Amherst Ways & Means Meeting

September 12, 2022

Final

Attendees:

Lori Mix, Chair (LM)
Tom Cook (TC)
Diane Layton (DL)
Andy Pataky (AP)
Michael Patterson (MP)
Wendy Rannenberg (WR)
Tom Silvia (TS)
Steve Boczenowski, Alternate (SB)
Russ Hodgkins, Alternate (RH)
Peter Moustakis, Former W&M (PM)

Ways & Means Meeting Call to Order: 5:45pm. Felix Hertzka Conference Room, 1st Floor

Topics Discussed

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Moderator's Guidance, Q&A
 - a. Right-to-Know Law, Agendas, Minutes, Definition of a "meeting"
- 3. Committee Organization
 - a. Election of a Chair and Secretary
 - i. LM volunteered for Chair and W&M voted in favor.
 - ii. TC volunteered for Secretary and W&M voted in favor.
 - b. Scheduling Future Meetings
 - i. Mike Akillian is seeking to meet with the W&M to give a presentation on the Strategic Planning process. LM to connect with Mike to find out more about the content and length of the presentation and if he has any tech requirements for giving the presentation to help in find a suitable location.
 - ii. Discussed options for regular W&M meetings.

4. New Business

- a. PM asked W&M to consider having a meeting with the BOS to introduce members and discuss process for working together and resolving misunderstandings. Tenured W&M members said this had not happened in prior years and did not believe such a meeting was needed.
- Discussed technical aspects of the town budget like the Capital Reserve Fund and Warrant articles to educate new members on content they would see during the Strategic Plan presented during BOS meeting.

5. Action:

a. LM to send TC minutes from 2021 and minutes template to use as guide for role as W&M Secretary.

6:25pm Adjourned to join Board of Selectman (BOS) meeting in Landry Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

- 1. Listened to and asked questions regarding the following departmental Strategic Plans (SP)
 - a. Admin & Finance SP FY2024
 - b. Tax & Assessing SP FY2024

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c. Police & Communications SP FY2024

8:40pm Reconvened in Felix Hertzka Conference Room

- 1. Confirmed W&M will meet on Mondays 15 minutes prior to BOS meetings and following dismissal from BOS meetings at approximately 7:30pm 8:00pm
- 2. Motions taken None
- 3. Actions to be taken prior to next meeting None
- 4. Next meeting: Monday, 9/26 at 6:15-6:25pm and following BOS presentations relevant to W&M at approximately 7:30pm in the Felix Hertzka Conference Room, 1st Floor.

8:50pm Meeting adjourned

Respectively Submitted,

Tom Cook Secretary, Ways & Means