

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – MEETING OF MAY 28, 2013
HARMONY HALL

PRESENT – Cathy Richardson, Chairperson, Joseph DiRocco, Jr., Vice Chairman, Robert O. Cox, Clerk, John J. Zimini, Tony Archinski, Dennis E. Piendak, Town Manager, Glen Edwards, Assistant Manager/Planner and Shannon Rowe Beaulieu, Recording Secretary.

TIME – The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence being observed for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of this country and for those currently serving in the military particularly in Afghanistan and Iraq.

WARRANT APPROVAL – Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to approve the Warrant. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

WARRANT APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL STATE ELECTION – Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve the Warrant for the Special State Election. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

Ms. Richardson thanked George Malliaros for this service to the Board of Selectmen and welcomed Selectman Tony Archinski to the Board.

CHAIRMAN – Motion made by Mr. Cox to nominate Cathy Richardson as Chairperson. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to close the nomination for Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Motion made by Ms. Richardson to nominate Joseph DiRocco, Jr. as Vice Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Archinski. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to close the nomination for Vice Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

CLERK – Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to nominate Robert Cox as Clerk. Motion seconded by Mr. Archinski. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to close the nomination for Clerk. Motion seconded by Mr. Archinski. Motion passed unanimously.

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COMMUNITY INPUT:

No one signed in under Community Input.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – Automated Trash Program – Mr. Piendak stated that the program begins July 1st and public information meetings have been scheduled to explain the program on May 29th at Harmony Hall and June 12th at the Parker Library. Hazardous Waste Day – Mr. Piendak stated Hazardous Waste Day will be held on June 1, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Department of Public Works. Abandoned Properties – Mr. Piendak stated that the mortgage holder of 32 Mt. View Drive has undertaken a major clean up of the property. Fox TV Zip Trip – Mr. Piendak stated that on June 21, 2013 the Fox TV Zip Trip Program will be featuring Dracut at Veteran's Memorial Park from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Mr. Piendak stated that local businesses can set up booths and that Kathy Graham, Town Clerk is the point person to contact. Neighborhood Scout Website – Mr. Piendak stated that Linda Wright, Town Accountant, brought to his attention that the Neighborhood Scout website has the Town of Dracut listed as the 26th safest Town in the Country.

AGENDA ITEMS:

David Paquin, Dracut Old Home Day Coordinator – Ms. Richardson read the letter dated May 16th, 2013 from David Paquin requesting the closing of Lakeview Avenue on Saturday, September 7th, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Old Home Day.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve the closing of Lakeview Avenue on Saturday, September 7th, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Old Home Day. Motion seconded by Mr. Archinski. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Berube, Dracut – Ms. Richardson read the letter dated May 8, 2013 from Mr. Berube requesting re-appointment to the Dracut Agricultural Commission.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to re-appoint Mr. Berube to the Dracut Agricultural Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve the minutes of the Town Charter Workshop on May 7, 2013. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve the minutes of April 23, 2013. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

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Town Manager Search Committee – Mr. Edwards stated that the Collins Center recommends a Screening Committee of five people and also recommends that the Screening Committee be given a Formal Charge which explains the mission of the Screening Committee.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to accept the recommendation of a Screening Committee of five people with one person recommended by each of the Board of Selectmen and to accept the recommendation of the Formal Charge of the Screening Committee. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Selectmen appointed the following Screening Committee:

Robert Cox – Ms. Elaine Espindle

Joseph DiRocco – Mr. Edward Pitta

Tony Archinski – Mr. Thomas Bomil

John Zimini – Mr. Charles Braley

Cathy Richardson – Mr. Michael Kuenzler and if Mr. Kuenzler is not available to serve on the Committee Mr. Ted Kosiavelon will serve on the Committee.

Ms. Richardson stated that the Screening Committee wants to meet with the Collins Center next week.

Mr. Zimini stated that the Mr. Piendak does not want to be involved in the selection process of the New Town Manager.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

CPA Funds – Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve the use of part of the \$50,000 CPA Funds put aside for the demolition of 1530 Bridge Street and to also restore the property. Motion seconded by Mr. Archinski. Under Discussion:

Attorney Hall stated that he reviewed the vote of the CPA Funds put aside for 1530 Bridge Street and stated that, with a vote of the majority of the Board, they have the authority to use part of the funds for the demolition of the property.

Motion passed unanimously.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES:

Article #1 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #1. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

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Article #2 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article.

Motion made by Mr. Cox to approve Warrant Article #2. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #34 – Ms. Richardson read the article. Mr. Matt Sheehan, Dracut School Committee appeared before the Board to discuss the article. Mr. Sheehan congratulated Ms. Richardson and Mr. Archinski on their elections to the Board. Mr. Sheehan stated that the Board of Selectmen and School Committee have had three joint meetings to discuss the upcoming budget. Mr. Sheehan stated that he submitted the article to revoke the Community Preservation Act Tax (CPA). Mr. Sheehan stated that he does understand that the CPA Tax and its Board does great things. Mr. Zimini asked how the School Committee felt about the meals tax? Mr. Sheehan stated that he supports the meal tax but he is not sure how the other School Committee members feel. Mr. Zimini discussed the uses of the CPA Tax and stated that it's a good bang for residents buck and the elderly can "opt" out of the tax. Mr. Cox stated that this requires more thought from him and he would like to poll the Community Preservation Committee members on their thoughts of this.

Motion made by Mr. Cox to table the Board of Selectmen's recommendation until Town Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Zimini. Under Discussion:

Mr. DiRocco discussed the Board making decisions on the articles tonight due to the amount of articles being presented at Town Meeting. Mr. Archinski discussed placing this article on the Town Meeting floor and allowing the voters to decide. Mr. Piendak discussed amending the article to reduce the tax to .5% which would keep the State matching the funds and keep the program going. Mr. DiRocco discussed what the residents could afford. Mr. Zimini stated that he was not going to support revoking the CPA Tax. Discussions continued regarding the CPA Tax, its uses and allowing taxpayers to vote on the article.

Motion made by Mr. Cox to rescind his motion to table the Board of Selectmen's recommendation until Town Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini that the Board of Selectmen not make a recommendation on Warrant Article #34. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Roll Call Vote:

Robert Cox – Yes	Joseph DiRocco – No	Tony Archinski – Yes
John Zimini – Yes	Cathy Richardson – Yes	

Motion passed 4 to 1.

Mr. Sheehan stated that he has been a School Committee member for five years and they do all have differing opinions. Mr. Sheehan stated that he does not feel that Mr. Piendak is anti-education.

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Article #2-1 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article and stated that the Board of Selectmen has recommended approval of the article.

Article #2-2 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article.

Motion made by Mr. Cox to approve Warrant Article #2-2. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #2-3 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #2-3. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #3 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #3. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #4 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to approve Warrant Article #4. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed 3 to 1. Mr. Zimini voted opposed.

Article #5 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article.

Mr. Piendak discussed the budget figures, MEMA and State Aid. Mr. Piendak discussed amending the budget by \$750,000 contingent that the budget passes with a general override.

Motion made by Mr. Cox to approve Warrant Article #5. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #6 – Mr. Piendak reviewed and recommended the article.

Motion made by Mr. Cox to approve Warrant Article #6. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Zimini discussed online payments. Mrs. Vandal online payments for the Sewer Department start June 1, 2013. Mrs. Vandal explained how the online payment process works and stated that the local banks do not offer lock box services.

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Article #7 – Mr. Piendak reviewed and recommended the article.

Mr. Piendak stated that there would be a 7% increase in the Kenwood Water bills. Mr. Zimini discussed putting Kenwood Water in with the Dracut Water Supply District. Mr. Piendak asked who would run Kenwood Water? Attorney Hall discussed having a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen and Dracut Water Supply. Mr. Zimini discussed putting this on the agenda in the next few months to further discuss.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #7. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #8 – Mr. Piendak reviewed and recommended the article.

Motion made by Mr. Cox to approve Warrant Article #8. Motion seconded by Mr. Zimini. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #9 – Mr. Piendak reviewed and recommended the article.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to approve Warrant Article #9. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #10 – Mr. Piendak reviewed and recommended the article.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #10. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #11 – Mr. Piendak reviewed and recommended the article.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to approve Warrant Article #11. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #12 – Mr. Piendak reviewed and recommended the article.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to approve Warrant Article #12. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #13 – Mr. Piendak reviewed and recommended the article.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #13. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

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Article #14 – Mr. Piendak reviewed and recommended the article.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #14. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #15 – Mr. Piendak reviewed and recommended dismissal of the article.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to dismiss Warrant Article #15. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #16 – Mr. Piendak reviewed and recommended the article.

Mr. Zimini stated that the construction of a New Town Hall is not an option, it has to be completed. Mr. Piendak discussed the Court Decree, money being appropriated and done within the budget. Mr. Piendak stated that he would have the final numbers at Town Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Cox to table Warrant Article #16 until the Board receives the final numbers at Town Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #17 – Ms. Richardson reviewed the article.

Mr. Piendak discussed the differences between a debt exclusion and an override.

Motion made by Mr. Archinski to approve Warrant Article #17. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Under Discussion:

Mr. Cox discussed putting this to the voters and letting them decide. Ms. Michelle Green, 13 Coral Drive, appeared before the Board and stated that she is involved with the Stand up for Dracut Committee and discussed the schools needing additional help. Ms. Green stated that they want basic services provided to the students. Mr. Matt Buxton, 11 Cider Creek Drive, appeared before the Board and stated that people move to a Town for its great community, schools, real estate values and what kind of Town do we want? Mr. DiRocco discussed the elderly and residents not being able to afford a tax override. Mr. DiRocco stated that the people need to vote on this issue. Mr. Archinski discussed allowing the taxpayers to decide. Mr. Piendak discussed how much taxes will increase if the override passes. Dr. Michael McNamara, 34 Brox Road, discussed 74% of the homes in Dracut are well below assessments and that 26% of the homes are located at the golf course, Presidential Circle, etc. Mrs. Vandal stated those projections were completed for the High School project which was a few years ago. Mr. DiRocco stated that people live where they can afford and the economy is not good. Mr. Zimini asked if the Town cut the School Departments budget? Mr. Piendak stated that the Town has met the net school funding.

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Dr. McNamara stated that the override would return the art, music and gym programs in the Elementary Schools to one day a week would return Guidance Counselors and Vice-Principals. Mr. Zimini discussed the Parker Avenue School and Superintendents Building being sold for extra income. Mr. Zimini stated that he is in opposition to an override. Mr. Zimini discussed the School Department laying off teachers but giving raises to Department Heads. Mr. Piendak discussed being short staffed in the Police, Fire and Department of Public Works Departments. Mr. DiRocco stated that the Board needed to look at the Town as a whole not just one Department. Mr. Rich Cowan, 12 Greenlawn Avenue, appeared before the Board and discussed the increases in employee benefits on the Town and School side. Mr. Cowan stated that the Board has to look at the actual problems. Mr. DiRocco stated that when everyone took a freeze, the School Department did not. Ms. Richardson summarized all of the discussions and discussed the override being an operating expenses override. Mr. Matt Buxton, 11 Cider Creek Drive, stated that the fact is the Dracut Schools are 5th from the bottom and discussed administrative and teachers salaries. Ms. Michelle Green, 13 Coral Drive, discussed this not being about other departments as the other departments are not struggling. Ms. Green stated that the override will create property values to grow and everyone will benefit.

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Cox – Yes

Joseph DiRocco – No

Tony Archinski – Yes

John Zimini – No

Cathy Richardson – No

Motion failed 3 to 2.

Ms. Richardson called a recess at 9:02 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 9:10 p.m.

Article #18 – Mr. Piendak reviewed and recommended the article.

Motion made by Mr. Cox to approve Warrant Article #18. Motion seconded by Mr. Archinski. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #19 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article and provided an Amendment for Articles 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29. Mr. Piendak discussed appropriating \$250,000 from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Open Space Reserve Account to provide for the design/planning cost of the work contemplated in the above articles for recreational purposes. Mr. Piendak discussed recommending dismissal of Article #24. Mr. George Malonis, 156 Jones Ave, appeared before the Board and stated that the CPC does not want to put off any of the recreational articles. Mr. Malonis discussed soliciting bids and stated that this was the first he has heard of Mr. Piendak's proposed amendments. Mr. Malonis discussed Article #19 and discussed amending the article to state design of drainage of Veteran's Memorial Park not to exceed \$100,000.

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Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #19. Under Discussion:

Mr. Michael Buxton, Director, Department of Public Works, appeared before the Board and explained that it would be better to work with one design company for all of the proposed projects. Mr. Buxton stated that these projects are all terrific projects but they need to be done with one designer. Mr. Ken Lania, 25 Dean Ave, appeared before the Board and discussed how the CPC moved forward with these projects and it was never their intention to do each project piece by piece. Mrs. Sue Koufogazos, 22 Blackberry Road, asked when would the residents have an opportunity to speak and receive information on the proposed projects? Mr. Piendak stated that the CPC would have public hearings for the abutter and public. Mr. Piendak discussed doing all of the projects in a combined way. Mr. Lania discussed some of the projects not needing designs, etc. Mr. Andrew Graham, 104 Meadow Creek Drive, appeared before the Board and discussed RFP's and stated that he has already done the specs for the High School track and the Campbell School Basketball Courts from previous years. Mr. DiRocco stated that he would vote for Mr. Piendak's amendment only. Mr. DiRocco stated that he is not against the proposed projects he just doesn't like the way it's being done. Mr. Archinski stated that he would also be voting on the Town Manager's amendment.

There was no second to Mr. Zimini's motion. Motion fails.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to approve Article #19 with Mr. Piendak's amendments as written. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Under Discussion:

Mr. Malonis again discussed some of the articles not needing designs. Mr. Malonis discussed Article #22 as an example of not needing a design. Mr. Buxton explained in regards to Article #22, Intervale Field is the old leaching field for the Campbell School. Mr. Buxton stated they just need plans to move forward with the projects. Attorney Hall discussed the Board needing to vote on each article separately. Mr. Brian Bond, 161 Surrey Lane, appeared before the Board and stated that he was hoping to get the Board of Selectmen on board with the proposed projects or he would go to the Town Meeting floor for the approvals.

Mr. DiRocco rescinded his motion to approve Article #19 with Mr. Piendak's amendments as written. Mr. Cox rescinded his second to the motion.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #19. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to Amend Warrant Article #19 as written by Mr. Piendak. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

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Article #20 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #20. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to Amend Warrant Article #20 as written by Mr. Piendak. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #21 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #21. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to Amend Warrant Article #21 as written by Mr. Piendak. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #22 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #22. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to Amend Warrant Article #22 as written by Mr. Piendak. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #23 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #23. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to Amend Warrant Article #23 as written by Mr. Piendak. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #24 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article and recommended dismissal of the article.

Motion made by Mr. Cox to dismiss Warrant Article #24. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #25 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #25. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to Amend Warrant Article #24 as written by Mr. Piendak. Motion seconded by Mr. Archinski. Motion passed unanimously.

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Article #26 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #26. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to amend Warrant Article #26 as written by Mr. Piendak. Motion seconded by Mr. Archinski. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #27 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article. Mr. Piendak stated that this article will also include the Hovey Field house demolitions.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #27. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to amend Warrant Article #27 as written by Mr. Piendak. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #28 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #28. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to Amend Warrant Article #28 as written by Mr. Piendak. Motion seconded by Mr. Archinski. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #29 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #29. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to Amend Warrant Article #29 as written by Mr. Piendak. Motion seconded by Mr. Archinski. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #30 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article. Ms. Helen Dunlap from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) appeared before the Board to discuss the article. Ms. Dunlap stated that the \$20,000 is for a feasibility study for Senior Housing on Greenmont Ave. Ms. Dunlap stated that the study would provide the CPC with the information on what could be constructed on the property along with a market study.

Motion seconded by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #30. Motion seconded by Mr. Archinski. Motion passed unanimously.

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Article #31 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #31. Motion seconded by Mr. Archinski. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #32 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article. Attorney Hall discussed the two abandoned homes on Hildreth Street and discussed the Town taking the properties by eminent domain. Attorney Hall discussed the litigation and the final judgment.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to approve Warrant Article #32. Motion seconded by Mr. DiRocco. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #33 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article and discussed the revenue that would be generated with a local meals tax. Mr. Piendak recommended approval of the article.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to approve Warrant Article #33. There was no second to the motion. Motion fails.

Mr. DiRocco discussed the need to generate income. Mr. Archinski stated that he was not recommending the local meals tax and discussed working families. Mr. Archinski stated that he would vote to have this issue put on the ballot. Mr. George Dristiliaris, 21 Winter Hill Drive, appeared before the Board and stated that there is not enough revenue in Town and that it's not the homeowner's paying the tax it's the people going out to eat that will pay the tax.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to amend Warrant Article #33 to recommend that the local meals tax be placed on the next Town Ballot. Motion seconded by Mr. Archinski. Under Discussion:

Mr. Piendak asked if the Board was instructing him to take the article off of the warrant? Mr. Piendak asked if this would be a special election ballot or on the next election ballot? Mr. Zimini discussed placing the question on the same ballot as the override question. Mr. Zimini discussed allowing the voters to decide on the local meals tax.

Motion passed 4 to 0. Mr. Cox abstained from voting.

Article #35 – Mr. Piendak reviewed the article and recommended the article.

Motion made by Mr. Archinski to approve Warrant Article #35. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #36 – Mr. Rich Cowan, 12 Greenlawn Ave, appeared before the Board to discuss the article. Mr. Cowan discussed the school budget and the “time bombs” that are affecting the ability of the Town.

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Mr. Cowan discussed net school spending requirements and the enforcement of net school funding. Mr. Cowan provided the Board with a handout and discussed the retired employee insurance. Mr. Cowan stated that he would like the Board to hold a public hearing on inclusion of retiree health costs in school spending. Mr. DiRocco asked Mr. Piendak if he had seen Mr. Cowan's handout? Mr. Piendak discussed net school spending. Mr. DiRocco discussed all employees being treated the same. Mr. Piendak stated that the Moderator needed to review this article. Attorney Hall stated that the Moderator can call this article out of order. Attorney Hall discussed the Attorney General's Office not interfering with decisions on the local level.

Motion made by Mr. Zimini to table Warrant Article #36 until Town Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #37 – Ms. Richardson reviewed the article. Attorney Hall stated that he needed to speak to the Moderator and he does not believe this article can be voted on at Town Meeting as this would change collective bargaining.

Motion made by Mr. Cox to table Warrant Article #37 until Town Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Zimini. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rich Cowan, 12 Greenlawn Avenue, appeared before the Board and discussed the agreement between the Town and the Dracut Public Employee Committee. Mr. Cowan discussed the additional costs on the health insurance.

Article #38 – Mr. Edwards reviewed and discussed the article. Mr. Edwards stated that the article is to discontinue as a public way or private way a portion of Champlain Street and discussed the New Town Hall plan. Mr. Edwards discussed connecting the Library and the New Town Hall with walking paths.

Motion made by Mr. Cox to approve Warrant Article #38. Motion seconded by Mr. Zimini. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #39 – Attorney Hall discussed the one year temporary moratorium on medical marijuana treatment centers which will allow the Town time to review this issue with the Planning Boards, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Selectmen.

Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to approve Warrant Article #39. Motion seconded by Mr. Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Article #40 – Mr. Dan McLaughlin, Building Inspector, appeared before the Board to discuss the article. Mr. McLaughlin discussed student transportation vehicle parking zoning. Mr. McLaughlin discussed some wording that need to be changed on the Town Meeting floor. Ms. Richardson stated that the Zoning By-Law Review Committee recommended this zoning change.

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Motion made by Mr. DiRocco to approve Warrant Article #40. Motion seconded by Mr. Zimini. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Charter – Mr. Edwards stated that he was still awaiting the memo from Mr. Ward regarding moving forward with the proposed Town Charter changes.

Parker Avenue School – Mr. Zimini asked if there was an update on the negotiating with the School Committee’s attorney? Attorney Hall stated that the negotiating is non- existent. Mr. Zimini discussed Dr. McNamara stating that the Town and School Committee’s Attorneys were working on negotiations for the Parker Avenue School. Mr. Zimini asked that a memo be sent to the School Committee asking what is happening with the negotiations.

The Chairman read the Community Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Mr. Archinski to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Zimini. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

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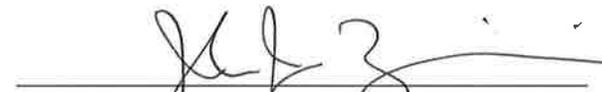
Cathy Richardson, Chairperson



Joseph DiRocco, Jr., Vice-Chairman



Robert O. Cox, Clerk



John J. Zimini



Tony Archinski