

**Select Board Meeting
October 18, 2021 – 8:00 AM
Sanford Hall
155 Village Street**

Present: Maryjane White, Chair; Dennis Crowley, Vice-Chair (via Zoom); Frank Rossi, Clerk; John Foresto, Member (via Zoom); Glenn Trindade, Member (via Zoom).

Staff Present: Allison Potter, Assistant Town Manager; Barbara Saint Andre, Community and Economic Development Director.

At 8:00 AM Ms. White called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: There were none.

Vote: Open and Close November 15, 2021, Fall Town Meeting Warrant and Refer Article 11 to the Planning and Economic Development Board for Review and Recommendation

The Board reviewed the November 15, 2021, Fall Town Meeting warrant.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Board open the November 15, 2021, Fall Town Meeting warrant. Mr. Crowley seconded. It was voted by roll call: Crowley, aye; Foresto, aye; Rossi, aye; Trindade, aye; White, aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Ms. Potter stated that the Planning and Economic Development Board (PEDB) substituted Article 11, which now proposes a moratorium on battery energy storage systems (BESS). Ms. Saint Andre stated the PEDB proposed this moratorium in lieu of the original article to allow the PEDB to continue work with the BESS consultant. Mr. Crowley stated his understanding was this only for a specific piece of land not the land that Able is interested in. Ms. Saint Andre stated this is not specific to any location but includes the entire town, but since it is only allowed in the energy district, this article only impacts that specific district. Mr. Crowley and Mr. Trindade stated their concern about the impact of this as town-wide versus just specifically stated to impact the energy district only. Mr. Trindade stated his concern that this would force Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) involvement. Mr. Crowley stated his understanding was this was to only impact the piece of land that Eversource owns. Ms. Saint Andre stated there is only one energy district and Exelon and Eversource own all of the land in that district.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Board close the November 15, 2021, Fall Town Meeting warrant. Mr. Foresto seconded. It was voted by roll call: Crowley, aye; Foresto, aye; Rossi, aye; Trindade, aye; White, aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Board refer Article 11 of the November 15, 2021, Fall Town Meeting warrant to the Planning and Economic Development Board for review and recommendation. Mr. Foresto seconded. It was voted by roll call: Crowley, aye; Foresto, aye; Rossi, aye; Trindade, aye; White, aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Ms. Saint Andre stated she will rewrite the content of Article 11 based on this discussion and will send to the Select Board for approval and then will forward that to the chair of the PEDB.

Mr. Crowley stated that the Board should think about what should be done with free cash and be prepared to discuss this at their next meeting.

At 8:19 AM, Mr. Crowley moved to adjourn. Mr. Rossi seconded. It was voted by roll call: Crowley, aye; Foresto, aye; Rossi, aye; Trindade, aye; White, aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Langley
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