



## Town of Middlefield Finance Committee

Open meeting November 9, 2021

### **In Attendance:**

Joseph Kearns, Chair

Gita Jozsef

Stephen Harris, Secretary

Adair Laurel-Cafarella

**Absent:** David DiNicola

### **Quorum, call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm.

### **Review minutes from previous meeting:**

Minutes of the October 6 meeting were accepted as read.

### **Review of warrant for November 17 special town meeting:**

Unanimously recommended approval of **Article 1**. One of our PD vehicles is aging, but still usable. The other, however, is beyond repair and should be replaced.

It was also recommended that Article 1 should be funded out of the remaining available Free Cash.

Unanimously recommended approval of **Article 2**. As the property in question is an excellent location with 1,000 feet of frontage on a paved road. As comparable property is unlikely to come to market in the foreseeable future, it behooves the town to buy it. While only one location on the property has passed a perc test, it is likely that engineering solutions could be found if unused portions of the property are to be later resold.

It was also recommended that Article 2 should be funded from the Stabilization Fund to avoid any impact on the tax rate.

Unanimously recommended approval of **Article 3**. As the amount the Selectboard had recommended for the Assessor's Clerk salary in the ATM warrant was unintended understatement, this article corrects the amount to that requested in the warrant and recommended by the Finance Committee.

It was found that the wording in articles 1 & 2 was unfortunately vague as to the sources of funds – perhaps due to the Selectboard's time constraints – and will hopefully be clarified at the STM. The hope was expressed that the SB will work more closely with the FC on future STM warrants, as they do with ATM ones.

**Any other business:**

No other business was discussed.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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