

In attendance: C. Iino, E. Blewett, R. Regolo, R. Darin. M. O'Toole. D. Mooney , R. Bauer

Absent: L. Annino Jr.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Iino noted that Lou Annino was absent following surgery and wished him a speedy recovery.

2. FY 2021/22 Town Budget Referendum

Iino stated for the record that Under Executive order 7JJ, the Board of Selectmen is able to take various actions in place of town meeting to permit the orderly operation of the municipality. The Board of Selectmen, in order to allow town residents to safely vote on the budget during the pandemic, will refer the budget to referendum, to be held on the same day as the RSD17 budget referendum.

Iino moved that the Board of Selectmen refer the Operating Budget and Capital Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 recommended by the Board of Finance to a referendum to be held on May 4, 2021. The motion, seconded by Blewett, passed unanimously.

Iino moved that the voting hours of the referendum on May 4, 2021 be extended to 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The motion, seconded by Blewett, passed unanimously.

3. AFSCME Contract renewal

Iino reported that negotiations between the town and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) union Local 1303-333 of Council 4 were cordial, brief, and cooperative, and the members have ratified the contract.

Iino moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the AFSCME contract for July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024. The motion, seconded by Blewett passed unanimously.

4. First Responder Service Recognition Plan

Blewett referred to the discussion from the BOF meeting of the previous evening.

Iino is hopeful that BOF will approve the funding for the plan, and added that COVID funding may be available. There was consensus that it is up to the BOS, with the help of the Board of Fire Commissioners and Ambulance Association, to come up with solid plan. It is hoped to have the plan in place by September.

5. Selectmen's comments: None

6. Executive Session: Real Estate negotiation

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