

Town of Hubbardston

Finance Committee – Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2019

Meeting called to order: 6:04 PM in the Slade Building
Members present: Dave Conaghan, Shannon Erb, Joshua Lerner, Susan Rayne, and Chuck Reed
Other Attendees: Pat Girouard, Richard Haddad, and Jeffrey Williams (Selectboard); Ryan McLane, Town Administrator

1) *Review of July 16, 2019 QRSD budget and proposed assessment and draft warrant for August 2019 Special Town Meeting.*

- a) Article 1: Mr. McLane noted that the current version of the Town's FY2020 budget anticipated a \$44,000 deficit and led a discussion about the inclusion within the Warrant of a 'generic' article that would permit floor amendments to the FY2020 budget previously approved by the Town. Upon motion made by Mr. Conaghan and seconded by Mr. Reed, it was unanimously

VOTED: To recommend that Article 1 of the draft Warrant read as described by Mr. McLane, and to take no action on the recommendation of its substance.

- b) Article 2: Upon motion made by Ms. Erb and seconded by Mr. Lerner, it was unanimously

VOTED: To recommend the adoption at Town Meeting of Article 2 of the draft Warrant [\$60,000 for the schematic design study of the Center School for a potential roof replacement].

2) *Meet jointly with Selectboard to discuss proposed assessment and recommendations for STM warrant.* The Chair noted the continuation of the meeting to include the members of the Selectboard present (Messrs. Girouard, Haddad, and Williams), at which time they and the Committee discussed Articles 1 and 2 and agreed to proceed as the Committee had recommended. The Selectboard requested that the Committee and Mr. McLane prepare proposed budgets to accommodate various scenarios, including one that anticipated no reduction in the Town's proposed QRSD assessment.

3) *Adjournment.* Upon motion duly made by Ms. Rayne and seconded by Mr. Reed, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn.

Adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

Minutes submitted by: Susan Rayne, Clerk *Pro Tem*

Minutes approved by: Susan Rayne, Chair


Susan Rayne

Date: 10/15/19