

MINUTES *approved minutes*

Board of Selectmen Meeting and Public Hearing: October 16, 2021, 1:00PM

Present: Frank Emig, Ray Leonard, Jim Jennison, Gregg Bascom, Olga Bassine, Alex Bassine, Brenda Melius, Conan Cook, Gary Baber, Norm Bernaiche, Jennifer Bland, Glenn Elsesser, Pete Toner, Gregg Thibodeau, Bruce Bascom, Carole Wallace

FE opened the hearing for comment regarding proposed articles for the Special Town Meeting being requested to address flood repairs.

JJ and RL began by endorsing SP Article 1 which would allow the Town to enter into a \$2,100,000 loan for the first phase of repairs to Crane Brook, Derry Hill and Charlestown Roads. There was discussion in which it was noted a federal disaster declaration has been received; the Town is required to pay for repairs to be eligible for FEMA reimbursement; FEMA reimbursement could cover up to 75% of repairs with 25% coming from the Town; the Town's 25% could take the place of what the Town normally pays for capital improvements annually and thereby avoid significant tax rate impact.

There were questions including the duration of FEMA supported events which requires confirmation from FEMA and whether it is possible to make corrections to prevent future damage. For that it was noted FEMA has a hazard mitigation component which may be available.

Discussion turned to SP Article 2 which proposes adding a highway truck. There were objections based on the proposed intention that this is a truck addition not a replacement and that the Town's equipment exceeds its driving personnel.

FE closed the hearing at 1:50PM.

Motion JJ/RL to recommend SP Article 1, passed: 3Y

Motion JJ/RL not to recommend SP Article 2, passed: 2Y, 1N.

Meeting adjourned: 2:00PM; Respectfully submitted, Kathi Bradt