

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 8, 2020
4:00 P.M. – ELECTRONIC MEETING
Per Governor’s Executive Order 7B**

First Selectman Hoey called the Public Hearing to order at 4:08 p.m.

Present: Matthew Hoey, Lou Federici, Sandra Ruoff, Susan Renner, Charles Havrda,

Town: Acting Clerk Karen Quercia

Others: Attorney Matthew Ritter, Shipman and Goodwin

- 1. Resolution to call a special town meeting to discuss whether the Town’s Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance should, pursuant to Governor Ned Lamont’s Executive Order 7S, authorize an appropriation of \$1,700,000 for upgrades in heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at Baldwin Middle School and authorize the issuance of bonds, notes, temporary notes or other obligations in an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000 to finance the appropriation.**

Motion: Upon a motion by Ms. Renner, and seconded by Ms. Ruoff, the Board voted to move the resolution for purposes of discussion.

In Favor: Federici, Havrda, Hoey, Renner, Ruoff

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

First Selectman Hoey noted that Governor Lamont’s Executive Order 7S7 allows for suspension of in-person voting requirements for critical and time sensitive municipal fiscal deadlines. Attorneys Matthew Ritter and Bruce Chudwick were consulted in order to ensure the appropriateness of taking this action and utilizing this vehicle to approve the project. As Bond Counsel, they need to attest to the validity of the issuance of these bonds.

The town meeting will be a non-voting meeting.

Ms. Ruoff noted that all members of the Board of Selectmen attended the Board of Finance electronic meeting held last night, (May 7, 2020), and heard all the comments about the project.

Attorney Ritter stated that the resolutions that the Board of Selectmen will be voting on will include two important pieces of information that were presented at the Board of Finance meeting.

The first item is a letter from the Health Director stating that it would not be safe to hold a referendum, which is a requirement of EO7. The second piece of information that will be added to the resolution as a result of the Board of Finance meeting, will be that the need to rebuild this project could create a significant financial loss to the town. Including this information in the resolution will provide a documented trail of the reason that this action was taken.

There were no further questions or discussion.

Motion: Upon a motion by Ms. Renner, and seconded by Ms. Ruoff, the Board voted to approve the resolution to call a special town meeting to discuss whether the Town's Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance should, pursuant to Governor Ned Lamont's Executive Order 7S, authorize an appropriation of \$1,700,000 for upgrades in heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at Baldwin Middle School and authorize the issuance of bonds, notes, temporary notes or other obligations in an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000 to finance the appropriation.

In Favor: Federici, Havrda, Hoey, Renner, Ruoff

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion: Upon a motion by Mr. Federici, and seconded by Ms. Ruoff, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

In Favor: Federici, Havrda, Hoey, Renner, Ruoff

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Quercia
Acting Clerk