

LONG RANGE FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
October 24, 2023

ATTENDANCE AND CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom Webinar remote participation, by Robert Gotti.

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 on March 29, 2023, Governor Maura Healey signed into law An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2023 to Provide for Supplementing Certain Existing Appropriations and for Certain Other Activities and Projects. This Act includes an extension, until March 31, 2025, of the remote meeting provisions; on September 14, 2023, the Long Range Financial Planning Committee meeting was conducted via remote participation. R. Gotti granted permission to record the meeting.

Members present: Robert Gotti, Julianne Bride, Nancy Hyde, Nancy James, Melissa McDonagh, Christopher Pfaff, Maya Plotkin, Phil Shapiro, Paul Tucceri, Dan Weller, and Skip Wells.

Ex-Officio Members present: Christopher Coleman, Molly Kean, Patrick Ahearn, Nora Loughnane, Todd Korchin, Jimmy McCarthy, Stephanie McManus, Tim Piwowar, and Elijah Romulus. Patricia Healey recorded the minutes.

Chair's Update

R. Gotti stated that the Fire Station One Feasibility Study is complete. The Select Board voted to move forward with the new construction of the Main Fire Station at the existing site. The next step is to obtain design and bid documents. The Select Board approved a Special Town Meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

Facility Study – Municipal and School

The Town planned to recommend that the Select Board conduct a facility study. The School Department has submitted a similar request to the School Committee. It is being recommended to conduct one study with one provider that incorporates both school and municipal facilities. The schools would like to include an educational visioning component to the school study.

The last municipal facility study was conducted in 2013 and the school capital study was conducted in 2015.

P. Shapiro asked if the best use or vision for the Deerfield School would be included in the study. R. Gotti stated the Deerfield School is under the care, custody, and control of the School Committee. The results of the school and municipal facility study will be reviewed by the Long Range Financial Planning Committee. The town will be looking at how to use the existing town facilities more efficiently. N. Hyde appreciated the collaborative effort between the schools and the town.

N. Hyde moved that the Long Range Financial Planning Committee support a comprehensive facility study as a recommendation to the Select Board. M. McDonagh Seconded. Unanimous 10-0. P. Shapiro, aye. N. Hyde, aye. J. Bride, aye. N. James, aye. P. Tucceri, aye. M. Plotkin, aye. M. McDonagh, aye. D. Weller, aye. C. Pfaff, aye. and R. Gotti, aye.

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No public comment was received.

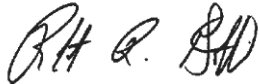
The next meeting will be held on November 14, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Skip Wells left the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

N. Hyde moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 a.m. M. Plotkin Seconded. J. Bride, aye. N. Hyde, aye. N. James, aye. M. McDonagh, aye. C. Pfaff, aye. M. Plotkin, aye, P. Shapiro, aye. P. Tucceri, aye. P. McLaughlin, aye. R. Gotti, aye.

Initial after reviewed



Robert Gotti
Long Range Financial Planning Committee, Chair