

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
OF MAY 20, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.
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Present: Curtis Read, Alan Brown, Laszlo Pinter

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Curtis Read, First Selectman.

Susan Wilcox nominated Dennis MacDonald as Moderator. Seconded by Eileen Buchheit. Dennis MacDonald was voted Moderator for the meeting and read the Legal Notice.

Ann Virbickas moved this be declared a legally warned and assembled town meeting. Seconded by Frank Molinaro and voted.

Curtis Read spoke on the "state of the Town":

Motion by Joseph Buchheit to revise the Volunteer Fire Department Tax Abatement Program Ordinance (see attached). Seconded by Paul Valeri. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Susan Wilcox to revise the Town of Bridgewater's Bidding Ordinance (see attached). Seconded by Julia Wachtel. 2 opposed. Motion carried. (Raised from \$10,000 to \$15,000)

Motion by Lois Carreira to approve the Selectmen's budget as recommended by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The tax when set, which provides the monies for the budget, shall become due and payable semi-annually. Seconded by Ann Frattalone. All in favor, motion carried.
(Copy attached).

Motion by Eileen Buchheit to approve the appropriation of up to \$60,000 from the Richard T. Harris Fund to be transferred into the Capital Expenditures Fund to be designated for resurfacing the tennis courts on Sarah Sanford Road. Seconded by Rebecca Mayerson. Motion carried.

Motion by Dawn McNutt to approve the appropriation of up to \$48,850 from the Richard T. Harris Fund for the construction of a pickle ball court and an ADA compliant sidewalk to access both tennis and pickle ball courts on Sarah Sanford Road. Seconded by Larina Cipolla. Motion carried.

Motion by Bernard T. Wright, Jr. to authorize the expenditure and approve the transfer of \$200,000 from the Town's General Fund Reserve Account into the Capital Expenditures Fund to be designated as an addition to the future years' Town owned equipment purchase account. Seconded by Ronald Sullivan. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronald Sullivan to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and expend any Federal or State grants for and by the Town of Bridgewater. Seconded by Michael Sullivan. Motion carried.

Curtis Read nominated Angela R. Macchiarulo to be a member on the Board of Education for a four year term beginning July 1, 2020. Seconded by Julie Stuart. No other nominations. All in favor of Angela R. Macchiarulo. Motion carried.

Richard Jones moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the sale of land and buildings located at 11 Main Street South, Bridgewater, CT to the Bridgewater Preservation Association with appropriate conditions, by paper ballot. Seconded by Joseph Wilcox. Discussion. Ronald Sullivan moved the question. Seconded by Frank Molinaro. Paper ballot vote was taken:

YES – 89 is in favor of town negotiating the sale.

NO – 155 is NOT in favor of the town negotiating the sale.

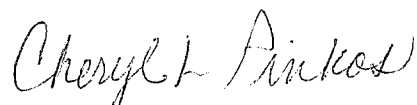
1 provisional ballot.

MOTION FAILED.

No other business to properly come before the Town Meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Ronald Sullivan. Seconded by Frank Molinaro and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl L. Pinkos
Town Clerk