

**TOWN OF RYE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Thursday, January 23, 2020**  
**5:30 p.m. – Rye Town Hall**

*Present: Chair Phil Winslow, Vice-Chair Keriann Roman and Selectman Bill Epperson*

*Others Present: Town Administrator Becky Bergeron*

**5:30 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Winslow called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**II. 2020 BUDGET WORK SESSION**

**A. Revenues**

Administrator Bergeron explained that the purpose of this meeting is for the Board to review and approve revenues that will go on the MS-7, in advance of the Budget Committee reviewing them this evening. These are estimates to be raised in support of taxation. The total anticipated revenues will be \$7,078,045. This figure includes the \$390,000 from the sale of the trolley barn, as well as \$3 million from the bond proceeds for the conservation bond.

Vice-Chair Roman asked if the proceeds from the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant were included.

Administrator Bergeron stated that she could ask Michelle Clark at the DRA more about it; however, the section regarding the grants was confusing. She added that the Town has already had the pre-review done and Ms. Clark didn't indicate that there was anything additional that was needed to offset that. Ms. Bergeron believes they were all set with it.

**Motion by Phil Winslow to approve the MS-7 as presented. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in Favor.**

Administrator Bergeron reported to the Board that during the DRA pre-review of the warrant articles, the DRA stated that in the warrant article regarding the sale of the trolley barn, there cannot be additional authorization from the Budget Committee. If the article is listing the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend, there cannot be language regarding a joint meeting with the Budget Committee.

Vice-Chair Roman commented that the language should be taken out of the article because that is the ruling of the DRA. However, the Board of Selectmen can still have the meeting with the Budget Committee as part of the process.

Chair Winslow stated that it is important that they convey to the Budget Committee that the DRA will not allow the language; however, it is still the intent of the Board of Selectmen to have a public meeting with the Budget Committee to review any expenditures over \$25,000.

Administrator Bergeron explained that the Board needs to amend the article by deleting the section starting with; "requiring the Selectmen to convene a joint public meeting with the Budget Committee to obtain recommendation for any expenditure over twenty-five thousand".

**Motion by Keriann Roman to approve the amendment and move the article to the warrant as amended. Seconded by Phil Winslow. All in Favor.**

### **III. OTHER BUSINESS**

Administrator Bergeron referred to an email she had sent to the Board regarding concerns Attorney Donovan has on the petitioned warrant article on parking. She asked if they have a recommendation on how they would like to proceed.

Chair Winslow asked Vice-Chair Roman what her other town clients would do in this case.

Vice-Chair Roman stated that this is unique. She explained that the concern is whether or not it is a legally enforceable article. Given Attorney Donovan's opinion, she is inclined to leave it as is and let it play out.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Phil Winslow to adjourn at 5:41 p.m. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dyana F. Ledger