

**Warrant Committee
November 18, 2019
Blute Conference Room**

Present: George A. Ashur (Chair), Brian Beaupre (Secretary), Rosemary C. Bouzane, Brian G. Foster, Christine Gimber , Douglas B. Scibeck, John E. Driscoll, Scott D. Johnson.

Absent: Jonathan Boynton, Erin G. Bradley, Kathleen A. Cassis, Clinton Graham, Christopher R. Hart, Susannah H. Hegarty, Gwendolen Long.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

1.) Chairman remarks:

7:04 p.m. On a motion from Douglas B. Scibeck, seconded by Christine J. Gimber, the minutes from October 28th and October 30th, 2019 meeting are approved unanimously.

2.) Warrant Discussions:

- a.) 7:06 p.m. Chair Ashur noted that the Town Meeting on December 2nd, 2019 cannot start until the Warrant Committee is in session. Chair Ashur asked that Warrant Committee members are on time in case there are any last minute pending issues that need to be discussed prior the Town Meeting starting. Chair Ashur noted it was the hope keep Town Meeting to one evening.
- b.) 7:08 p.m. Chair Ashur reviews the overall timeline for Annual Town Meeting. Chair Ashur noted he hoped to have the Town budgets by second week in December. Chair Ashur discussed the need for Warrant Committee sub committees, which includes (Public Schools, Public Safety, Department of Public Works, Library, Cemetery , General Government, Parks and Recreation, Insurance and Retirement, Boards and Committees, Elder Services, Capital Account). Chair Ashur hopes that the Department heads will present their budgets by the second week in December.
- c.) 7:09 p.m. Chair Ashur requested volunteers for the Sub Committees. The Warrant Committee members made requests which subcommittee they prefer to be assigned.
- d.) 7:13 p.m. Chair Ashur inquired from Warrant Committee members if they have received feedback or comments regarding the December 2nd, 2019 Special Town Meeting articles. There was some discussion among the members regarding the articles, and issues with Town revenue (not directly related to articles in the Special Town Meeting).
- e.) 7:16 p.m. Chair Ashur asked members if there are issues that the Warrant Committee needs to discuss with the Select Board. Warrant Committee members noted that the public can email Warrant Committee members by: going to the Town website, under Boards and Committees, click Warrant Committee, and then click on a member to email

them directly. The Warrant Committee questioned what stage is the PILOT Committee at with the nonprofits entities in Town. It was suggested that more information would be helpful to have more information directly from the PILOT Committee presented to the Warrant Committee. There was some discussion what the nonprofit entities cost the Town in terms of services. Also discussed, how the Town is calculating the requested donation verses what is actual being paid by the nonprofit entities.

- f.) 7:21 p.m. There was some discussion among the Warrant Committee members about the Town instituting a temporary resident tax (similar to an Airbnb tax). There was a discussion if the Warrant Committee could request the Select Board to investigate temporary resident tax with Town Counsel. Chair Ashur noted that presents a conflict of interests. The Warrant Committee should vet the articles presented to them, not be the author of them. Warrant Committee noted their disappointment on the lack of contribution of Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital.
- g.) 7:33 p.m. The Warrant Committee discuss how each department will present the budgets and the role of the subcommittees. Secretary Beaupre noted many department heads like to present their own budgets and have a chance to discuss the needs of their respective departments. The sub committees should vet the budgets and ask any questions that the department may face when presenting the budgets to the Warrant Committee. Secretary Beaupre noted that the goal is to have all budgets presented within one or two weeks of each other, to avoid any memory gaps when voting on budget articles. It was also noted that the subcommittee should ask each department if budget cuts had to be made, what would you recommend cutting.
- h.) 7:38 p.m. Warrant Committee requested to circulate the subcommittees as is and decide over email and decide over email what gaps exist and who will fill those gaps.
- i.) 7:40 p.m. No new business.

The next Warrant Committee meeting will be December 2nd, 2019 at Milton High School.

7:42 p.m. On a motion from Brian G. Foster, seconded by Douglas B. Scibeck, the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Hoye

Warrant Committee Clerk