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REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
Regular Meeting
February 7, 2022

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RTM Moderator Paul Goldstein called the February 7, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Greg Attanasio, Michael Bono, Jennifer Bracciale, Mary Childs, Timothy Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Timothy Fioravanti, Steven Garvin, Nicholas Gauthier, Kevin Girard, Paul Goldstein, Kristen Gonzalez, Ryan Healy, Richard Holmes, Paul Konstantakis, Cheryl Larder, Richard Muckle, Theodore Olynciw (Left During CALL ITEM 9), Dan Radin, Michael Rocchetti, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, David Sugrue, David Welch.

ABSENT: Jennifer Kohl

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J Brule; Selectman Elizabeth Sabilia;

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectwoman Jody Nazarchyk; Chair of the Board of Finance Glenn Patterson; Chair of the Board of Education Pat Fedor.

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk David L. Campo; Town Attorney Robert Avena; Director of Finance Kim Allen.

AGENDA ITEM C – December 6, 2021 Minutes & January 3, 2022 Minutes.

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Muckle to approve the December 6, 2021 & the January 3, 2022 as presented.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

Moderator Goldstein noted that a letter was received from Interim Chief Balestracci in regard to his availability to discuss the police budget, a report from Finance Director Kim Allen in regard to the American Rescue Fund, and letters of recommendation for appointments from the Town Committees that would be discussed during the respective agenda item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

1 RTM MINUTES 02/07/2022

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AGENDA ITEM F

Public Works, Planning and Development Chairman Michael Rocchetti noted that the committee would be meeting on February 22, 2022. Public Health, Recreation & Environment Chairman Michael Bono noted that the committee would be meeting on February 22, 2022. RTM member Susan Driscoll advised the body that a standing committee does not need to include the Town Attorney at their meetings.

CALL ITEM 1 – HVAC & Roof Replacement for the Public Safety Building

PRESENTATION: Director of Public Works Gary Schneider.

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Bono, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an additional appropriation in the amount of **\$409,400** as a new project from the **Capital Non-Recurring Undesignated fund balance line #205-31520 for HVAC and roof replacement for the Public Safety Building.**

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Larder, seconded by Olynciw to reduce the amount from \$409,400 to \$104,400 to only cover the HVAC replacement and the engineering costs.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION withdrawn by Olynciw.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Rocchetti, seconded by Bono, to move the question.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous with two members opposed. (Gauthier, Larder)

MOTION TO MOVE PASSED: 22-2

VOTING IN FAVOR OF ORIGINAL MOTION: Unanimous

MOTION PASSED: 24-0

CALL ITEM 2 – Pump-Out Boat for Save the River-Save the Hills

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Bono, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an additional appropriation in the amount of **\$12,500** as a new project from the **Capital Non-Recurring Undesignated fund balance line #205-31520 to co-fund a new pump-out boat for Save the River-Save the Hills.**

Discussion ensued.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous with one member opposing. (Larder)

MOTION PASSED: 23-1

CALL ITEM 3 – Elevators in Town Hall & Youth & Family Services Building

PRESENTATION: Director of Public Works Gary Schneider, Director of Youth and Family Services Dani Gorman.

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Sugrue, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an additional appropriation in the amount of **\$250,000** as a new project from the **Capital Non-Recurring Undesignated Fund Balance line #205-31520 to recondition the elevators in the Town Hall and Youth & Family Services Building.**

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Olynciw, seconded by Larder, to postpone to a Special Meeting to a time as soon as possible to allow Public Works Director Gary Schneider to obtain additional quotes.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Rocchetti, seconded by Muckle, to move the question.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous with two members opposed. (Gauthier, Larder)

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MOTION TO MOVE PASSED: 22-2

VOTING IN FAVOR OF POSTPONING: Attanasio, Childs, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Gonzalez, Larder, Olynciw, Radin.

VOTING AGAINST: Bono, Bracciale, Condon, Dembek, Garvin, Gauthier, Girard, Goldstein, Healy, Holmes, Konstantakis, Muckle, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue, Welch.

MOTION FAILS: 8-16

Discussion ensued

MOTION by Bono, seconded by Rocchetti, to move the question.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Bono, Bracciale, Condon, Dembek, Driscoll, Garvin, Girard, Goldstein, Healy, Holmes, Konstantakis, Muckle, Radin, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue, Welch.

VOTING AGAINST: Attanasio, Childs, Fioravanti, Gauthier, Gonzalez, Larder, Olynciw

MOTION TO MOVE PASSED: 17-7

VOTING IN FAVOR OF ORIGINAL MOTION: Bono, Bracciale, Condon, Dembek, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Garvin, Gauthier, Girard, Goldstein, Gonzalez, Healy, Holmes, Konstantakis, Larder, Muckle, Radin, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue, Welch.

VOTING AGAINST: Attanasio, Childs

ABSTAINED: Olynciw

MOTION PASSED: 21-2-1

CALL ITEM 4: Merge Two Projects

PRESENTATION: Finance Director Kim Allen

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Bono, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance to merge two projects by requesting to move **\$1,990,000** from **designated line #20523-57792 into designated line #20523-57733** and then close out line **#20523-57792 (Oswegatchie Building Renovations)**.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 5: IT Learning Boards

PRESENTATION: BOE Finance Director Joe Mancini, BOE IT Director Mark Geer

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Bono, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of **\$170,000** from **Capital and Non-Recurring designated line #20560-57822 IT Learning Boards**.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 6 – Ethics Commission Regular Member Appointments

Moderator Goldstein stated that each seat would be taken up individually.

NOMINATION by Bono, seconded by Rocchetti, of Alexa Massad, 12 Spinnaker Rd, Waterford, as a regular member to the Ethics Commission. (Term 02/07/2022 – 02/05/2024)

NOMINATION by Driscoll, seconded by Gauthier, of Laurie Wolfley, 15 Anita Ave, Waterford, as a regular member to the Ethics Commission. (Term 02/07/2022 – 02/05/2024)

Discussion ensued.

VOTING IN FAVOR OF MASSAD: Bono, Bracciale, Condon, Dembek, Garvin, Girard, Goldstein, Healy, Holmes, Muckle, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue, Welch.

VOTING AGAINST: Attanasio, Childs, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Gauthier, Gonzalez, Konstantakis, Larder, Olynciw, Radin.

3 RTM MINUTES 02/07/2022

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MASSAD appointed to the Ethics Commission. 14-10

NOMINATION by Rocchetti, seconded by Bono, of Laurie Kerp, 518 Boston Post Rd, Waterford, as a regular member to the Ethics Commission. (Term 02/07/2022 – 02/05/2024)

NOMINATION by Driscoll, seconded by Gauthier, of Laurie Wolfley, 15 Anita Ave, Waterford, as a regular member to the Ethics Commission. (Term 02/07/2022 – 02/05/2024)

Discussion ensued.

VOTING IN FAVOR OF KERP: Bono, Bracciale, Condon, Dembek, Garvin, Girard, Goldstein, Healy, Holmes, Muckle, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue, Welch.

VOTING AGAINST: Attanasio, Childs, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Gauthier, Gonzalez, Konstantakis, Larder, Olynciw, Radin.

KERP appointed to the Ethics Commission. 14-10

NOMINATION by Driscoll, seconded by Gauthier, of Laurie Wolfley, 15 Anita Ave, Waterford, as a regular member to the Ethics Commission. (Term 02/07/2022 – 02/05/2024)

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

WOLFLEY appointed to the Ethics Commission

CALL ITEM 7 – Ethics Commission Alternate Member Appointment

NOMINATION by Sugrue, seconded by Bono, of Dr. Naomi Mendelovicz, 55 Colonial Dr, Waterford, as a alternate member to the Ethics Commission. (Term 02/07/2022 – 02/05/2024)

VOTING IN FAVOR OF MENDELOVICZ: Bono, Bracciale, Condon, Dembek, Garvin, Girard, Goldstein, Healy, Holmes, Muckle, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue, Welch.

VOTING AGAINST: Attanasio, Childs, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Gauthier, Gonzalez, Konstantakis, Larder, Olynciw, Radin.

MENDELOVICZ appointed to the Ethics Commission. 14-10

CALL ITEM 8 – Utility Commission Appointment

NOMINATION by Driscoll, seconded by Gauthier, of Jerry Porter, 19 East Neck Rd, Waterford, as a member to the Utility Commission due to the resignation of Peter Green. (Term 04/01/2021 – 03/31/2025)

NOMINATION by Rocchetti, seconded by Garvin, of Tom Dembek, 56 Goshen Rd, Waterford, as a member to the Utility Commission due to the resignation of Peter Green. (Term 04/01/2021 – 03/31/2025)

VOTING IN FAVOR OF PORTER: Attanasio, Childs, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Gauthier, Gonzalez, Konstantakis, Larder, Olynciw, Radin.

VOTING AGAINST: Bono, Bracciale, Condon, Dembek, Garvin, Girard, Goldstein, Healy, Holmes, Muckle, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue, Welch.

NOMINATION OF PORTER FAILS: 10-14

VOTING IN FAVOR OF DEMBEK: Bono, Bracciale, Condon, Dembek, Garvin, Girard, Goldstein, Healy, Holmes, Muckle, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue, Welch.

VOTING AGAINST: Attanasio, Childs, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Gauthier, Gonzalez, Konstantakis, Larder, Olynciw, Radin.

DEMBEK appointed to the Utility Commission. 14-10

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CALL ITEM 9 – Salaries of Elected Officials

PRESENTATION: Chairman of the Finance, Wage & Personnel Committee Kevin Girard

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Rocchetti, to approve a recommendation from the Finance, Wage & Personnel Standing Committee of the RTM to annually increase the elected officials' salaries by the least of the following, effective **July 1, 2022**:

A. Percentage increase of the CPI-U from July of the preceding fiscal year.

B. Half (50%) of the percentage increase approved for non-union management.

C. One point five percent (1.5%).

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Konstantakis, seconded by Gauthier, to amend the recommendation to only give an increase to the Selectmen, Registrars and the Treasurer.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Rocchetti, seconded by Bono, to move the question.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous with two opposed. (Larder, Gauthier)

MOTION PASSED

VOTING AGAINST AMENDMENT: Unanimous with one member in favor. (Konstantakis)

MOTION FAILS

VOTING IN FAVOR OF ORIGINAL MOTION: Attanasio, Bono, Bracciale, Childs, Condon, Dembek, Fioravanti, Garvin, Gauthier, Girard, Goldstein, Healy, Holmes, Larder, Muckle, Radin, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue, Welch.

VOTING AGAINST: Driscoll, Gonzalez, Konstantakis.

MOTION PASSED: 20-3

CALL ITEM 10 – Executive Session

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Driscoll, that the RTM, along with First Selectman Robert Brule, Town Attorney Rob Avena, and Finance Director Kim Allen, go into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and/or negotiations with respect to a pending real estate transaction. This action is taken without prejudice to the Town's right to discuss these matters in a private meeting pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 1-200 (2) at 9:36 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

MOTION by Condon, seconded by Gelinas to come out of Executive Session with no votes taken at 10:26 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 11 – Easement & Assignment Agreement

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Garvin, to table to the next regular meeting, unless a request is made by legal to have a Special Meeting.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 12 – RTM Proposed Budget Hearing Schedule

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Rocchetti, to approve the FY23 budget hearing schedule as presented with the following change requested by Susan Driscoll: Order of events remain the same as presented but the days are changed to May 2, May 4, May 9, and May 11. (See Attachment)

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS:

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RTM Member Gauthier requested a report from the First Selectman in regard to AGENDA ITEM 3 as to what happened in 2019 to cause the project to be pushed off until now. Town Attorney Avena suggested that Mr. Gauthier make a FOI request for the information.

MOTION by Bono, seconded by Steward-Gelinas, to adjourn at 10:36 P.M.
Respectfully Submitted,

David L. Campo, CCTC
Waterford Town Clerk

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REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING BUDGET HEARINGS

FY 2022-23

Town Hall Auditorium

7:00 P.M.

MONDAY MAY 2

Board of Education

WEDNESDAY MAY 4

Ethics Commission

Conservation of Health

Public Health Nursing

Social Services Grants/Review

Registrar of Voters

Tax Collector

Youth & Family Services Bureau

Recreation & Parks Commission

Board of Assessment Appeals

Assessor

Contingency

Debt Service

Insurance

Town Clerk

Representative Town Meeting

MONDAY MAY 9

Zoning Board of Appeals

Economic Development Commission

Conservation Commission

Planning and Zoning Commission

Flood and Erosion Control Board

Building Department

Building Maintenance

Fire Services

Board of Selectmen

Public Works

WEDNESDAY MAY 11

Retirement Commission

Waterford Public library

Senior Citizens Commission

Finance Department

Human Resources Department

Board of Finance

Legal Department

Emergency Management

Board of Police Commissioners

Information Technology

Current Year Capital Improvements

Transfers to Capital & Nonrecurring Expenditure Fund

FINAL ACTION

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