TMM Notes 5/3/2022

Call to order 7:40PM

Resolution to thank Sue Salamoff for her years of service to the Town
116 yes 0 no 1abstain

Article 5—Collective Bargaining
Motion A (modified and published on fin com website)
Jamie Erikson spoke to both A and B and MR Townsend provided detail
All expired contracts that current admin needed to address. SB and units ratified the deals as required.
Erika Ball asked what percent the increases are; in years past TM got the percentages over 3 years. Second question: what kind of average increase could you ascribe to the agreements? Mr Townsend: 2% and there are also "steps" and most steps were 4%
Mr Connelly: Does the motion cover any more time beyond June 30 2022? Moderator: No.
Moderator: This is a lesson for all. This motion simply asks you to appropriate a sum of money. It is NOT TMs job to get into the details of collective bargaining agreements.
Mr Connelly: How many years do they cover? Mr. Erikson: 3

114 Yes 3 No 2 Abstain

Motion B:
General Fund $241, 457
Article 22-29
117 Yes 2 No 1 Abstain

Article 22 Erikson
Rhode Island Avenue was acquired when Route 9 created. One private owner (Scrub a Dub) owns parcels on either side.
Highlight: Mr Erikson climbed onto stage and indicated property in question in a Vanna White-like fashion.
Dom Hall asked if there is more than one buyer, why now?
Chief Hicks described safety issues over several years when car wash is busy. He said police get called and problem is there is no where for the cars to wait. Abutter wants to uses the parcel for queuing vehicles. Safety Committee reviewed and proposed to SB
Terri Evans asked if it could be a lease and noted that abutters only want to buy. Moderator shut down the question as out of scope

106 Y 11 no 4 abstain

Article 24 Regional Center Overlay District
Amanda Loomis, Director of Community and Economic Development explained that a portion of the Golden Triangle does not allow offices, research facilities, etc., The goal is to bring

consistency to the Golden Triangle. Several clarifying questions about what type of zoning is being allowed and some about the safety of lab facility. Another TM member moved favorable action. Dan Sullivan noted that the TM needs to protect commercial tax base, recognize how Natick has already been proactive in transforming spaces at the mall and support the motion to prevent “white elephant” properties. Paul Joseph stood in support. Mr Forschner moved Point of Order and aasked Paul Joseph to recuse himself. Moderator: Denied and gave Mr. Joseph the floor.

117 Yes 6 No 0 Abstain

Article 25 Ms Loomis explained that the article proposes a 15-month moratorium on accepting Cluster Development applications. The current bylaw is unclear and confusing for the Town, the applicant and the neighbors. Moratorium ends June 1, 2023. Time will be used to rewrite the bylaw
Andrew Meyer (Head of Planning) spoke to need for clarification in cluster development bylaw
Mr Zitnick asked what the process is for rewriting the bylaw. Reviewed by all Boards and then require 2/3 Town Meeting vote to pass.

115 Yes 5 No 1 Abstain

Article 26: Provide clarification that required setbacks not be permitted for calculating the Open Space Public Amenity
Andrew Meyer moved to refer article 26 back to Planning. He explained that the board has subsequently found specific language that suffices.
Cathi Collins read a statement from Don Griesmer urging a no vote noting that this issue has been
Dirk Coburn asked Town Counsel if her evaluation was correctly described by Mr Meyer.

Vote on Referral
112 yes 8 no 1 abstain

Article 27: Pickerel Pond Connector
Jamie Erikson: Transfer money from a previous appropriation to partially fund trail work at Pickerel Pond.
Cody Jacobs asked for more detail on the restrictions on the original mitigation funds. Mr Erikson let Terri Evans answer.
Terri Evans: two important points: 1) the funds require that work be done within a certain distance of Mathworks’ Campus and 2) Mathworks is open to use
Cody Jacobs then asked if money not spent will it go back to mitigation or to general funds. Mr Erikson: Mitigation
Cody: What is the process for choosing projects?
Bob Whiteman: Will there be pilings into the solid ground to support a structure in a swamp?
Martin Kessle: yes, this structure will connect two peninsulas and will have piers in the water.

Mr Whiteman: Will the piers go into something solid because is the Town responsible for safety?
Mr Erikson: yes, it will be built to safety standards
115 yes 4 no 1 abstain

Article 28 Committee Report from Town Meeting and Rules Committee
Presented by Cathi Collins that Handbook has been revised and updated since version approved in 2005. Vote to accept the revised handbook.
112 yes 1 no 3 abstain
Vote to hear the report passed by hand vote
Report summarized achievements of committee. Motion C is not required.

Frank Foss thanked many people for helping with discussions to get ready for Town Meeting.

Article 29 Nonbinding Resolution: Support Fair Share Amendment
Josh Ostroff: brought this to TM because he strongly believes we need more sources of revenue for public service. He stated that his intent was that TM take a position on the pending state constitutional amendment but Mr. Ostroff has been persuaded to agree with No Action.

Vote Motion of No Action on
101 yes 6 no and 3 abstain

Moderator:
This is a bit unusual but a TM member has asked to speak, Erika Ball. She stated that this is her 36th TM and thanked TM on her and Jay's account. Please continue to build the town to its full potential after Jay and I are no longer part of TM. A standing ovation for Erika and Jay Ball.

Sue Salamoff rose and thanked all present for the resolution on her behalf. She thanked Natick, via TM,

Mr Sydney moved to ajourn. Moderator declared " everyone seconds" and vote to was to dissolve the meeting.