

**Select Board Meeting  
October 17, 2022 – 7:00 PM  
Sanford Hall  
155 Village Street**

**Present:** Dennis Crowley, Chair; Glenn Trindade, Vice-Chair; Frank Rossi, Clerk; Todd Alessandri, Member; Maryjane White, Member.

**Staff Present:** Michael Boynton, Town Manager; Allison Potter, Assistant Town Manager; Carol Pratt, Finance Director; Barbara Saint Andre, Community & Economic Development Director; Police Lieutenant Matthew Reardon; Susy Affleck-Childs, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator; Peter Pelletier, Department of Public Works (DPW) Director; Sandra Johnston, Communications Director.

**Other Participants:** Tim Harris, Chair, Water Facility Building Committee; Jeanne Johnson and Cher Hamilton, Historical Commission Co-Chairs; Matt Hayes, Planning and Economic Development Board (PEDB) Chair; Native American & Indigenous Peoples (NAIP) National Heritage Commemoration Day Steering Committee: Jo-Anne Venezia-Phillips, Chair, Liam McDermott, Vice-Chair.

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At 7:00 PM, Mr. Crowley called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance and reminded all to remember the number 19 signifying the number of Medway residents who died serving our country.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

**Public Hearing 7:00PM: Laying Out of Newton Lane as a Public Way**

*The Board reviewed the (1) memo from Susy Affleck-Childs and (2) street acceptance plan.*

**Mr. Rossi moved that the Board open the Public Hearing for the layout of Newton Lane in its entirety from Station 0+00 at its intersection with Nobscot Road to its terminus at Station 9+91.18 as shown on Street Acceptance & As-Built Plan, Hartney Acres II, Newton Lane, Medway MA dated October 7, 2022, prepared by CMG Engineering of Sturbridge, MA and O'Driscoll Land Surveying, Inc. of Medway, MA. Mr. Trindade seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Ms. Saint Andre stated a few weeks ago the Board took the first step to make this a public way. She noted this is an old subdivision. The developer and the PEDB have been working hard to complete the punch list and it is anticipated that it will be completed before Fall Town Meeting. The PEDB voted to move forward with this street acceptance. There were no public comments.

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board close the Public Hearing. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board adopt the layout of the Newton Lane in its entirety from Station 0+00 at its intersection with Nobscot Road to its terminus at Station 9+91.18 as shown on Street Acceptance & As-Built Plan, Hartney Acres II, Newton Lane, Medway MA dated October 7, 2022, prepared by CMG Engineering of Sturbridge, MA and O'Driscoll Land Surveying, Inc. of Medway, MA. Mr. Trindade seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Report: Status of Water Treatment Facility**

*There were no materials for the Board to review.*

Mr. Harris stated the Water Facility Building Committee meets monthly. He stated the project is going well, started in July, and is twenty percent complete. Mr. Smith shared photos of the progression of the project to date. Mr. Harris stated the contractor has been very responsive to the abutters, implemented special dust control measures, and is securing the site. Mr. Smith reviewed the building plans with what has been built to date, specifically the current area built is the actual water treatment area noting the floor should be poured by the end of November. Mr. Harris stated one big focus of the Committee and team is that items are addressed to minimize the impact of supply chain issues on the project plan and completion date. Mr. Trindade noted that Mr. Harris is in the industry so has the experience necessary for this type of project. Mr. Crowley asked about the schedule and budget. Mr. Harris stated they are a bit ahead of schedule noting the plan is to be live by May of 2024. Mr. Harris noted the budget of \$25.5 million with a \$1.030 million contingency. Mr. Harris noted the contingency has not been touched. Mr. Crowley asked if the installation of the well and waterline is on time. Mr. Smith confirmed. Mr. Crowley asked if any glitches have been experienced to date that would impact the project timeline. Mr. Harris and Mr. Smith stated they have not had any to date. Mr. Alessandri asked if the coming winter weather will impact the project timeline. Mr. Harris said this has been planned into the project plan. Mr. Rossi asked if any price reductions have been seen. Mr. Harris said they have not seen that noting that, once prices go up, they do not usually come down. Mr. Crowley mentioned the well and extension of the water line as part of this project noting that the entire project is \$30 million. Based on grant funding and money from 39 Main Street, we plan on bonding \$25 million. There was discussion about the potential for the federal earmark.

**Approval of Minutes: October 3, 2022**

*The Board reviewed the draft minutes of October 3, 2022.*

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve the minutes of October 3, 2022. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Appointment Consideration: Historical Commission - Annmarie Fontecchio**

*The Board reviewed the (1) candidate's e-mail of interest, and (2) C-Chairs recommendation.*

Ms. Johnson stated they have a vacancy due to the resignation of a member last month and noted that Ms. Fontecchio has been coming to the meetings. The Commission would like to endorse her appointment. Ms. Fontecchio discussed her interest in serving on this board and thanked the Historical Commission and Select Board for their support. Ms. White stated she knows the candidate and knows she will be excellent on the Commission.

**Mr. Rossi moved that the Board appoint Annmarie Fontecchio to the Historical Commission for a term ending on June 30, 2024. Mr. Trindade seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Discussion/Vote: Name Change of Native American & Indigenous Peoples (NAIP) National Heritage Commemoration Day Steering Committee to Indigenous Peoples Day Committee**

*The Board reviewed the updated committee charge with proposed name change.*

Mr. Trindade noted that these folks did a lot of hard work and there were 75 attendees at their Saturday event. Ms. Venezia-Phillips stated the Committee name is a mouthful and the people they worked with on the event planning also recommended this name change.

**Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board approve the change in the name of this committee to the Indigenous Peoples Day Committee as discussed. Mr. Trindade seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Mr. Crowley stated he was on vacation and was disappointed that he could not attend the event. He stated he was disappointed that we could not tape the speech portion of the program.

**Authorization to Expend Grant Funds: 911 Support & Incentive Grants:**

- **Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 State 911 Department Support and Incentive Grant - \$42,694**
- **FY2023 State 911 Department Training Grant - \$12,022**

*The Board reviewed the (1) grant award letters, and (2) notice of grant award forms.*

Lieutenant Reardon stated these annual grants provide additional funding to help staff and equip dispatchers, especially for storms, noting the funding amounts are based on the number of our 911 calls. This grant supports yearly and every two-year required courses as well as the training of new hires. He explained the new hire training requirements.

**Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board authorize the expenditures of the State 911 grants as presented.**

**Mr. Trindade seconded.** Discussion: Ms. White noted this is a yearly grant. Lieutenant Reardon explained the calculations for this grant and the timing and information they need to provide to obtain this grant funding. Mr. Crowley asked if this funds salaries. Lieutenant Reardon confirmed noting we spend the funds and then get reimbursed. Mr. Crowley stated there should be excess funding in the budget line. Mr. Boynton stated no, this funding complements staffing for various situations. Mr. Boynton commended our current staff's efforts and explained specific emergency situations that the dispatch staff recently supported. Mr. Crowley stated we would have to increase this budget if we did not receive these funds. Mr. Boynton confirmed. Mr. Crowley asked why it will be more difficult to hire dispatchers. Mr. Boynton explained the past progression from dispatcher to full-time police officer. He noted the changes in the police reform bill that impact this moving forward. Mr. Boynton spoke about regional dispatch, noting this will continue to come up for discussion. However, as long as the state grants fund this, we will maintain our own dispatch center. **VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Approval: Contract with Capra Planning Associates for Baseline Documentation for Town Land - \$8,800**

*The Board reviewed (1) memo from Bridget Graziano, and (2) contract.*

Ms. Saint Andre stated this is money appropriated for Fiscal Year (FY)22 to do baseline documentation for our conservation land. She reported that we had to go out for Request For Quotes (RFQ) three times and finally got a bid noting we worked with this vendor in the past and the bid was under the original budget of \$12,000. She noted this is for four pieces of conservation land.

**Mr. Rossi moved that the Board authorize the chair to execute the contract with Capra Planning Associates as presented. Mr. Trindade seconded.** Discussion: Mr. Alessandri asked if we worked with this vendor in the past. Ms. Saint Andre confirmed. Mr. Trindade asked for an explanation of what they are documenting. Ms. Saint Andre stated they walk the area, look at the land for any invasive species, any encroachment, any dumping, etc. Ms. White asked if this is required. Ms. Saint Andre stated it is best practice noting we now ask for any donors of conservation land to provide this information before the Town accepts the land. Mr. Crowley asked where the funding came from. Ms. Pratt confirmed this was a capital budget item. Mr. Crowley would like copies of the report and to hear from Conservation about the outcome of the project. **VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Approval: Contract with Natick/Walpole VNA for Public Health Services – Not to Exceed \$18,000**

*The Board reviewed the contract.*

Mr. Boynton stated this is a renewal of the contract and noted that we have been pleased with their services.

**Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the contract with the Natick/Walpole VNA in an amount not to exceed \$18,000 as presented. Mr. Trindade seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Discussion/Vote: Purchase and Sale Agreement for 72 Main Street**

*The Board reviewed the purchase and sale agreement.*

Mr. Boynton stated we have two articles on the Fall Town Meeting Warrant for this land, one to purchase the land for \$400,000 and one to accept a gift from Charles River Bank. He noted that this is just under four acres of land on Main Street. He thanked the Charles River Bank. He stated this is a two-part deal as we would take the donation if there is an issue with the \$400,000. He stated he does not anticipate any issues.

**Mr. Rossi moved that the Board vote to approve and execute the purchase and sale agreement for 72 Main Street as presented and authorize the Chair to execute the closing documents. Mr. Trindade seconded.** Discussion: Mr. Trindade stated this is a great opportunity for the Town and the cost is very reasonable. Mr. Rossi asked where the property is. Mr. Boynton stated .8 acres are on the front of Route 109 and the rest goes back to the golf course driving range area. Mr. Alessandri asked if we are borrowing for this purchase. Mr. Boynton confirmed. Ms. Johnson asked if the land goes up to the western edge of the parking lot of the bank. This was confirmed. Ms. Affleck-Childs stated there is an existing site plan on that property and the drainage system on the adjacent property is designed to be part of this property. **VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Vote: Reopen November 14, 2022, Fall Town Meeting Warrant for Addition of Article to Fund Oakland Street Water Transmission Line, Re-Close Warrant**

*The Board reviewed the November 14, 2022, Fall Town Meeting Warrant.*

Mr. Boynton stated this is Article 11 for \$610,000, which is a water enterprise borrowing that has been accounted for in our rates. We approved \$1.8 million in Spring Town Meeting knowing we would need additional funding.

**Mr. Alessandri moved the Board reopen the November 14, 2022, Fall Town Meeting Warrant to add the article noted in the agenda and re-close the warrant. Mr. Trindade seconded.** Discussion: Mr. Alessandri asked for confirmation that this is a borrowing. Mr. Boynton confirmed. Mr. Rossi asked if the amount is in the warrant article. This was confirmed. Mr. Crowley stated this was the piece of the project where the prices have increased compared to the estimate that originally came in from the consultant, so we were short the \$610,000. Mr. Boynton confirmed stating this will complete the work on the water line. Mr. Crowley asked if a contingency is included. Ms. Pratt stated \$90,000. Mr. Crowley asked if we have had any change orders. Ms. Pratt stated no. **VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Vote Recommendations: November 14, 2022, Fall Town Meeting Warrant**

*The Board reviewed the (1) November 14, 2022, Fall Town Meeting Warrant, (2) memo from Susy Affleck-Childs, and (3) updated versions of the Master Plan Report and Action Plan from our consultants posted to the Master Plan Committee web page as follows:*

[https://www.townofmedway.org/sites/g/files/vyhli8006/f/news/medway\\_mp\\_draft\\_100722\\_v7\\_pages.pdf](https://www.townofmedway.org/sites/g/files/vyhli8006/f/news/medway_mp_draft_100722_v7_pages.pdf);

[https://www.townofmedway.org/sites/g/files/vyhli8006/f/news/medway\\_actionplan\\_draft\\_100722\\_v5\\_pages.pdf](https://www.townofmedway.org/sites/g/files/vyhli8006/f/news/medway_actionplan_draft_100722_v5_pages.pdf)

**ARTICLE 14: (Amend General Bylaws: Building Demolition)**

Ms. Johnson stated it came to their attention a few months ago that there was an issue about the dam over the Charles River, and it was Ms. Fontecchio who brought this to the Commission. She noted it is protected to an extent. However, as an added protection, since there is a nationwide interest in removing dams, people came before the Commission to protect these dams and bridges. The suggestion was to substitute the term structure for building to possibly provide additional protection to dams.

**Mr. Rossi moved that the Board approve Article 14 as written. Mr. Trindade seconded.** Discussion: Ms. White asked for an explanation of the definition of structure. It was noted that the added section 2.7 covers the protection of a dam. Mr. Trindade asked if the state has a certain amount of authority relative to this and if we can block the state from taking action. Ms. Johnson stated that is the hope. Mr. Boynton stated the Office of Dam Safety does have jurisdiction if there is an imminent safety concern. Mr. Rossi asked if the dam is on the National Historic Register. This was confirmed as Sanford Mill is also on the register. Mr. Rossi asked why the state is demolishing the dam in Natick. Mr. Trindade stated they want to demolish dams to allow more natural flow of rivers and support the associated wildlife. Mr. Alessandri asked if we do this, does this put the onus on the Town for repairs. Ms. Saint Andre stated we do not own the dam. Mr. Rossi asked if the state would step in and fund any work needed. Mr. Boynton stated no, as the Office of Dam Safety is not funded. Mr. Crowley asked who owns Choate Park dam. It was confirmed the Town does. **VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**ARTICLE 12: (Endorse Master Plan)**

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve Article 12. Mr. Alessandri seconded.** Ms. Affleck-Childs stated this essentially asks Town Meeting to endorse the new Master Plan. The Master Plan Committee transmitted this to the PEDB and, under State Law, the PEDB is the group to approve this document. The PEDB would like to have this endorsed by both the Select Board and Town Meeting. Mr. Hayes stated the presentation will be at the November 7<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting. He stated the Master Plan Committee has done a great job over the past twelve months, as well as the consultant. He noted it is a guiding document for all Town boards and committees. Mr. Crowley asked if this is mandated by the State every ten years. It was noted that having a Master Plan allows for access to state funding but is not mandated. The Board decided they would vote on this article after the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Mr. Trindade withdrew the motion.**

Mr. Rossi asked what endorse means. Ms. Affleck-Childs stated the Board would encourage this to be followed, noting this is a document for guidance. It does not hold the Select Board to each recommendation. She noted that after Town Meeting, they will come to the Select Board to create a Master Plan Implementation Committee and explained its purpose. She noted this is standard practice and they would be reporting to the Board on a yearly basis. Mr. Hayes stated this group would monitor progress toward goals identified in the Master Plan and improve communication among existing boards/committees. Ms. White stated the Master Plan is advisory and does not commit any board to take any action. There was discussion about the potential constitution of this committee.

ARTICLE 15: (Amend Zoning Bylaw: Battery Energy Storage)

Ms. Affleck-Childs stated the PEDB was still working on a few sections and said this bylaw is the work of the PEDB, Ms. Saint Andre, and our consultant, ARUP. The bylaw will establish regulations for BESS and the intent is to deal with more modest sized BESS than that of Medway Grid. It provides site plan and review of BESS, definitions, and a two-tiered system, depending on the size of the BESS. She reviewed each tiered system recommendations by the PEDB. Tier 1 is by-right, are the smaller ones like those at residential homes, and allowed in all districts. Tier 2 requires a site-plan, is reviewed by the PEDB, and are only allowed in the Energy Resource District. Mr. Crowley asked that they come before the Select Board at their next meeting so there is time for the Board to discuss and review this with Town staff. Mr. Alessandri explained the potential confusion with the language in the Tier 1 systems. Ms. Affleck-Childs noted the bylaw is modeled from one by New York state.

ARTICLE 16: (Amend Zoning Bylaw: Schedule of Uses – BESS and Solar)

This is tied to Article 15 so is on hold until further discussion with staff.

ARTICLE 17: (Amend Zoning Bylaw: Schedule of Uses)

Ms. Affleck-Childs stated this reflects changes from those uses that go before the PEDB and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) based who has the best experience. Ms. Saint Andre met with the ZBA and both the PEDB and ZBA agreed with these changes.

**Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board approve Article 17. Mr. Trindade seconded. No discussion.**

**VOTE: 5-0-0.**

ARTICLE 18: (Amend Zoning Bylaw: –Solar Electric Installations)

Ms. Saint Andre stated we already have a solar electric bylaw, and the state has an exemption for solar installations. She stated there has been a lot of litigation lately relative to solar installations. The Town is allowed to regulate these only so far as to protect health, safety, and welfare. This was reviewed with Town Counsel to come in line with new case law. The purpose is to not to try to prevent these but to provide reasonable regulations to allow solar, but to also protect the health, safety, etc. of the Town and its residents. She reviewed the bolded changes recommended by Town Counsel noting the restrictions were lessened and the larger installations are still not allowed in residential areas but are expanded in commercial areas. Mr. Boynton reiterated that these changes were driven by case law. Mr. Rossi asked about the mitigation relative to the forest cutting on page 25, section D2. Ms. Saint Andre stated we are adding a definition of forest land to be one acre. If someone wants to cut down one acre for solar, they need to set aside two acres, noting we are encouraging people not to cut down forests to put up solar arrays. There was further discussion about where large solar arrays and smaller arrays are allowed.

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve Article 18. Mr. Rossi seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

ARTICLE 19: (Amend Zoning Bylaw: Multi-Family Housing)

Ms. Affleck-Childs stated these are minor changes in the existing bylaw including clarification in the first sentence and increased minimal square footage to be the same as for two family homes. She explained the density calculation change as looking at the size of lot, subtracting out any easements and 50% of wetlands versus just lot size, which is similar to the open space residential section of our bylaw. The other change is to the parking requirement, which is now for 1 and 1- and one-half spaces per unit, with the recommendation of changing to two spaces. The PEDB could adjust this in consideration of the size of the development. This is also adding new language about the architectural character of the existing neighborhood, which is already in place for additions.

**Mr. Rossi moved that the Board approve Article 19. Mr. Trindade seconded.** Discussion: Mr. Alessandri asked if existing housing is grandfathered in. Ms. Affleck-Childs confirmed. Mr. Rossi asked if these amendments originate from feedback from residents. Ms. Affleck-Childs stated they come from members of committees and staff. Mr. Hayes stated these also help manage expectations of developers. Mr. Crowley asked about the bottom of page 31, which states the PEDB can adjust this by a 4/5 vote. Ms. Affleck-Childs said that language was to match the vote for a special permit. **VOTE: 5-0-0.**

ARTICLE 20: (Amend Zoning Bylaw: Add New Section – Development Mitigation)

Ms. Saint Andre stated this is a new section that will require the same mitigation for solar, as well as other energy initiatives and situations, i.e., BESS, marijuana facilities, etc. noting they are all under special permit uses. All this language is already in the solar bylaw, but we wanted it included for all other types of developments.

**Mr. Rossi moved that the Board approve Article 20. Mr. Trindade seconded.** Discussion: Mr. Crowley asked who made public comments on this and if there were public comments on other articles. Mr. Hayes noted comments that came in included those from Mr. Brody for BESS and Multifamily, as well as comments from Mr. Yorkis and Ms. Rosenfeld. Mr. Alessandri asked if this impacts the Oak Grove development. Ms. Saint Andre stated this does not impact the Oak Grove development except for Adult Retirement Community Planned Unit Developments (ARCPUDs). **VOTE: 5-0-0.**

ARTICLE 21: (Amend Zoning Bylaw: Add New Use – Contractor’s Quarters)

Ms. Affleck-Childs stated this defines a new use and designates where it would be allowed, which was prompted by two inquiries in the Building Department that specifically wanted a showroom, storage, and assembly workshop, and they could not find this type of business allowed in our bylaws. This allows office, retail, showroom, display, and assembly, all indoors.

**Mr. Rossi moved that the Board approve Article 21. Mr. Trindade seconded.** Discussion: Mr. Trindade noted a lot of what they want is a place to park their trucks and gave the example of a landscaping company. Ms. Saint Andre stated this does not allow parking of trucks outside. Mr. Hayes stated the two businesses that came in were interested in the Village Business district. Mr. Alessandri asked if there is a way to handle these situations as a special permit. There was further discussion on how to change the language. The PEDB will come back and discuss this at the next Select Board meeting. **Mr. Rossi withdrew the motion.**

ARTICLE 22: (Amend Zoning Bylaw: Central Business and Oak Grove Districts)

Ms. Saint Andre stated we had the first new business in the Central Business, Milford Regional Hospital, which made us realize we needed to change the process if the building types do not fit in the building types per the Building Commissioner. In these cases, this now goes to the PEDB for a determination. This is what was done for Milford Regional Hospital. If we do not have the building type defined, then the PEDB needs to determine how to regulate it. The PEDB determines the closest category or if it defaults to those in the specific district for compliance as to setbacks, height, etc. It was noted this will make this easier for future applicants.

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve Article 22. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

ARTICLE 23: (Amend Zoning Bylaw: Housekeeping)

Ms. Affleck-Childs stated this is the basic clean-up of mislabels, adding the definition of forest land, changes to the name of Board of Selectmen to Select Board, DPS to DPW, and reference to the Water and Sewer Commission.

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve Article 23. Mr. Alessandri seconded.** Discussion: Mr. Crowley asked if the definition of forest land was new. Ms. Affleck-Childs confirmed. Mr. Crowley asked if this impacts residential property. Ms. Saint Andre stated this does not impact residential property.  
**VOTE: 5-0-0.**

ARTICLE 13: (Amend General Bylaws: Permit/License Security)

Ms. Saint Andre said this is related to the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) warrant article, as one of the items in that states they need to put up a bond for decommissioning. Town Counsel stated that we need to apply this to all bonding situations that the Town has. This would be the same procedure that we use for subdivision bonds and be applied to all other Town bonds noting we can spend these funds without going to Town Meeting.

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve Article 13. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

ARTICLE 1: (Raise and Appropriate: Fiscal Year 2023 Debt Budget)

Mr. Boynton stated this is funding for both the Medway Block and 72 Main Street purchases for a total purchase price of \$4.9 million with \$495,000 of debt service, which will be funded from the increase in new growth and state aid.

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve Article 1. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

ARTICLE 2: (Acquire 120 Main Street)

Mr. Boynton stated this is the purchase of Medway Block.

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve Article 2. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

ARTICLE 3: (Acquire 72B Main Street)

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve Article 3. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

ARTICLE 4: (Accept Gift of Land: 72A Main Street)

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve Article 4. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

ARTICLE 5: (Raise and Appropriate: Fiscal Year 2023 DPW Budget)

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve Article 5. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

ARTICLE 6: (Prior Year Bills)

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve Article 6. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**



ARTICLE 7: (Free Cash Transfer to Facility Stabilization Fund)

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve Article 7. Ms. White seconded.** Discussion: Mr. Crowley asked if free cash is certified. Mr. Boynton confirmed. Mr. Boynton explained the use of the certified free cash noting concern about the capital plan items. He explained the options to allocate free cash in the Fall Town Meeting articles including the stabilization funds, amount to carry forward, amount for snow and ice, Spring Town Meeting articles, and the capital budget. There was discussion about the undesignated fund balance noting it cannot be spent until Spring Town Meeting and the impact on the bonding agencies if we put funding into stabilization funds and then pull it back out. **VOTE: 5-0-0.**

ARTICLE 8: (Free Cash Transfer: Capital Items)

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve Article 8. Ms. White seconded.** Discussion: Mr. Boynton stated we do have the funding available for pickleball lighting and all residents can benefit by lighting the entire area inclusive of the tennis courts. Mr. Alessandri stated we are doing the pickleball/tennis court lighting outside of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee process. He is hesitant to support this article since it is completely outside of this process although in principle feels this is great. Mr. Crowley stated no one asked for tennis court lights. Mr. Boynton stated it came up when the Middle School courts were being redone, but due to the proximity to residents, we did not light those courts. Mr. Boynton stated this was his recommendation. There was further discussion on the inclusion of this project. Mr. Crowley suggested going to the Community Preservation Committee for funding. Mr. Boynton stated we could change the wording to transfer \$240,000 from available funds. Mr. Boynton stated there does not need to be a motion on this. **Mr. Trindade withdrew the motion.**

ARTICLE 9: (Free Cash Transfer: Athletic Field Stabilization Fund)

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve Article 9. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

ARTICLE 10: (Fund Lead Water Line Study)

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve Article 10. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

ARTICLE 11: (Borrowing – Oakland Well Water Line to New Centralized Water Treatment Plant)

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve Article 11. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

ARTICLE 24: (Street Acceptance: Newton Lane)

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve Article 24.** Ms. Affleck-Childs noted the Select Board needed to wait to vote on this as the PEDB is not voting on this until November 8th. **Mr. Trindade amended his motion to TBD. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion: VOTE: 5-0-0.**

ARTICLE 25: (Citizens' Petition: Voter ID)

Mr. Trindade stated it does not apply to State or Federal elections but just Town elections and Town Meeting. Mr. Crowley stated the citizens want a decision on this from the Attorney General.

**Mr. Crowley move that the Board approve Article 25. Ms. White approved.** Discussion: Mr. Rossi said he thinks Town Meeting should vote on it. Mr. Alessandri feels the Select Board should take a stance. **VOTE: 3-2-0.** Mr. Trindade and Mr. Alessandri voted against.

#### **Action Items from Previous Meeting**

*The Board reviewed the action items dated September 12, 2022.*

This agenda item was not discussed.

### **Town Manager's Report**

*There were no items for the Board to review.*

**TM & HR Offices Reconfiguration Consideration:** Mr. Boynton stated we are contemplating the reconfiguration of the Town Manager (TM) and Human Resource (HR) office space, which would provide additional flexibility for staff and administrative support in the TM space and does not require the TM office to remain open for meetings in the TM conference room. The conference room would be moved to the HR office space. The Board left the decision up to the Town Manager.

**Housing Choice Grant Award -\$50,000:** Mr. Boynton commended Ms. Saint Andre on her efforts relative to the Housing Choice Grant which provides funds for towns to work on the MBTA Community rules and regulations. The grant announcement may take place at Town Hall.

**Snowplowing Concerns – Fewer Contractors:** Mr. Boynton stated we are having difficulty obtaining snowplowing contractors like everyone else. If we have a lot of snow, we may have some impacts, including on the schools. Our number one goal is the safety of town roads.

**Town Manager Out of Office:** Mr. Boynton stated he will be out of the office as follows:

- Wednesday, October 19 – Norfolk County Managers – Norwood (Mid-Day)
- Friday, October 21 – Out of Office
- Wednesday, October 26 – Norfolk County Commissioners - Dedham
- Friday, November 4 – Fire Academy Graduation – Bridgewater
- Thursday, November 17 – Yarmouth Fire Chief Assessment (Again!)

NEXT Select Board Meeting – November 7, 2022

### **Select Board's Reports**

*There were no items for the Board to review.*

Mr. Crowley gave a shout out to the Indigenous Peoples Committee and their program. He requested that Mr. Boynton provide an overview on the number of students heading to Tri-County. Mr. Boynton stated last year we had 67 students, and we are projected to have 91 with a cost impact of a \$700,000 increase in the budget next year.

**At 9:56PM, Mr. Trindade moved to adjourn. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Langley  
Executive Assistant  
Town Manager's Office