

Town of Dudley

Finance, Appropriation and Advisory Committee Board of Selectmen

October 6, 2020 @ 6:30pm
Dudley Municipal Complex
71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA
Room 321A

Approved by Board of Selectmen – 10-19-20

Approved by FAA – 10-19-20

Some matters have been taken out of agenda order but were typed up in agenda order for ease of locating information when necessary.

Chairman's Disclosure for Public Meetings:

Public Meetings:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's Executive Orders imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, although a quorum of the members of the Dudley Board of Selectmen will be physically present for this meeting, no in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted. The meeting will be live broadcast on Dudley Cable Access Television, Channel 192, and members of the public can also access the rebroadcast of the meeting online via YouTube. In the event of an unanticipated interruption in this broadcast, we will post on the Town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

Members of the public who wish to appear before the Board of Selectmen must make an appointment to appear on an upcoming agenda, by contacting Michelle Jervis at selectmen@dudleyma.gov or by calling Michelle at (508) 949-8001. Placement on the agenda is not guaranteed however, and persons requesting to appear before the Board of Selectmen should not attend a meeting in person unless and until the appointment has been confirmed by the Board of Selectmen. Persons with matters appearing on a meeting agenda may request that they attend via virtual means, such as via conference call rather than in person attendance. Such request should be directed to Michelle Jervis at selectmen@dudleyma.gov or by calling Michelle at (508) 949-8001 no more than three business days hours in advance, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

However, persons or representatives with matters appearing on the meeting notice/agenda who wish to be physically present at the meeting must observe the following requirements:

- 1. In accordance with existing requirements imposed by the Governor, meeting rooms will be limited in terms of the total number of persons that may be physically present at the same time, including Board/Committee members and staff. Satellite rooms will be available for overflow, and the meeting will be broadcast in real time in those satellite rooms.*
- 2. Persons who wish to participate in any particular matter on the meeting agenda will be asked to wait in a satellite room until that agenda item is reached, at which point attendees will be rotated between the main meeting room and the satellite room(s), as appropriate.*
- 3. Social distancing must be maintained in both the main meeting room and in satellite rooms. Face masks or coverings will be required in accordance with Governor Baker's May 1, 2020 COVID-19 Order No. 31, "Order Requiring Face Coverings in Public Places Where Social Distancing is Not Possible." A copy of that order can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/may-1-2020-masks-and-face-coverings/download>*
- 4. Failure to comply with these requirements may lead to an attendee's removal from the meeting.*

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:

Michael Mayotte opened the meeting at 6:37pm. In attendance were Maggie Levasseur, Mark Landry and Ann Gaudreau representing the FAA and Kerry Cyganiewicz, Jason Johnson, John Marsi, Paul Joseph and Steven Sullivan representing the Board of Selectmen. Also in attendance were Jonathan Ruda, Town Administrator and Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary.

2. FY21 Supplemental Budget:

Jonathan Ruda stated that this budget is the recommendation of all the work during the past 6 months. He stated we had a robust budget situation but now we are moving through this global pandemic. We did not know the number for Chapter 70 and local aid. The department heads have been great but now we need to rebuild our budget and it reflects to be close to before COVID-19.

Tree Removal - \$14,000 was added to this line item. There are many dead and hazardous trees in town and it is costly to remove them. There is an additional \$10,000 for the OPEB Trust; \$15,000 in the FAA reserve and added additional funds for legal. If we need it we will have the money. There was an additional \$500 in the Treasurer Retirement line item. Richard Carmignani, who is participating remotely, stated that for the past 8-10 years the Worcester Co. Retirement System has provided actuarial evaluations that separated the Water/Sewer Assessment but now they are charging for this breakdown. Michael Mayotte asked why Free Cash number is so low and Mr. Ruda stated that we had to project the budget and was not sure without numbers for the State. We charged a lot of money to the CARES ACT at this time.

FY21 Fall Town Meeting Warrant – Vote by the FAA – The Public Hearing opened at 7:03pm.

All members reviewed each article:

Article 1 – Mark Landry motioned to approve Article 1 as presented. Ann Gaudreau seconded. Vote 4-1.

Article 2 – Mark Landry motioned to approve Article 2 as presented. Maggie Levasseur seconded. Vote 4-0.

Article 3 – Maggie Levasseur motioned to approve \$15,022.09 to pay unpaid bills from a prior year from Free Cash. Ann Gaudreau seconded. Vote 4-0.

Article 4 – Maggie Levasseur to approve the supplemental budget of \$534,667.46 that includes Water/Sewer. Mark Landry seconded. Vote 4-0.

Article 5 – Maggie Levasseur motioned to approve the transfer of \$19,551 from the DMC Repairs account to the DMC West Main Street Account. Mark Landry seconded. Vote 4-0. These funds came from an earmark from Representative Durant a few years ago but the funds were not used. The transfer will be in an appropriate account.

Article 6 – Mark Landry motioned to approve Article 6 as presented. Maggie Levasseur seconded. Vote 4-0.

Article 7 – Mark Landry motioned to defer Article 7 to the Water/Sewer Department. Maggie Levasseur seconded. Vote 4-0.

Article 8 – Mark Landry motioned to approve Article 8 as presented. Maggie Levasseur seconded. Vote 4-0.

Article 9 – Maggie Levasseur motioned to approve Article 9 as presented. Ann Gaudreau seconded. Vote 4-0.

Article 10- Maggie Levasseur motioned to defer Article 10 to the Board of Selectmen. Mark Landry seconded. Vote 4-0

Article 11 – Mark Landry motioned to approve Article 11 as presented. Maggie Levasseur seconded. Vote 4-0.

Article 12 – Mark Landry motioned to defer Article 12 to the Planning Board. Maggie Levasseur seconded. Vote 4-0.

Article 13 - Maggie Levasseur motioned to defer Article 13 to the Planning Board. Ann Gaudreau seconded. Vote 4-0.

Article 14- Mark Landry motioned to approve Article 14 as presented. Ann Gaudreau seconded. Vote 4-0.

Article 15 – Michael Mayotte wished to take his FAA hat off as he discussed Article 15. He is totally against this article and feels these two positions should remain in the hands of the voters. Maggie Levasseur concurred and feels this article should not be on the warrant during a pandemic; not the right time to bring this up. Both of these positions are very accountable to the voters, especially the town clerk. Both members wished to have the article removed from the warrant but that cannot be done so Maggie Levasseur motioned to defer Article 15 to the Board of Selectmen. Ann Gaudreau seconded. Vote 3-1-0 with Michael Mayotte voting nay.

Article 16 – Mark Landry motioned to approve Article 16 as presented. Ann Gaudreau seconded. Vote 4-0.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:25pm

Jonathan Ruda reviewed Oxford Ave Solar Project, passage to negotiate and enter into Agreement at 2019 Fall Town Meeting, authority was given by the Board to the Town Administrator to execute the Agreement in January of 2020, and to be reviewed by legal and Principal Assessor conducted pre and post COVID-19 shutdown. Mr. Ruda stated that because of time lapse, he wanted to give the Board of Selectmen an additional opportunity to review prior to executing the Agreement. Mr. Sullivan asked if there was any objection by the Board of Selectmen to proceeding. No objection made. The Town Administrator stated that in the absence of objection or other direction, he will execute the Agreement tomorrow morning.

Respectfully Submitted:
Michelle Jervis
Administrative Secretary