TOWN OF MILLVILLE FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING April 23, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Chairman, Paul Ouellette; Vice Chairman, Michael Foster; Clerk, Brian

Pacheco; Member, Michael DiCecco **Board Members Absent:** None

Finance Committee Chairman Paul Ouellette called meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with a Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Meeting to discuss Warrants for Special Town Meeting (4/30/2018)

P. Ouellette called open meeting to order for Finance Committee to discuss the relevant financial articles for the upcoming Special Town Meeting on Monday April 30, 2018.

On motion by M. Foster, second by M. DiCecco, the Committee votes unanimously to open the meeting.

Article 1: Conveyance of Real Property - Former Town Hall

To see if the Town will grant authorization to the Board of Selectmen to transfer the former purpose of the Town Hall building to proceed in a manner to pursue other rehabilitation options that include selling or changing the purpose of the building used as a former Town Hall. The Town will not be able to seek RFPs to redevelop, sell or rehabilitate the building via private or not for profit entities until Town Meeting grants the Board of Selectmen to proceed. Passage of this article requires 2/3rd majority or unanimous vote.

On motion by M. Foster, second by B. Pacheco, the Committee votes unanimously to approve Article 1.

Article 2: Medical Marijuana & Marijuana Establishments Bylaw

Since the state-wide Marijuana Petition was approved by voters in 2016, in order to provide local controls over potential businesses in Millville, the Town must approve new bylaw(s) and zoning requirements regarding the accepting of marijuana retail sales and cultivation businesses. While the Town could seek a prohibition bylaw, this would require a 2/3rd vote at a Town Meeting and a majority vote at a Town Election. The financial benefits from future retail or cultivation businesses could be substantial with a local designated 3% retail tax, 3% host agreement and property tax collections. Passage of this article requires a 2/3rd majority or unanimous vote.

On motion by M. Foster, second by M. DiCecco, the Committee votes unanimously to approve Article 2.

Article 3: Supplemental Funding - Override

The Town is facing a structural deficit of over \$950k due to continued use of one time revenues to fund increases to the school budget. The Town will not be able to meet its legal requirement of providing a balanced budget and will have exhausted most of its one time revenues. This Article is part of a strategic financial plan to right-size the budget and reset the tax rate to effectively address the problem of an ongoing operational deficit, provide for a responsible balanced budget and avoid state receivership. Passage of this article requires majority vote.

On motion by M. Foster, second by M. DiCecco, the Committee votes unanimously to approve Article 3.

OPEN MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On motion by M. Foster, second by M. DiCecco the Committee votes unanimously to adjourn the open meeting.

Meeting Minutes

April meeting minutes reviewed.

On motion by B. Pacheco, second by P. Ouellette, the Committee votes unanimously to approve Meeting Minutes from April 5, 2018 meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On motion by P. Ouellette, second by B. Pacheco, the Committee votes unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Brian Pacheco, Clerk

Approved By Finance Committee:
Paul Ouellette, Chairman
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Mike Foster, Vice Chairman
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