



SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

MAY 6, 2024

6:00 PM

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ROOM 123N
16 CHARTER ROAD

Present: Jim Snyder-Grant, Fran Arsenault, Dean Charter, David Martin, Alissa Nicol

Additional Attendees: Town Manager John Mangiaratti, Assistant Town Manager Thom Begin, Recording Secretary Lisa Tomyl, Town Counsel Mina Makarious

I. New/Special Business

1. Discuss Warrant Articles and Final Preparation and Consider Recommendations for Town Meeting

Mr. Snyder-Grant discussed article 3 and Mr. Begin read the updated motion.

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Nicol to recommend article 3 and approved unanimously 5-0.

Mr. Snyder-Grant asked Board members if there is any final questions or recommendations before the start of Town Meeting that needed discussion. Mr. Martin suggested that if any amendments come up for articles 4 and 7 on Town Meeting floor, he would suggest asking the Moderator for a 5-minute discussion amongst Board members. Mr. Snyder-Grant commented that any amendments would be discussed at the beginning of the May 7th meeting. Mr. Martin asked that if Town Meeting votes down the budget articles this evening, would the Select Board need to call a Special Town Meeting in late May for consideration of a revised budget. A conversation between Board members and Town Counsel continued focusing on scenarios where a revised budget would be required at a future town meeting in this case, and that the State allows for a 1/12th budget if there was some type of disaster impeding the budget deadline, but a no vote does not qualify. Ms. Nicol questioned if a point of order would be appropriate if an amendment to the school budget was proposed, In this scenario, it would limit discussion from the Select Board and Town Meeting to give direction to the School Committee to come up with a new budget in the hopes of having a revised budget passed in this scenario. Mr. Martin noted that the Town Moderator would have already accepted the school budget article and would have grounds to not accept it on the floor, so discussion would be limited and that the amendment would be out of the scope of order for a regional assessment. Mr. Martin read a statement regarding an amendment made towards the school assessment. Further discussion continued on possible outcomes of the votes on budgets.

II. Consent Items

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Nicol to approve consent items 2-5 and approved unanimously 5-0.

Ms. Nicol moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to adjourn to Town Meeting and approved unanimously 5-0.

Documents Used

- Select Board Agenda, May 6, 2024
- One Day Alcoholic Beverage License, Indivisible Acton
- One Day Alcoholic Beverage License Application, Pradeep Dsouza
- Memo from Town of Westford Requesting Accepting Donation for Acton-Westford Pride Event Dated April 25, 2024
- Memo from John S. Mangiaratti Requesting acceptance of a Donation from McKinnon Printing from Proceeds of Acton 250 Merchandise Sales Dated May 1, 2024