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SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 19, 2023

MINUTES

Members Present: Michael Purcaro -Chair, David Olender – via Zoom, Peggy Busse, James Fay, Douglas Harding, Barry Pinto.

Others Present: Lori Spielman – First Selectman, Tiffany Pignataro – Finance Officer/Treasurer, Dr. Scott Nicol – Superintendent, Brian Greenleaf – Director of Finance & Operations BOE, David Stavens – Deputy First Selectman, Board of Education members Jennifer Dzen, Elizabeth Nord, and Miriam Underwood, Walter Lee – Emergency Management, Ronald Stomberg – Board of Selectmen, Susan Philips – Hall Memorial Library Director, Mary Blanchette – Hall Memorial Library, Lisa Houlihan – Town Planner, Sgt. Brian Santa – Resident State Troopers’ Supervisor, Dustin Huguenin – Recreation Director, Kevin Barrett – Recreation Coordinator, Rebecca Stack – Human Services Director, Kristen Harp – Youth Services Director, Peter Hany – EVAC President, Tim Seitz – CLFD Chief, Jack Rich – EVFD Chief, Ken Radziwon – DPW Director, Aaron Fliss – Director of Technology, Pete Welti – Permanent Building Committee Chairman, Tim Barrett – DRA Architects general contractor, Kelly Nelli – Arcadis project manager, Mark Gopell – O&G construction manager, Tom Palshaw – resident, Joe Burns - resident.

Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

To consider and act on a resolution recommending an additional \$12,960,000 (for an aggregate of \$74,600,000) appropriation and borrowing authorization for the previously approved renovations, improvements, and additions to Windermere Elementary School.

Mr. Welti stated they are 80% through design on the Windermere Project. The project is off by 12 million dollars. He said most projects that are going to the state for school construction are off on their funding as well. The project is scheduled to go out to bid in July if the budget is passed. With

the current funding, they won't be able to start the project. Mr. Greenleaf stated the state will only bid on the hard numbers. Mr. Olender stated we should move forward, although we are spending over 12 million more there would be 4 million in savings for the taxpayers. He believes this needs to be brought to the public. The referendum would be set for May 1st, following the same day as the budget voting. 1

This is a motion to recommend an additional \$12,960,000 for appropriation and borrowing authorization to Windermere Elementary School.

MOVED (OLEDNER) SECONDED (HARDING) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance recommends that the Town of Ellington appropriate an additional \$12,960,000 (for an aggregate of \$74,600,000) for costs related to the previously approved various renovations, improvements, and additions to Windermere Elementary School consisting of the demolition of a portion of the existing structure, anticipated to include a portion of the north classroom wing and the entire south classroom wing, construction of a new addition, renovations to a portion of the existing structure, anticipated to include the center classroom wing, a portion of the north classroom wing and existing assembly spaces, full roof replacement to the remaining portion of the structure, and various site improvements, anticipated to include lighting and parking lot improvements, and related work (the "Project").

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance recommends that the Town authorize the issue of an additional \$12,960,000 (for an aggregate of \$74,600,000) bonds or notes and temporary notes to finance the appropriation, the amount of bonds or notes authorized to be reduced by the amount of grants received for the project and not separately appropriated to pay additional costs of the Project.

Adjournment

MOVED HARDING SECONDED PINTO AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Elizabeth Phelps, Recording Secretary