

**APPROVED**

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**MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY  
Monday, March 29, 2021  
6:30 P.M.**

**SELECTMEN PARTICIPATING:** Donald Howell, Michael MacAskill, Edward McManus. Absent: Larry Ballantine, Stephen Ford

**ALSO PARTICIPATING:** Town Administrator Joseph Powers, Attorney Shirin Everett, KP Law

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. MacAskill opened the meeting at 6:30 pm, and called to order the Board of Selectmen.

**WEEKLY BRIEFING**

**A. COVID-19 Updates**

Ms. Kathleen O'Neill, Health Director, said that it is not great news. She said that Harwich is back in the red, and the numbers have increased, like many of the other Cape towns. She said that Harwich has a total of 634 cases of COVID-19, and as of today, they are following 48 active cases. This is a positivity rate of 5.2%.

Ms. O'Neill said that the good news is, the vaccine is becoming more widely available. More than 3,000 residents have been vaccinated, and a little over 5,000 that have had at least one shot. She said that residents should sign up at VaxFinder.mass.gov. Also, starting tomorrow, Council on Aging and the Fire Department, with Outer Cape Health, will be vaccinating some of the more vulnerable seniors. Ms. O'Neill said that testing still available at either Outer Cape Health or Cape Cod Health Care, and available seven days a week. She also added, as a reminder, that we are still in COVID, and everyone needs to continue to be diligent.

B. Update on ongoing efforts by the Town in support of the business community

Ms. Cyndi Williams, Harwich Chamber of Commerce, had a couple of announcements, and said that April is going to be a busy month. First, Cape Light Compact will be doing their *Main Street Initiatives*. This is a business initiative and it was first announced that it would just be Harwich Port, but is now all of Harwich. She added that it is a great way for business to save money, and lower some costs. It will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Williams said that also on April 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, Mass Hire will be doing a virtual job fair, and there will be more information coming as they get closer. She said that because of COVID, they have had to pivot things some of the things they are doing. Once again, the Toast of Harwich will not be able to happen and that is a major fundraising event for them. However, they will be doing a spring golf tournament, on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Information and how to sign up for the tournament, is on the website.

## OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible vote – Finalize, close and sign the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

1. Vote to place Articles on Warrant
2. Vote to withdraw Articles from draft Warrant
3. Recommendation votes including, but not limited to, vote to recommend, accept and adopt or any other action

Mr. MacAskill explained that last week they voted the majority of the articles. However, they were waiting on numbers for OPEB, Stabilization and Unpaid bill and others they will need to vote on.

- a. Article 33, Hinckleys Pond Watershed Preservation Project with an estimated cost of \$360,000.00.

Mr. MacAskill said that he saw that the language had changed to show the care, custody and control to the Board of Selectmen, and that was his major issue. He then turned it over to Mr. Powers.

Mr. Powers said that they were also joined by counsel, Attorney Shirin Everett, KP Law, and he had been able to work with her to effect the changes that they had requested, and they are both there to answer any questions.

Mr. Powers said that there were two issues that were addressed. First, the explanation had listed several parcels, but the single parcel, Assessor's Parcel 81-G1, would be the specific parcel that would be acquired by the Town. The other parcels would be acquired by the Conservation Trust, or the Division of Conservation and Recreation. The second, was to change the care, custody and control to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Michael Lach, Executive Director, Harwich Conservation Trust, confirmed that parcel 81-G1 is the lot that fronts Headwaters Drive, with a direct road that leads to the pond. It is adjacent, and west to the Cape Cod Rail Trail.

Mr. Howell made a motion to support Article 33, as written. Seconded by Mr. MacAskill.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye, . Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

- b. Article 38, Grant a permanent easement to Cellco Partnership on Harbor Road.

Mr. Powers provided an update, and said that Ms. Everett was able to get this updated, based on the Boards preference of referencing back to a sketch plan. He said that if this is to be placed in the final warrant, he will place a large copy of the plan, by memo, to the Town Clerk tomorrow. That will comport with the language, which is in the article, indicating that the plan is on file with the Town Clerk.

Ms. Everett said that the request came from Verizon to place telecommunications on a pole, which she believed is owned by AT&T. She explained that they had hoped to put in overhead wires, which was not feasible. Mr. MacAskill interrupted and said that they had that information already, and that they would

open it up to questions. He said that the language changes that are in the newest warrant, answer the questions which he had and wanted about referencing the map.

Mr. Howell said he had a specific question before, and he still has them. He asked if this was to evaporate and there was a conclusion of use, he does not see that the easements are for the express purpose, and that they would not retain it, if they are no longer using it for that purpose.

Ms. Everett said that when they draft the easement, the easement is for the sole purpose to power the equipment that is on the pole.

Mr. Howell questioned why it was not in the warrant. Mr. MacAskill clarified that the actual agreement for the easement will have that language in it. Ms. Everett confirmed.

Mr. McManus asked if they would be including a sketch plan in the warrant? Ms. Everett said yes, they had received the sketch plan, and that it is referenced in the warrant article and will be on file with the Town Clerk. Mr. McManus would like to have it included for Town Meeting. Mr. MacAskill asked Mr. Powers if that would be ok to do. Mr. Powers said they could include it, but he is not sure of the quality, but it will be on file at the Clerk's office, and they will reproduce it in the warrant itself.

Mr. Howell made a motion, with the inclusion of the language that ties it to wireless communication, and the site map, to move Article 38 into the final warrant. Seconded by Mr. McManus.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

Mr. Howell moved, with the language included, that they urge, accept and adopt, Article 38. Seconded by Mr. McManus.

Mr. Jon Chorey, Chairman, Finance Committee, explained that the Finance Committee had voted to indefinitely postpone this

article, with a vote of 7-0, for the easement. Mr. MacAskill asked if they could bring this back up at their next meeting, or they can reconcile at Town Meeting. Mr. Chorey said that he believed that they postponed it, because they did not have all the information. However, he will bring it back at their next meeting.

Mr. Powers said that he will work with Ms. Everett to capture the language that the Board is looking for. Ms. Everett will send a revised warrant.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

c. Article 40, Funds for roof repairs at 5 Bells Neck Road

Mr. MacAskill explained that this is for the roof at 5 Bells Neck Road, for a \$50,000 roof repair. He said that some language has been added, and if they come up with an RFP, which passes, and they are allowed to sell; they may not need to do this work.

Mr. Powers said that is correct, which was voted in Article 17. The Board voted unanimously to include to authorize the sale of 5 Bells Neck Road into the final Warrant. The roof repair is held separately and distinct, as Article 40.

Mr. McManus made a motion to move Article 40, funds for roof repairs at 5 Bells Neck Road, with an estimated cost of \$50,000, into the final warrant. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

Mr. McManus moved that they accept and adopt, Article 40, funds for roof repairs at 5 Bells Neck Road. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

- d. Mr. MacAskill said he had questions on Article 30, Cemetery, it was asked if there was a legal opinion given on this? They are not sure who owns the land and looking for some insight.

Mr. Powers said that they are still vetting the ownership through council. This is something that the Town can do going forward.

Ms. Everett said she had reviewed the materials and there is not sufficient information to definitively answer who owns it. They need to do additional research to get an answer.

Mr. Howell explained that he is a trustee and the treasurer of this Church, which is why he had abstained from the vote. He said that they had not made the request themselves, and even if they had wanted to sell the land, they would not have been able to. He said that they are subject to the New England Conference. The cemetery and the church has been there since 1803. He said that at no time was that ever conveyed to the Town. Mr. Howell said that the church does not own this land, and the church did not request this.

Mr. MacAskill asked if they get together with the Finance Committee, prior to Town Meeting, to reconcile some articles, if the Board so chooses, would they be able to withdraw their support?

Mr. Powers said he would have to defer to council. Ms. Everett said because the CPC recommended this article, it would be her recommendation to include it in the warrant, even if they do not support it. They can speak to it, but it should be in the warrant.

Mr. MacAskill said that they should get more information and have further discussion on this.

- e. Mr. MacAskill discussed the memo that is in the packet from Mr. Powers, regarding; the updates and corrections on the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the changes, as noted in the memo.

- f. Mr. Howell made a motion to move Article 43, Stabilization Fund, with an estimated cost of \$1,074,171, into the final Warrant. Seconded by Mr. McManus.

Mr. McManus asked if this is what is being recommended, to be added to the fund? Mr. MacAskill said it is, some of it is returned money, and some of it is in addition to that. Mr. Howell said he believes that it is close to 50/50, from last year and this year. Mr. MacAskill said he believes it was \$574,171, from last year, and \$500,00 for this year.

Mr. McManus asked what the total is. Ms. Coppola confirmed that the balance in stabilization is \$4,162,326, and also confirmed the balance for OPEB as well, which is \$3,680,026.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

Mr. Howell moved that they accept and adopt article 43, Stabilization Fund with an estimated cost of \$1,074,171. Seconded by Mr. McManus.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

- g. Mr. Howell made a motion to move Article 44, OPEB Trust Fund, to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sufficient sum of money to be added to the OPEB Trust Fund, and to act fully thereon, with an estimated cost of \$500,000. Seconded by Mr. McManus.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

Mr. Howell moved that they accept and adopt Article 44, OPEB Trust Fund, with an estimated cost: \$500,000. Seconded by Mr. McManus.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

- h. Mr. MacAskill asked to reconfirm the vote for Article 45, Fund Prior Year's Unpaid Bills, with the confirmation of the number. The board approved by consensus.
- i. Mr. Powers said that they can close the warrant; as they would not allow any other articles can be included.

Mr. Howell moved to close the warrant. Seconded by Mr. MacAskill, for discussion.

Mr. McManus said that he thinks that they should close and accept the Warrant articles as voted, and include any additional recommendations provided by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Howell said that they should close it, with only the articles that have been affirmatively voted on.

Mr. Powers said that he understands this to be a Warrant that contains 49 articles, that have been placed in the Warrant, by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Howell accepts to add the additional language by Mr. McManus into the motion, to include any additional recommendations provided by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Mr. McManus.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**B. Discussion and possible vote – Finalize, close and sign the 2021 Town Election Warrant**

Mr. Powers explained that there is an error on the draft, and that the date of the election should read May 18, 2021. He said that other than that, this is a correct Warrant, as verified by the Town Clerk and council.

Mr. Howell moved that they finalize, close, and sign the 2021 Town Election Warrant, with a date of May 18, 2021. Seconded by Mr. McManus.



**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

C. Ongoing discussion – Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP)

1. Discussion – GHD SewerCAD modeling kickoff

Mr. Dan Pelletier, Superintendent, Water Department, said that they would pick up from last Wednesday. He said that the Board had signed the contract with GHD, to begin the sewerCAD with the remaining sewer sheds, in the CWMP. They wanted to bring GHD in for a kick-off meeting with the Board, to discuss the process and first steps.

Mr. Russ Kleekamp, GHD, explained that they started out with an assignment to look at a small area of town, with four pump stations sites. He said that they developed the gravity sewers, low pressure and cost estimates etc. Mr. Kleekamp explained that now they have a bigger assignment, with the whole town. He would like to know as far as communication, when the Board would like them to come back with an update, but first, he will give an overview and his recommendation.

Mr. Kleekamp said that one of the most critical steps with the sewer modeling is determining pump station sites. Depending on where they are, will dictate how much gravity sewer they have, and where they have low pressure sewer. He said that for the area they are looking at, they will likely have between 30 to 40 pump station sites. He said that an ideal pump station site would be a low lying elevation, that is town owned, and has buildable land. He can guarantee that there will not be 30 to 40 such sites in town. It just does not work out that way and they often run into different obstacles, such as; sites within flood plains, sites next to conservation, which requires permitting, or sites on private property, which requires easements. He explained that part of what GHD does is to take a fresh look at locations in town. They will do their desktop analysis, and then take a drive out to the locations for further review. Then at that point, once they have sites selected, that may be an appropriate time to come back to the Board. He would like to get some feedback on what he has just suggested.

Mr. McManus said that he thinks it sounds reasonable.

Mr. Howell said there has been a lot of confusion, relative to sewerage in this town, and he thinks it would be good to have more public discussion and a dedicated meeting.

Mr. MacAskill said that he is in agreement. He thinks that identifying the pump stations is a great start, and then they can update the Board, and decide the public involvement piece. He said that they were happy that they did not rush to get this to Town Meeting. They need to be flooding residents with items far ahead of Town Meeting next year. Though they should keep the expedited pace, so that the Board has time to get the public input.

Mr. Kleekamp said that the key to the success, is public input, and having public workshops. He is more than happy to meet with anyone, and to help people understand the process.

Mr. Sandy McLardy, East Harwich resident, said that he was happy to hear how open Mr. Kleekamp was to providing information, and explaining the nitty gritty, which will provide more reassurance to the public. He said that he would like to know how much experience Mr. Kleekamp has with alternative strategies to wastewater design. He asked if they have done other systems or clusters?

Mr. Kleekamp said that GHD has done CWMPs for multiple other towns that all included alternative assessments of IA technologies. He said that for him, personally, he does more of the pipeline and pump stations. However, there are other engineers that are more involved with the IA that could meet with him to showcase some of the projects that GHD has worked on.

Mr. McLardy said he may be viewed as the “alternative guy”, but he does not know what the right thing for the Town is, and he thinks that is the whole point to really evaluate everything. He also wanted to thank Mr. Pelletier, for having cedar shingles on the pump station.

Mr. Griffin Ryder, Town Engineer, followed up on what Mr. Kleekamp had said, and that this is a very similar process which they had done with the smaller project. He said that it was a very good working process and they would look at everything and minimize the information coming to the Board.

Mr. Patrick Otten, East Harwich resident, wanted to thank the Board for their openness and involving the public in this sewerage project. He said that they all need to be involved, and said that if they are kept involved through each step, they will have happy results, instead of conflict.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. McManus said that the two day blood drive, being done by the Cape Cod Hospital Blood donor Center, has had a great response and both days are completely full. He said that they can still use more donations and donors can go to the hospital blood room, or other donation events in other towns. He said that they really need O negative and O positive.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Vote to approve an application from the Harwich Historical Society for a Fun Walk on Saturday, May 22, 2021

Mr. Howell moved to approve the application from the Harwich Historical Society for a Fun Walk on Saturday, May 22, 2021. Seconded by Mr. McManus.

Ms. Linda Cebula asked if they had any questions, and said that this is the first time they are doing a fun walk. They will be ensuring distance for people with staggered starts on the hour. She said that people will have to be preregistered, and they will have some games for the children. They do not need a tent and they will have lots of volunteers to help.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and possible vote to authorize the Chairman to sign a Massachusetts Emergency Management Grant Reimbursement for \$3,491.33

Mr. Howell moved that they authorize the Chairman to sign a Massachusetts Emergency Management Grant Reimbursement for \$3,491.33. Seconded by Mr. McManus.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

- B. Discussion and possible vote to authorize the Chairman to sign a Massachusetts Emergency Management Grant Reimbursement for \$3,500.00

Mr. Howell moved that they authorize the Chairman to sign a Massachusetts Emergency Management Grant Reimbursement for \$3,500.00. Seconded by Mr. McManus.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

- C. Discussion and possible vote for approval of tax bill insert for flood insurance information

Mr. Howell moved that they approve the tax bill insert for flood insurance information. Seconded by Mr. McManus.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

- D. Discussion and possible vote to approve vacation buyback and carry over for David LeBlanc, Fire Chief

Mr. MacAskill explained that he would like to hold this one, and bring it back after they have further conversation. He said that they have had these presented in the past and they need to urge employees to use their vacation time. He said that with the pandemic; unless they were told they could not take a vacation, it is costing the town money. He said that vacations should be taken and not carried over, but they will bring this back for further discussion.

- E. Discussion and possible vote – 2021 Seasonal All Alcohol Liquor License Renewal

1. The Belmont Condominium Beach DBA The Beach – 1 Belmont Road

Mr. MacAskill asked Mr. Powers if there are any hearings or violations pending for this location. Mr. Powers confirmed there are not.

Mr. Howell moved that they approve the 2021 Seasonal All Alcohol Liquor License Renewal for The Belmont Condominium Beach DBA The Beach at 1 Belmont Road, with any previous restrictions that might have been imposed on it. Seconded by Mr. McManus.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

F. Discussion and possible vote – 2021 Seasonal Common Victuallers License Renewals

1. PRM Foods Inc. DBA Harwich Port Dairy Queen – 441 Route 28

Mr. Howell moved that they approve the 2021 Seasonal Common Victuallers License Renewals for PRM Foods Inc. DBA Harwich Port Dairy Queen at 441 Route 28, with any previous restrictions that might have been imposed on it. Seconded by Mr. McManus.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

G. Discussion and possible vote - 2021 Seasonal Weekday and Sunday Entertainment License Renewal for Miniature Golf – Harbor Glen Miniature Golf – 168 Route 28

Mr. MacAskill asked if there are any pending hearings or violations that the Board should review. Mr. Powers confirmed there are not.

Mr. Howell moved that they approve 2021 Seasonal Weekday and Sunday Entertainment License Renewal for Miniature Golf – Harbor Glen Miniature Golf at 168 Route 28, with any previous restrictions that might have been imposed on it. Seconded by Mr. McManus.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

H. Discussion and possible vote to approve Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes for July 15, 2019

Mr. Howell moved that they approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes for July 15, 2019. Seconded by Mr. McManus.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

I. Review, discussion and possible vote to approve conservation restriction on 6.65 acre property at Sand Pond Woodlands Property – 0 Deacons Folly Road

Mr. Powers explained that Ms. Everett has been working on this, through his request, along with Mr. Lach and the Harwich Conservation Trust. He will turn it over to Ms. Everett for an update.

Ms. Everett said that she had sent Mr. Lach her edits to the conservation restriction this afternoon. She said that she believed that they are all fine, except they are negotiating how long the Trust would have to fix a problem, if there was a violation, before the Town would take corrective action. She said that they are between 60 and 90 days. She said that 60-days is the usual amount of time, and she is reluctant to do 90-days. Ms. Everett said that if there are violations, which would require to the Trust to go to the Conservation Commission, it would take longer in those circumstances and the 90-days would be reasonable. However, it is her opinion that the 60-days is the typical.

Mr. Lach thanked the Town for their review of this conservation restriction. He said that Ms. Everett summed it up well, but he would like to provide an overview of why he would prefer the 90-days. He said that if any corrective action requires review by the Conservation Commission, the hearings are very full and it is not easy to get on the agenda quickly. To have more time to get through the process would be better. Mr. Lach said in this case, they are seeking the conservation restriction in partnership with the town, because it is part of the Trust's State Grant Application, with the State Conservation Partnership Grant Program, which requires conservation restrictions. The Harwich Conservation Trust thought the natural partner would be the Town, and he thanked them for their consideration.

Mr. McManus would like to know what types of violations they could be looking at.

Mr. Lach said that it is hard to say. He explained that the owner of the property will be the Harwich Conservation Trust, and it will be subject to the conservation restriction held by the Town. He said, as an example; if there was another party, that may come in and clear-cut a portion of the property within the zero to 100 foot of the wetland resource, then it would be incumbent upon Harwich Conservation Trust, as the owner of the property, to abide by that overlay protection, that is provided by the conservation restriction. The restriction would not allow for that infringement of the clear cut. Therefore, the Harwich Conservation Trust would have to take action, in this hypothetical situation.

Ms. Everett said it is within the Board of Selectmen's discretion, if they would like to give 90-days. She said that the property is uniquely located so all of it is within zero to 100 feet, and the 90 days would make sense. She could revise the restriction if they are acceptable.

Mr. Howell moved that they approve the conservation restriction on 6.65 acre property at Sand Pond Woodlands Property – 0 Deacons Folly Road, as written with the 90-day restriction added. Seconded by Mr. McManus.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

## **CONTRACTS**

A. Discussion and possible vote for the Board of Selectmen to execute a contract with Five Star Golf Cars & Utility Vehicles, LLC to lease eighty (80) golf carts and six (6) utility vehicles for the Cranberry Valley Golf Course per the following terms:

1. Temporary Gas Carts (April 1, 2021 – August 31, 2021) with a revenue share of 83.25% of gross revenue for the Town and 16.75% for the Lessor.
2. Electric Carts (September 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 2025) with a revenue share of 60% of gross revenue for the Town and 40% for the Lessor.

Mr. McManus moved that they approved to execute a contract with Five Star Golf Cars & Utility Vehicles, LLC to lease eighty (80) golf carts and six (6)

utility vehicles for the Cranberry Valley Golf Course, per the two terms, as listed above. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

Mr. MacAskill said it seemed that the first term was a better deal for the Town.

Mr. Roman Greer, Golf Director, said that the terms on the temporary carts is a much better deal. However, they are older gas carts, and much less valuable. The new golf carts are electric carts with lithium batteries and have a lot of efficiencies, which the town will benefit from, such as reduced man hours, no need to fuel them, and they will be charged with solar energy.

Mr. Powers said that the great message that comes out this evening, is that the golf course will be rolling out these new carts this season. He said that this is a great deal and both are coming off of a State contract and gets us everything that they need. Mr. Powers said he endorses the work that Mr. Greer, along with Ms. Eldredge and Mr. Griffin have put into this.

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. McManus - Aye, Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Powers thanked the Board for their efforts to get the Warrant to the point it is at, and he appreciates their guidance and support.

## **SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

Mr. Howell asked if the warrant will be available to be signed tomorrow? Mr. Powell said that all of the updates have been made, and it will be available with the signature lines tomorrow.

Mr. Howell wanted to go back to what he said before, on the article in the Cape Cod Times, which focused on DHY. He wanted to make certain that everyone understood that the \$10 million, was because they underestimated what it would cost to finish that. He said that they got a \$24 million approval at Town Meeting, and it was broken up at the contractors request, (CDM Smith), into three parts, and they were only able to do two of them. Mr. Howell said that in addition, they are the same vendor that provided estimates for DHY and that was not made clear in the article. It also eluded to the fact that the pumping station would be in Yarmouth,



which is not accurate. He said that he wanted to make sure that the public knows what is going on, and be more involved in the process.

Mr. MacAskill said that he wanted to follow up on what Mr. McManus said, in regards to the Warrant, and said how much he respects the committees and the people that put things out for public review. He said that they are having a Town Meeting in May, outside, and being in the middle of a pandemic, they have had a lack of public participation, and if they make a quorum, it likely will not be by many people. He said that he believes it was responsible of the Board to not include items that could lengthen Town Meeting, by any more than the 49 articles already will. Mr. MacAskill said that there was no disrespect meant by not bringing some of the items forward, which people had worked hard on. He said that they will bring those back, hopefully next year.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Howell moved that they adjourn at 8:08 pm. Seconded by Mr. McManus

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. Howell - Aye, Mr. MacAskill - Aye, Mr. McManus - Aye. Mr. Ballantine - Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schwab  
Board Secretary