

SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting of March 10, 2022. The meeting took place via remote participation using Zoom. Members of the Board present were Jason Bridges, Matt Fee, Melissa Murphy, and Dawn Holdgate. Kristie Ferrantella joined the meeting later as noted below.

Chair Bridges read a prepared statement as to how the meeting would be conducted via remote participation and the ground rules for any discussion and called roll for those present.

Chair Bridges called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

The Planning Board called to order; the Finance Committee called to order.

I. Joint Meeting with Finance Committee and Planning Board to Review Final 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant with Motions. Chair Bridges reviewed the purpose of the meeting: for the Select Board to have the opportunity to ask questions of the Finance Committee or Planning Board regarding any of their motions. He asked the Board members if they had any questions. Ms. Murphy noted that if discussion comes up about any of the short-term rental articles, she will recuse; Ms. Holdgate said she will have to do the same. Chair Bridges asked if the Board members had any questions about any of the non-short-term rental articles. Finance Committee member Joe Grause inquired about outreach for the Our Island Home (OIH) design article. Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson responded. Mr. Fee commented that he agrees with a relocation to Sherburne Commons and continues to have concerns about the Town's ability to operate a skilled nursing facility. He asked if the Finance Committee reviewed the Town's capacity to continue operating the facility, including housing for OIH employees. Denice Kronau, chair of the Finance Committee said they did not; however, there are other groups, that have over the years and currently. Ms. Murphy said that housing programs are well underway with the Affordable Housing Trust and other housing agencies. She added that proceeding with this project is necessary due to the condition of the current facility. Planning Board member Nat Lowell agreed with Ms. Murphy and said this plan makes a lot of sense and provides space for a new Senior Center at the current OIH site, once a new OIH facility is constructed. Finance Committee member Peter Schaffer spoke on the need for housing as part of this project. Some discussion followed.

Kristie Ferrantella joined the meeting at 4:15 PM.

Mr. Fee spoke on the need for an operating plan for OIH. Planning Board Chair John Trudel commended all the Board and Committee members for their time, hard work and efforts working on town meeting and other related Town issues. Chair Bridges asked Ms. Kronau as to the Finance Committee's deliberations regarding Article 42 (Zoning Bylaw: Short-term Rentals); he noted that Ms. Murphy and Ms. Holdgate are recused for this discussion. Ms. Kronau responded. Mr. Fee said he is concerned that it seems data gathering hasn't been taken into consideration with the short-term rental articles and is concerned that commercialization is a serious threat to the island. He said he would prefer to gather data prior to these articles moving forward and that the ramifications of proceeding have not been analyzed. Planning Board member David Iverson said it is not clear to him what information is being requested. He spoke on the Planning Board's discussion about Article 42. Extended discussion continued on this article between Planning Board, Finance Committee and Select Board members.

Ms. Murphy left the meeting at 4:55 PM.

Finance Committee member Joanna Roche spoke in favor of adding additional funds to advance Coastal Resilience Plan recommendations, in a technical amendment.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Ferrantella moved adjournment at 5:08 PM; seconded by Ms. Holdgate. So voted by roll call vote: Chair Bridges – Yes; Mr. Fee - Yes; Ms. Ferrantella – Yes; Ms. Holdgate - Yes.

Approved the 16th day of March 2022.

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MARCH 10, 2022 – 4:00 PM
REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM
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List of documents used at the meeting:

- I. Draft 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as of 3/9/2022