A virtual Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday April 16, 2020, at 6pm

Present were:

Dennis Guilfoyle - Chair

Dr. Dennis J. Teehan - Vice Chair

James A. MacDonald

Sarah E. MacDonald

Dimitria Sullivan

Meeting brought to order at 6:03 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Mr. Guilfoyle.

**DISCUSSION W/** **Treasurer/Collector RE: Interfund Advanced Borrowing**

Jane Lepardo, Dedham Treasurer/Collector, was before the Board.

Ms. Lepardo stated that she has a $1.500, 000 interfund advanced borrowing and she would like to have the Board’s approval. Ms. Lepardo added that it is re: The Rustcraft Road Sewer Improvement project for the Town Engineer.

Dr. Teehan moved approval; Seconded by Ms. Sullivan.

**On the Vote**:

Ms. MacDonald - yes

Dr. Teehan - yes

Ms. Sullivan - yes

Mr. Guilfoyle, yes

Mr. MacDonald – yes

**Discussion & vote RE: Authorize Extension of Real & Personal Property Tax Exemptions (c.59 sec.59) & Deferrals (c.59 sec. 5) from April 1, 2020 June 1, 2020**

Mr. Goodwin informed all that he and Ms. Baker spoke to counsel after the agenda was posted. Mr. Goodwin added that there is no need to vote on this again. Mr. Goodwin added that this was all included in your vote last week, under chapter 53 of the laws of 2020, section 10.

**Discussion & Vote RE: Authorize Town Manager to execute ESA Contract for Electricity Aggregation**

Mr. Goodwin reminded the Board of a meeting a few months ago, when Stefano Loretto, of Good Energy, gave a presentation regarding Community Aggregation. Mr. Goodwin added that the contract expires in January 2021. Mr. Goodwin continued, saying that it is going back out to bid next week with April 21 being the bid opening date.

Mr. Goodwin stated that what is needed from the Board is a vote to authorize him to sign a new contract with Good Energy for next January 2021. Mr. Goodwin continued, saying that the Board has 3 choices to make: Authorize Town Manager to enter into a contract with Good Energy. How much green energy we would like to have as a default option. We could stick with the 5% default which costs residents about $10 a year, or the 10%, which costs about $22 a year. Mr. Goodwin stated that the Sustainability Committee is recommending going to the 10%. Mr. Goodwin stated that he is recommending giving residents the extra option of a 50% opt up in addition to the 100% option, to give residents who would like to participate in more Green Energy, to have a midway option.

Mr. MacDonald moved to authorize the Town Manager to execute the ESA contract; Seconded by Ms. Sullivan.

**On the Vote**:

Ms. MacDonald - yes

Dr. Teehan - yes

Ms. Sullivan - yes

Mr. Guilfoyle - yes

Mr. MacDonald – yes

Mr. MacDonald asked Mr. Goodwin if the additional 10% was an option or would it be built into the rate.

Mr. Goodwin confirmed that it is built into the rate and added that the default amount of Green Energy was 10% and Dedham went 5% over that.

Ms. MacDonald asked that the option to go to 50% be added to the motion.

Ms. MacDonald moved to allow residents the choice to go to the 50% option; seconded by Mr. MacDonald.

**On the Vote**:

Ms. MacDonald - yes

Dr. Teehan - yes

Ms. Sullivan - yes

Mr. Guilfoyle - yes

Mr. MacDonald – yes

**Discussion & Vote RE: Approval of Minutes (10-24-2019, 11-7-2019, 11-21-2019, 11-25-2019, 12-3-19, 12-10-2019, 12-18-2019)**

Ms. Sullivan moved to accept the minutes; Seconded by Mr. MacDonald.

**On the Vote**:

Ms. MacDonald - yes

Dr. Teehan - yes

Ms. Sullivan - yes

Mr. Guilfoyle - yes

Mr. MacDonald – yes

**Discussion & Vote RE: Approval of Minutes (11-18-19)**

Mr. MacDonald moved approval of the minutes from 11-18-19; Seconded by Ms. Sullivan.

**On the Vote**:

Ms. MacDonald - yes

Ms. Sullivan - yes

Mr. MacDonald – yes

**Public Comment or Questions**

**Town Manager’s Report**

* Delivered modified punch list to CTA on March 13
* CTA has 45 days to complete said punch list
* Further conversations have taken place regarding CTA’s non-action
* Potential litigation in future
* Further discussions should include Town Counsel
* Telephone transition is complete
* Moved to the cloud, so moving will be easy
* Interviews of the Public Safety Building’s Construction Management firms

took place yesterday

* Five very strong candidates

Mr. Guilfoyle asked Mr. Goodwin if we are still on schedule for demo of the old Town Hall.

Mr. Goodwin informed the Board that the Town was in the realm of meeting the goal of starting demo in late May or early June.

Ms. MacDonald asked Mr. Goodwin who the OPM will be on the Public Safety Building.

Mr. Goodwin stated that the OPM will be the same OPM as the Ames building.

A discussion took place re: how to push this project over the finish line.

Mr. Goodwin informed all the Hierarchy and who is responsible for what during this project.

Mr. Guilfoyle asked Mr. Goodwin for an update on the new COVID19 website.

Mr. Goodwin stated that our COVID19 web site is like other Towns close to us. To access the site, go to Dedhamcovid19.com. Mr. Goodwin then informed all of the features this new web site has.

Mr. Goodwin stated that the Community Release Task Force had a great meeting today.

Ms. MacDonald stated that the Task Force kickoff meeting this morning was met by an extremely enthusiastic group to start thinking about the resources that we are going to need to support residents. Ms. MacDonald stated that she and Ms. Sullivan reached out to Human Services agencies and the departments that provide support, Youth Commission, the Dedham Housing Authority, the Council on Aging, Etc. Ms. MacDonald pushed her Select Board colleagues to help their constituents be prepared for hardships that may arise before it’s too late. Ms. MacDonald added that they need to be aware of people’s mental health and have resources in place during times like these. Ms. MacDonald continued, saying that the group has decided to meet weekly on ZOOM calls to work out the issues.

Mr. Goodwin stated that he met with the Finance and Warrant Committee last night. Mr. Goodwin updated the Committee on the status of the Election and Town Meeting.

**Old/New Business\***

Dr. Teehan stated that he will be giving a COVID19 update with Brian Kirby at Dedham TV. Dr. Teehan encouraged residents with questions to use social media or email to send them in.

Ms. MacDonald informed all that the Town’s Economic Development Direct has been working with the Dedham Square Circle to organize a series of webinars of interest to business owners. Ms. MacDonald stated that Dedham resident Mark Reilly runs a fairly large non-profit and has become an expert on the CARES Act and is running a webinar

On accessing the CARES Act and other Federal funding.

Ms. MacDonald continued, saying that next Friday, Dedham Resident John Tocci, an employment lawyer will host a webinar on employment issues during this strange time.

Ms. MacDonald added that Economic Development Director John Session is organizing the event.

Ms. Sullivan reminded everyone that staying home is an order.

Mr. MacDonald stated that he received a note via social media, RE: leaf blowers. Mr. MacDonald added that with students preparing for finals, High School and College, the noise from leaf blowers and construction workers is quite distracting. Mr. MacDonald asked if there was any way to restrict the usage. Mr. MacDonald stated that he has heard from more than one resident re: should we close streets to allow more space for pedestrians.

Mr. MacDonald moved to adjourn the Meeting; seconded by Ms. MacDonald. **On the Vote**: Ms. MacDonald, yes; Dr. Teehan, yes; Ms. Sullivan, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes.

The next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 23, 2020. This is to certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the minutes of the Selectmen’s Meeting held on April 16, 2020 which minutes were approved on July 11, 2020.

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