Advisory Meeting, 4/10/2023 Approved 5/8/23

Melville Room, Town Hall

Meeting began at 6:03 PM.

Present: Carol Fitzgerald, Sandra Sheehan, Doug Boyd, Kathy Pessolano, Heather Turcotte

Guests: Dick Patullo, Cliff Bombard, Austin McKeon, Maura Ryan

Agenda: Review of department budgets for FY 2024, prepare for Public Hearing.

Warrant Review

Review of the latest draft of the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

HWRSD update

The school assessment letter included the capital items as well as the operational assessment. Our town attorney has indicated that, based on that presentation, we need to vote the number as one larger number in our operational budget. It is our understanding that Wilbraham’s town attorney is of a different opinion. This will need resolution prior to town meeting.

Adjourn to Public Hearing, 7:00 PM; Return from Public Hearing to continue regular meeting. Discussion of adding $25,000 to snow and ice. Voting recommendations for warrant articles.

Article 1 – Town Report

Favorable Action

Article 2 – Budget

Hold recommendation until 5/8/23

Article 3 – Prior Year Bills

Favorable Action

Article 4 – Revolving Funds

Favorable Action

Article 5 – Enterprise Fund

Favorable Action

Article 6 – Community Preservation Fund

Favorable Action

Article 7 – Conservation Fund

Favorable Action

Article 8 – State Highway Aid

Favorable Action

Article 9 – Library Additional State Aid

Favorable Action

Article 10 – Reimbursement for Minnechaug Land Trust

Favorable Action

Article 11 – Fire Truck renovation

Favorable Action

Article 12 – Defibrillators

Favorable Action

Article 13 – Local Match for Grant, Fire Department

Favorable Action

Article 14 – New Dump Truck

Favorable Action

Article 15 – Master Plan

Favorable Action

Article 16 – Citizen’s Petition

Hold recommendation until 5/8/23

Article 17 – HWRSD Capital Budget

Hold recommendation until 5/8/23

Article 18 – Fiber Optic Program Borrowing

Favorable Action

Article 19 – Senior Center Design Funding

Favorable Action

Article 20 – Accessory Apartment Zoning

Favorable Action

Article 21- Easement Agreement with National Grid

Favorable Action

Article 22 – 150th Anniversary Events

Favorable Action

Article 23 – Assessor’s Funding

Favorable Action

Article 24 – School Resource Officer

Favorable Action

Article 25 – Reserve Fund

Favorable Action

Article 26 – General Stabilization Fund

Favorable Action

Article 27 – Reducing the Tax Rate

Favorable Action

Discussion of printing time frame for “Green Sheets” and insertion in Wilbraham Hampden Times.

Kathy made a motion to adjourn. Sandra seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Recorded by Carol Fitzgerald