

Attendees:

Mike Parisi, Chair (MP)

Lisa Eastland (LE)

Jim Kuhnert (JK)

Bill Loscocco (BL)

Wendy Rannenberg (WR)

Diane Lavton, Alternate (DL)

Lori Mix (LM), absent

Michael Patterson (MP2), absent

Ways & Means (W&M) Meeting Call to Order at 8:00 pm

1. **Citizens comments:** None

2. **Amherst Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (ABPC) presentation:** Chris Buchanan, Chair of the ABPC, joined the meeting to discuss warrant articles 29 and 30. The first is for \$75,000 to go into the CRF and targeted for the School Campus Path on Boston Post Rd. The second is for \$98,000 to be used for engineering work that is necessary for the committee to apply for new federal transportation grants. The work would cover a variety of work throughout the village that will coincide with planned road work.

Discussion focused on whether this should be directly in the DPW budget. If that was not possible the discussion focused on rewriting to be specific to the engineering work and money go directly into town rather than a CRF.

3. **Preliminary Vote on Budget and Warrant Articles:**

- a. Article 22: Operating Budget - The W&M supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0
- b. Article 23: Contingency Fund - The W&M supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0
- c. Article 24: Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) - The W&M supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0
- d. Article 25: Assessing Revaluation CRF - The W&M supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0
- e. Article 26: Bridge Repair and Replacement CRF - The W&M supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0
- f. Article 27: Fire Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Purchase and Repair CRF - The W&M supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0
- g. Article 28: DPW Vehicles and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement CRF - The W&M supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0
- h. Article 29: Amherst Multimodal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund - The W&M supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0
- i. Article 30: Village Area Multimodal Road Design and Engineering (Rewrite) - The W&M supports this article by a vote of 0-6-0
- j. Article 31: Recreation Fields Acquisition and Construction CRF - The W&M supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0
- k. Article 32: Elderly, Blind and Disabled - The W&M supports this article by a vote of 6-0-0

4. Concerns to be sent to Town Administrator

- a. Finance budget, salary and retirement needed are too low.
- b. New software needed
- c. Business processes need updating
- d. Article 30: The committee does not support as written. In agreement this should be directly in DPW budget. As noted, the committee would consider a different article that did not put funds into the CRF.

5. Questions for Town Administrator

- a. Clarification about increase in election wages
- b. Computer purchases – should this be line items in the budget instead of the CRF

6. New Business: No new business

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Respectively submitted,
Mike Parisi,
Chair