

Dennis Board of Selectmen & Finance Committee
Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 6:00PM
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In attendance: Board of Selectmen Chair Christopher Flanagan, John Terrio, Bob Mezzadri, Chris Lambton, Finance Committee Chair Jim Plath, Bob Prall, L. Jay Murphy, Bill Crowell, Pat Stone, Rachel Baroni, Peter McDowell (6:08pm) Town Administrator Liz Sullivan, Finance Director MaryAnne Gibbs, Atty. John Giorgio and Laurie Barr Recording Secretary.

Mr. Plath called meeting to order 6:06pm.

Scargo Tower Article

Mr. Plath read the Scargo Tower article. There was a new memo with the update quotes. Based on that the amount requested for the article should be \$45,000.

Finance Committee Motion:

Mr. Prall made a motion to recommend and support the transfer of \$45,000 from free cash for the purpose of the article; Mr. Murphy seconded. The Committee voted 6-0-0.

Board of Selectmen Motion:

Mr. Mezzadri made a motion to support the transfer of \$45,000 from free cash for the article; Mr. Terrio seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0-0.

Mr. McDowell arrived at 6:08pm

School agreement article

Motion:

Mr. Murphy made a motion to reconsider the Finance Committee's previous vote on the School agreement article and to reopen the discussion; Ms. Baroni seconded the motion. The Committee voted 7-0-0.

Mr. Plath explained that the way the article currently reads there are two parts. One regarding the operating cost for new school and the other is the rolling average and foundation formula. He was in support originally based on the information they had at the time and everyone acted accordingly. But as lawsuit A was closed lawsuit B was opened. Based on the information available now he thought finance committee should relook at their recommendation. If the school was never built then we're on hook for the rolling foundation enrollment. He could not in good conscience support this and encourage the tax payers to vote for it. We don't know what is going to happen with the lawsuit. It could go on for years and this article would be effective immediately. Mr. Prall was opposed to the article as it was written. Mr. Murphy agreed and even if the suit settled favorable in the future he was concern with how much more construction would cost at that time. He negotiated in good faith at the time, the lawsuit was supposed to go away, but now we have no

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idea what will happen. This was not what he agreed to on July 30th. Mr. Plath would still consider foundation enrollment but that's not where we were at and it's was not the Committee's fault

Motion:

Mr. McDowell made a motion to not recommend the article as written; Ms. Stone seconded the motion. The Committee voted 7-0-0.

Adjourn

Finance Committee Motion:

Mr. McDowell made a motion to adjourn at 6:16pm; Mr. Murphy seconded. The Committee voted 7-0-0.

Board of Selectmen Motion:

Mr. Lambton made a motion to adjourn at 6:16pm; Mr. Mezzadri seconded. The Committee voted 4-0-0.