the letter to send to MassDOT
	outlining the hardships the town will face due to the closure.
•	The Emergency Management team met to discuss a grant application
	through which the town will apply for two new laptops for our EMD and
	Assistant EMD, along with plans to update the Emergency Operations
	Center manual.

Select Board member comments/concerns	None
Mail	None
Announcements	None
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be Monday November 21, 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
Adjourn	On a motion from Phil to adjourn the meeting at 6:54, Erica seconded all said aye and the motion was unanimous in favor.

This meeting of the Selectboard will be held in person with capability for the public to attend via Zoom. Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting.