MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Donn B. Griffin Room, Town Hall
732 Main Street, Harwich, MA
Executive Session 5:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting 6:00 P.M.
Monday, March 17, 2025

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Jeff Handler, Chair, Michael MacAskill, Vice Chair, Peter Piekarski, Clerk and Don Howell

MEMBER NOT PARTICIPATING: Julie Kavanagh

ALSO PARTICIPATING: Joseph Powers, Town Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Handler called the meeting of the Harwich Select Board to order on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 5:00PM noting that they would be entering into Executive Session and returning to Open Session no earlier than 6:00PM.

Mr. Piekarski moved to enter into Executive Session as presented. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

Vote: 4:0 in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to MGL c.30A section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for all town unions and non-union personnel and or contract negotiations with non- union personnel and the Chair has determined that open session would have a detrimental effect on the town's bargaining position

Mr. Handler called the Select Board meeting for March 17, 2025 back to order reporting that while in Executive Session no actions were taken.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Handler invited all attendees to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. STAFF COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Handler read a letter for the record: I am writing to convey how well staff on the front lines have treated me during my visit to town. Community Center employees gave a warm welcome at the spaghetti supper on March 7th, Andrew River of the Harwich Fire Department responded quickly to open my vehicle at Red River Beach when I mistakenly locked my keys inside my car and several days this week, in the research area of the library, Alan helped me with my computer and guiding me with printing. The Town of Harwich is a pleasure to visit because of all the people who work for the Town, they are always friendly and helpful. I had a nice visit and I will return soon.

Mr. Handler commented that it's nice to acknowledge all the hard work of the people on the front lines in the Town of Harwich. Mr. Handler gave huge congratulations to the Nauset Boys Hockey Team. They are State Champions, undefeated and they won 4:1.

Mr. Powers noted that the Cape Cod Community lost a giant, a great friend and the Cape Cod RTA Director, Tom Cahir. On behalf of the Town of Harwich, Mr. Powers stated for the record that sincerest condolences are offered to Tom's family and his colleagues at Cape Cod RTA. He noted that he will be at the services tomorrow representing the Town of Harwich. Mr. Powers stated that Mr, Cahir was a great man, he did great things and he will be very sorely missed.

V. WEEKLY BRIEFING

Mr. Powers gave an update on the Phase 3 Sewer Extension Construction, there is nothing yet on Contract 1 East, still working on 2 West and he noted the streets and traffic restrictions. Mr. Powers noted which streets will be involved after March 24th.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diana Preston from John Joseph Pond, a members of the Great Sand Lakes Association and a Board member on the Harwich Ponds Coalition noted that she is not speaking for any of those organizations tonight. She gave a brief history of the years she and her family have spent on Cape and noted that she now owns a house on John Joseph Pond. Ms. Preston commented that she feels that a complex sewering plan is the best option to improve and maintain water quality. She referred to the State Revolving Fund and the money that she understands will be available to the town. She also noted the degradation of the ponds and that the funds will not be available if the town waits a year. Ms. Preston emphasized the importance of clean drinking water for Harwich and everyone on Cape. She referred to information on the Water Department's website and statistics about John Joseph Pond, other ponds in the Great Sand Lakes and the aquifer. She suggested that the Water Department could partner with other organizations that have education experience to provide materials and opportunities while residents and taxpayers consider the Town's Article and implications of 3A, before the meeting.

Patrick Otton participated remotely and noted a text message that he received from one of the teachers in a classroom that he and Sky, his dog, visit. He read for the record; I read the bad news in Harwich and want you to know how much we appreciate and love Sky's visits. I have children in my class whose parents are addicts, are in jail, are abusive or have abandoned them. A few of the children are living in extreme poverty. Your visits are so special and important to them, the kids are always so happy on "Sky" days. We are sorry for the controversy but think you are both wonderful.

VII. CONNSENT AGENDA

A. Approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2025

Mr. Piekarski moved to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2025 as written. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

Vote: 4:0 in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

B. Designate Jennifer Harrington as the Inspector of Animals for 2025

Mr. Piekarski moved to designate Jennifer Harrington as the Inspector of Animals for 2025 specifically May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

Vote: 4:0 in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Handler took New Business A. out of order.

VIII. 2025 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

A. Draft 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant; Votes may be taken

* Discussion on Seasonal Communities Designations Article; Votes may be taken

Mr. Powers referred to the packet which includes a draft cover page for Annual Town Meeting Warrant with recommendations and a second page with a draft of the Article numbers. He noted that there are presently 60 Articles for the 2025 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Powers noted that the Chair of the Harwich Affordable Housing Trust (HAHT), Select Board member Julie Kavanagh and he met last week to allow the Chair to work with counsel on a potential Article to establish a separate Attainable Housing Trust Fund, striving towards the Select Board meeting on March 24th and the closing of the Warrant.

Mr. Piekarski noted that 5 of the Petition Articles fall within the last 9 Articles of Town Meeting and asked that some be moved closer to the top of the list.

Mr. Powers replied that they can. The placing was his effort to get a Warrant that flows and noted the nature of the Articles and the reasons for the placement. He added a note that they still have to refer to the local phase as Phase 3A to differentiate between old Phase 8, it still has to be referred to as the Great Sand Lakes Project because that is how it is listed in the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) and the application. He continued and noted the Petition Articles at the end of the Warrant and that Town Meeting is anticipated to go 2 nights.

His intention is to have enough content on the second night to ensure quorum. He stated that the Article numbers are the purview of the Board.

Mr. Piekarski agreed that Town Meeting would go 2 nights with fewer people attending the second night and noted that the Select Board had discussed wanting to have more people in attendance to opine on the Petition Articles.

Mr. Powers noted that Articles 43-59 are of a governance nature.

Mr. MacAskill suggested moving Articles 14-19 to the second night and move some Petitioned Articles to the first night when there is a full quorum.

Mr. Howell commented that they are trying to close out the Warrant next week and they still have an Article for the Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP) which they have not seen fully revised. He noted that he is pitching that they should be doing this in the fall and it should be devoted as a major discussion so everybody is buying in on this because the LCP has consequences on every large project that goes to the State for the next 10 years.

Mr. Powers noted that the Local Planning Committee (LPC) is meeting tomorrow and will be discussing the schedule. He stated for the record that he and other staff recommend that it not go forward in May and that that comports with the sentiments of the LPC.

Mr. Howell stated that he supports that recommendation as a course of action. He is not against the LCP, he is against a Plan that nobody has read.

Mr. Handler noted that he has been speaking to the Chair of the LPC and there will be information next week to help determine whether the LCP is included in the Warrant or not. He asked if Mr. Powers had enough to move the Articles.

Mr. Powers replied that he has enough for the Petitioned Articles. He asked if the Board would be taking an action on the LCP or wait until next week.

Mr. MacAskill suggested that if the LPC is meeting this week that the Select Board vote it next week.

Mr. Handler stated that the Board will wait until next week for the LCP.

Mr. MacAskill referred to F-5 and F-6 and noted that it shows the Select Board supported them 5:0 but it does not show that they were placed.

Mr. Piekarski noted the same with F-15.

Mr. Powers responded that those are not in his packet which would mean that they were accepted and adopted. He will work with staff to confirm that those Articles were placed.

Mr. Piekarski noted that F-15 is not the same issue.

Mr. MacAskill moved to place Articles F-5 and F-6 Water Department Budget and Wastewater Department Budget on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

Vote: 4:0 in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Howell noted the amount of time spent and the discussion the Select Board had about placement of the Articles. They had originally pitched this as wanting to be towards the front, if these are truly round swell ideas that the Town wants to consider, they should be done when everybody's there. He commented that if it's at the end of the meeting and nobody calls a quorum then almost nobody is voting on profound things that affect everybody.

Mr. MacAskill asked if there was information from CPC on any of the Articles suggesting that the Board vote to place the CPC Articles pending action.

Mr. Powers noted that the CPC Articles are in the packet, were endorsed by the CPC and are their asks. He added that the Articles were voted by CPC. They sent material to Administration and legal created the Articles tat are before the Board.

Mr. Handler asked Mr. MacAskill if there was a reason he would suggest that the Board not accept and adopt.

Mr. MacAskill replied that there is no reason not to vote to accept and adopt.

Mr. MacAskill moved to place Community Preservation Act Articles CP-1 through CP-12 in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

Vote: 4:0 in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. MacAskill moved to accept and adopt Community Preservation Act Articles CP-1 through CP-12 as presented in the Draft Warrant. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

Vote: 4:0 in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Piekarski referred to the COC not having a meeting last week and asked Mr. Handler if he knew of a plan to have a meeting this week.

Mr. Powers responded that they are waiting for the COC Chair to get the commitment of a quorum to set the date.

Mr. MacAskill asked Mr. Piekarski if there was a problem with placing the Capital Plan.

Mr. Piekarski replied that he is fine with placing the Capital Plan, understanding that it is subject to change. His reason is the $40,000 for the schools smoke alarms that is not included.

Mr. MacAskill moved to place Adopt the Capital Outlay Plan CO-1 in the Draft Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

Vote: 4:0 in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. MacAskill asked for an explanation of F-8 Monomoy Regional Middle School Project.

Mr. Powers replied that this language was vetted by Bond Counsel and presented by the Monomoy Regional School District Committee and the dollar amount has been affirmed. He noted the additional information in the packet and the Committee's two motions, one confirming the Bond Counsel's language and the second which ended referencing the entire cost of the project, $11,507,030. He noted that the Monomoy School District Project has language that both towns will have, however the explanation will be crafted based on the Board's further discussion. He commented that the Town of Harwich is expecting this to be predicated on a debt exclusion as they did for the $2.5 million. He also noted that borrowing Articles require a 2/3 vote which is correct, however this is a borrowing authorization vote which is a straight majority vote. He noted that the School District decided, rather than rescind last year's $2.5 million Authorization, to do a second authorization for the remainder.

Mr. MacAskill commented that it was his understanding that they were going to put this off to a year from now and there would not be an Article on this Town Meeting floor. He also noted that the Select Board had discussed possibly changing the funding formula for Capital items so the Town of Harwich wouldn't be paying 75% of said project.

Mr. Howell commented that he gets the nuance that this isn't technically a debt exclusion that Harwich would have. He asked if any borrowing that goes to Monomoy or the Tech School is done on the good faith and credit of the constituent towns. He noted that they don't have any direct tax levy.

Mr. Powers replied that they don' t have the ability to tax. He noted that what he is presenting to the Select Board is what has to be done if the Town of Harwich wishes to go forward on the project.

Mr. Howell commented that it does affect Harwich materially, they are not really borrowing the money, it's with their credit. It's done with the underlying credit of Chatham and Harwich or else they couldn't borrow the money.

Mr. Powers noted that Monomony does have its own bond rating. This is before the Board because if they want to go forward, this is the manner in which Administration was told it has to go forward.

Mr. Howell commented that they are battling over the borrowing itself and how much of this has actually been nailed down to the point where the Board knows what it is. He commented that this has morphed since the summer from $2 million to over $10 million. There is no certainty to what Monomoy wants the Select Board to put in front of Town Meeting right now. He stated that he would like an explanation.

Mr. Handler noted that in the paperwork before the Board, Mr. Powers referenced $11,507,030 as being the total cost of the project. He asked if that is the total cost of the project or the assessment to Harwich.

Mr. Powers responded, per the memorandum dated March 13, 2025. He read a document with the Monomoy School District letterhead, noting specifically; significant testing and further study of the building has been conducted, with the advise of all parties involved, the cost of the project is now estimated at $11,507,030. It is his understanding that the total project is that dollar amount.

Mr. Handler asked what Chatham's assessment is to this project.

Mr. Powers replied that both towns, at their respective Annual Town Meetings in 2024, voted to authorize the debt. In 2024 the debt was $2.5 million. Both towns are now being asked to authorize the debt of an additional $9,007,030.

Mr. Handler noted that he and Mr. Piekarski have a meeting on April 8th to discuss the regional formula and the formula to fund Capital Projects. He commented that he was unsure if the Board should hold it up for a potential Fall Town Meeting or move forward and try to negotiate in good faith with Chatham.

Mr. MacAskill commented that he has no interest in placing this, given the time Monomoy has given the Select Board to make a decision on an $11 million borrowing and everything else that's coming before the Board including the $1.62 million Budget increase.

Mr. Howell moved to place that Article on this Annual Town Meeting. He then noted that since there has been a failure to gain a second, it has not been placed.

Mr. Handler noted that he will bring it back next week if he gets more information.

Mr. Powers noted that the Town of Chatham is planning on closing their Warrant tomorrow evening and they will have a presentation on all manners Monomoy. He has suggested that this Select Board is trying to finish their work on March 24th and hopefully will have the same consideration, that Dr. Carpenter and Mr. MacMillan will be available to answer the Select Board's questions.

Mr. Handler confirmed that that would be on March 24th.

Mr. Howell noted that he is not going to make a motion to accept and adopt but given the financial questions he has been asking and the process questions about how long they have to accept money from the State, he moved to place the Great Sand Lakes Wastewater Construction on the Warrant.

Mr. Handler seconded the motion.

Mr. Howell noted why he thinks the fair thing to do is place the Article. He feels the folks there are passionate and deserve the right to have a discussion on Town Meeting floor.

Mr. Powers asked if that motion to place was related to what is presently referred to as F-17.

Mr. Howell replied that it is whatever the nomenclature is for the Great Sand Lakes Wastewater Construction.

Mr. Powers noted that this is the Town of Harwich's Article, prepared with Counsel and reviewed by Bond Counsel in anticipation of the Board's decision to move forward on the Wastewater Construction Project.

Mr. MacAskill noted that his questions from last week remain the same. He noted that they are looking at the cost impact to the taxpayers, in real dollars per thousand. He would also like to know what else has to be done to clean the ponds. He noted that the Article doesn't accomplish what the Board is trying to accomplish and its going to pile on $70 million in other debt. Mr. MacAskill also noted that it was estimated to be $35 million last week. He referred to Phase 2 when they had an incorrect estimate at Town Meeting. He commented that he thinks Mr. Howell is correct in putting it on Town Meeting floor, however at this point he asked, what are they putting there. He also noted that he can't vote to support it tonight.

Mr. Howell commented that he understands where Mr. MacAskill is coming from and that the vote to accept and adopt may be a negative one from the Board. He commented that they can't accept that which they haven't agreed to place. He explained that the reason he has drilled down on the financials is because all that is something that Town Meeting can discuss. Mr. Howell noted that on June 30th, the Draft Intended Use Plan (IUP) blows up at midnight and there is nothing to accept. He thinks it's important to at least deliver this to Town Meeting for them to have a discussion. He emphasized that precluding tax payers from having a discussion is fundamentally wrong.

Mr. MacAskill responded that he knows exactly what Mr. Howell is saying, he is just unsure of what they are putting before Town Meeting. He feels that as an elected official he is being very irresponsible putting something forward. His obligation is to do the homework first. He added that he fully respects what Mr. Howell is saying and why he is saying it.

Mr. Howell suggested to Mr. Handler that they are both saying that they need this back on the agenda next week.

Mr. Handler noted that his vote would not be to support.

Mr. Piekarski commented that he has some issues with the language, he agrees that the $32 million isn't the accurate number and he doesn't think that the Board has enough information. He noted that as an elected Board they have been elected by the Town's people to decide what gets placed and what doesn't. They take these votes to present the best information and opportunities to Town Meeting and that is the role he foresees the Board taking.

Mr. Handler removed his second. Mr. Howell removed his motion.

Mr. MacAskill referred to F-15 Rescind Article 19 from the 2024 Annual Town Meeting and noted that the Select Board voted 5:0. He asked Mr. Powers if they had received a legal opinion on that.

Mr. Powers replied that it was presented to Counsel for review but he has not gotten it back yet. He also noted that F-5 and F-6 were placed.

Mr. MacAskill asked that Mr. Powers follow up on Counsel's response to F-15. He continued to Governance, G-3 and G-4 have not been voted by the Board nor has legal opined and he asked Mr. Powers to get an explanation on those and if they are moving forward on them.

Mr. Powers replied that the Select Board had turned G-4 back to the Planning Board. The Planning Board will have their hearing prior to Town Meeting and within the requirements for amending Zoning By-laws. He noted that he has directed staff to have counsel provide the language. Mr. Powers stated that his recommendation is that if nothing else, the Board should place it because it is being vetted by the Planning Board at the Select Board's direction.

Mr. MacAskill noted that he does not see G-3 Chapter 140 General By-law in the packet.

Mr. Powers commented that Chapter 140 is the Harwich Affordable Housing Trust (HAHT) Fund By-law. That was lsat week's discussion with the HAHT Chair and the Select Board liaison to the HAHT. He understood that they were originally looking to change language within their Article. He recommended that they should still keep it but not take any action tonight because it will either be eliminated or replaced by the Attainable Housing Trust Fund. Mr.

Powers stated that staff has confirmed that F-15 is with Counsel, they just haven't heard back from Counsel.

Mr. Howell commented that he is confused relative to GH-3. He asked if it is being contemplated with the Available component along with the revision of the Trust's fiduciary document.

Mr. Powers replied no.

Mr. Howell noted that currently the HAHT is not allowed to spend anything over 80%. He noted that it is not limited by State Law, it's limited by that agreement.

Mr. Powers noted that G-3 was a placeholder on behalf of an appointed body. This is not being driven by Administration.

Mr. Howell noted that that would be the flaw he'd identify if the HAHT did bring something forward. He commented that they might bring it forward but they can't spend it.

Mr. MacAskill noted to check the box that they were reviewed by Counsel. He also noted, under Governance G-11 Acceptance of Mass General Law Seasonal Community Designation, they have not yet voted to support or not support.

Mr. Powers replied that that is the next substantive conversation. He noted that the packet includes that letter that was received by him last week that was sent by Secretary Edward Augustus of the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) and it relates to seasonal communities. There is also a multi paged document referred to as the EOHLC's guidance on seasonal communities and a document from General Counsel John Giorgio explaining what is happening with Seasonal Communities. Last is the Draft Article with the explanation. He commented that the Governor and Secretary of the EOHLC relied upon John Giorgio's best work. Mr. Powers noted that the explanation in the Draft Article states that the Statute 23B Section 32B requires a Municipality that receives a Seasonal Community's designation to accept or deny the designation by a vote of its legislative body in accordance with the Laws of the Commonwealth and the Town's Charter. Mr. Powers noted that Counsel advised that the Board should be aware of it and it was heightened by the letter received from Secretary Augustus. He noted that Harwich is one of eight communities on Cape Cod that the Governor has preliminarily designated as a Seasonal Community noting that there may be benefits, drawbacks and costs that go with that designation. He also noted that the Governor established an Advisory Council and Peter Lombardi, Brewster Town Manager is a Municipal Representative on that task force. Representative Luddy has also been added to that task force. Mr. Powers noted that he is unsure of what it all means, he was never inclined to present or recommend these however, given the weight of a letter from Secretary Augustus and guidance from Counsel, the matter is before the Board. He also noted that there are 7 other communities on Cape Cod in the same situation and there may be 7 other responses. He noted that his colleague from Chatham has been keenly aware of this matter and anxiously looking for guidance. Mr. Powers commented that he is taking a wait and see approach. What is before the Board is a mechanism that if the Town of Harwich wanted to accept the Governor's designation that they are a Seasonal Community and all that goes with that, the Board would place the article, recommend, accept and adopt. He noted that they can also use this as a mechanism to reject the Seasonal designation. Mr. Powers stated that his recommendation as Town Administrator is that he doesn't have nearly enough information to make any recommendation whether they should accept or reject at this time. The matter is now before the Board for consideration.

Mr. Howell read the first bullet point noting year round housing and occupancy restrictions and read the Statutes definition of year round housing which included occupancy of not less than ten months per year. He noted that the short term rental tax is defined as less than 90 days. He commented that there are two different definitions of what a short term rental is.

Mr. MacAskill suggested that they should put this until next week and people can do more homework He commented that he appreciates John Giorgio's statement on page 112 of his memo which notes that it gives the Town an out if they don't want to agree. He noted the letter from EOHLC and commented that they would be allowing the State to dictate what is done in Harwich. He noted that some of the required things on page 109 are disturbing and he has zero confidence on what the state can do for Harwich on this. He stated that right now he is a no but he will look into it more.

Mr. Piekarski commented on his skepticism with the Commonwealth and referred to the Town of Middleboro and others and the effects of the fine print on them. He referred to and read some of Counsel's statements and he emphasized "will enact regulations addressing a number of questions regarding the seasonal designation". He commented that he understands the request from the Secretary but it doesn't state that this is date certain and he doesn't see the urgency to any of this. He is happy to have more research on this but it is unlikely that he would be a yay vote next week.

Mr. Powers noted that he never wants to be part of the beta test with new initiatives. He emphasized that while it does require a vote of Town Meeting, it does not require a vote at an Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Handler commented that he doesn't think they need to burden the Town Administrator or Admin staff looking into this any further. He noted that he is not a supporter this time around.

Mr. Powers noted that Managers and Administrators meet monthly and nothing new was added at last week's meeting. There is also nothing new coming from Counsel.

Mr. Piekarski asked Mr. Powers if any of his colleagues indicated whether or not their Boards had supported or declined the designation.

Mr. Powers replied no. He has been watching Chatham and is unsure if it will be in their Draft Warrant tomorrow. He commented that if there is no appetite for this, it would be beneficial to staff if the Board would strike that from the numbering.

Mr. Howell referred to tiny houses that are movable and located on undersized lots and asked what the difference is between that and a trailer park.

Mr. MacAskill commented that they have reached a consensus to take this off the list for the time being.

Mr. Handler agreed.

Mr. Piekarski noted that they have not addressed G-5.

Mr. Powers noted that the packet includes South Street, Main Street and Sisson Road Safe Routes to School Project and the dollar amount comports back to what the Director presented. It has been vetted and reviewed by Counsel, the Board has not yet placed or taken action.

Mr. MacAskill moved to place Article South Street, Main Street and Sisson Road Safe Routes to School Project noted as G-5 in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

Vote: 4:0 in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. MacAskill moved to accept and adopt Article South Street, Main Street and Sisson Road Safe Routes to School Project noted as G-5 in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

Mr. Piekarski commented that he will support this but he thinks very few school children will utilize these sidewalks. The community can also benefit from them.

Vote: 4:0 in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. MacAskill referred to the Monomoy Regional School System and the Operating Budget-Appendix B, FY26 Revenue Source and Expense and noted the estimated local receipts of approximately $17,414,000. He noted to Mr. Powers that he would like to get into a deep dive with the Board next week as he is concerned with some of the Revenue increases .

Mr. Powers responded that he is meeting with the Interim Finance Director on Wednesday to move that discussion forward for next week.

Mr. MacAskill requested the final percentage and if it includes the Capital or not from the Monomoy Regional School.

Mr. Powers noted that Item B, is related to Revolving Funds and there are corresponding Draft Articles.

Mr. Piekarski commented that the Board made negative motions to not support the Petition Articles. He asked if the Board would make a consideration to make a positive motion and decide to vote it up or down.

Mr. Howell noted that they have already voted those and the positive way of saying it is that they vote in favor of indefinite postponement.

Mr. Powers responded that it has been helpful for staff to add language on the Board's votes. He noted to the previous speaker that that may be the net effect but that is not what the votes were. To the immediate previous speaker, that is a way to present a positive motion in that indefinite postponement is recommended. That would be the cleanest both parliamentary and in the Board's recommendation for the Articles. He noted that it is proper to say that the Board's preference is indefinite postponement because they would not be supporting a motion to adopt.

Mr. Handler suggested they wait for Ms. Kavanagh to return to have that discussion next week.

Mr. MacAskill stated for the record that he is okay with however the Board wants to do it.

Mr. Handler noted that petitioner Sandra Hall was unable to attend tonight to respond to the Board's questions regarding her Citizens Petition to fund the Charter Commission in the amount of $125,000. She will attend next week.

Mr. Handler continued to the School Budget F-3. He noted that the Board is dealing with the Monomoy Regional Middle School Assessment, the Monomoy Regional Funding formula and the Monomoy Regional School District Capital Funding formula. He noted that the Board is charged with not only looking at that Budget but also the Operating Budget of the rest of the Town. He noted that this has not made the correspondence, there has been a back and forth with the School Committee. He noted that the Town Administrator had been asked to send and read a short memo at the School Committee meeting.

Mr. Powers clarified that the Board wanted a letter to be sent. He wanted the letter to be in correspondence and he did present under Public Comment Thursday evening at the Monomoy Regional School Committee meeting.

Mr. Handler read for the record the letter that the Town Administrator presented at the Monomoy Regional School Committee meeting:

Dear Chair Gray and Dr. Carpenter, I am writing on behalf of the direction of the Harwich Select Board to convey their sentiments on the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Monomoy Regional School District ahead of the vote tonight. Your current budgeted presentation shows a 5.27 overall increase in the Harwich assessment from Fiscal Year 2025 to Fiscal Year 2026. That percentage change is significantly higher than the 2.91 increase in the Town Harwich's Departmental Operating Budget estimate as well as the overall anticipated increase in the Town Operating cost when factoring in fixed and semi fixed costs (3.71 increase year over year). The overall Monomoy Budget is 4.67 higher than the entire operating cost for the Town of Harwich. That is a sobering fact when one compares the overall size and scope of the Town versus the School District. Additionally, the burden of the proposed Capital expenditure at the Monomoy Regional Middle School represents the largest Capital Expenditure (via assessment) in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Town of Harwich excluding Wastewater Construction. In fact, the total proposed project estimate of $11,507,030 would be the largest single Capital Project for the Town of Harwich for the Fiscal Year 2026 to 2030 outside of Wastewater Construction. The directive from the Harwich Select Board to me is clear, convey to the School Committee Administration the urgent need for another Budget analysis prior to closing out the Budget process for Fiscal Year 2026. Failure to do so, in my opinion, could result in unprecedented actions such as a general override needed to support the Town of Harwich's Monomoy assessment, the success of which is in doubt. I will close on a positive note to say that your team, Dr. Carpenter and Mr. MacMillen especially remain good partners in communicating and strategizing on complex issues. The same is true for our counterparts in the Town of Chatham. As a self avowed optimist, I am confident that we can work together to sort out these critical matters to the benefit of all, most especially our students and taxpayers. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for giving me the opportunity to present this in person.

Mr. Handler stated that that sparked a reply in an email to himself from Tina Games who is the Vice Chair of the Monomoy School Committee, cc to Betty Gray, Scott Carpenter, Joseph Powers. He read:

Hi Jeff, I am reaching out on behalf of our School Committee leadership team, Chair Betty Gray Chatham and myself as Vice Chair Harwich. We would like to invite you to join us on our March 27th School Committee meeting to discuss the letter that was read on behalf of the Harwich Select Board during this week's Public Comment. School Committee members have several questions and feel the letter was lacking in specificity. We are not clear on the ask that is being made other than to sharpen or pencils. We would like to add you to our Agenda for discussion regarding the concerns of the Select Board as it relates to the Y26 School Budget. Let me know if you'll be able to join.

Mr. Handler noted that he replied thanking Tina for her email and letting her know that there are 3 opportunities for the groups to get together for more clarity. The first opportunity is tonight, the second opportunity would be next Monday night and if questions are left unanswered, the third opportunity would be for him to go to the meeting on the 27th and offer answers to questions they still may have.

Mr. Piekarski noted that there was no one from the School Board present at this meeting.

Mr. Handler noted that the response was that the Vice Chair is in Boston on Monday nights and she will let the other members of the Committee know that he offered for them to be here tonight.

Mr. Piekarski commented that he assumes the Board will reach out to School Administration for next week's meeting for clarification on their Budget request and Middle School Project Article.

Mr. Handler replied that he would like to invite them to attend Monday night.

Mr. Piekarski commented on the first email response to Mr. Handler regarding specificity, commenting that he doesn't know if this Board wants to start managing their Budget. He noted that the Board is requesting that they examine their Budge and try to sharpen their pencil and he would like them to go through that exercise. He asked, what is the increase or decrease in their Operating Budget but also broken down as Mr. Powers has it in the Draft Article, the increase or decrease in their Capital, Transportation and Debt numbers? Mr. Piekarski would like to know those percentages because he believes the Operating Budget was in the vicinity of 10%. The overall ask is more in line with 5.4 but if the Operating Budget is 10% that is a big ask of the Town of Harwich. He noted that this is not the Select Board trying to operate the School's Budget but rather being responsible stewards of the Town of Harwich and balance many budgets.

Mr. MacAskill asked Mr. Handler to explain to the Board the conversation about staff positions versus support positions.

Mr. Handler noted that 25 years ago there were 2.1 teachers for every non teacher in the school districts in America. Today it is 1:1. At Monomoy Regional it is more than 1:1 in favor of non teaching counterparts. For every teacher in Monomoy there is just over 1.3 non teaching, largely administrative counterparts. Nationally it is 1:1, Monomoy runs at 46% teachers which is 176 individuals and the non-instructional counterparts which is 207. He noted that there is a 709% increase in the number of non-teaching staff members throughout the United States since 1959.

Mr. MacAskill noted that he had 5.45% which includes the Capital. Even at 5.27% it's a $1.6 million increase. He commented that every year since regionalization they have had this conversation about Monomoy and every year they have the tough conversation with Town employees where the Board has to hold them to a number that is well below 5.27%. He noted that the School puts everything they want on paper and the Select Board normally approves it out of fear that they are immediately going to cut teachers. Mr. MacAskill questioned why they have to have 2 Vice Principals in each school as well as other things in the Budget. He stated that he can no longer support the comment that it'll get better next year. He anticipates it being an additional 8-10% next year. He emphasized that the town is not having a financial crisis, they are trying not to. They are trying to balance town employees versus school employees. He looks forward to a deeper conversation but at this point, he cannot support Monomoy's Budget.

Mr. Howell noted that there have previously been comments that he is hostile to the Monotony School. He will let his colleagues comments stand on their own because he would like others to know that that was never the truth. He commented that there was always a serious concern amongst all Board members about where this was going.

Mr. Handler stated that he will read Ms. Kavanagh's email into the record at her request.

Jeff, As discussed last week, I think the letter sent to the School Committee asking them to sharpen their pencils is a bit too late unless any specifics are provided to them by the collective Select Board or particular members making the request. I wish I stated prior to voting in favor of sending the letter, the only reason I voted yes to the letter was to send a message from our Select Board because there is a meeting scheduled with Chatham to discuss the Budgets, including Capital moving forward and to talk about the overall School agreement and funding for future years. As mentioned in the meetings in the fall, the School Agreement analysis will take several meetings that will also require public engagements so a thoughtful process can take place rather than having discussions at the Select Board level and then cause concern for parents and students We did receive the additional information requested by Select Board members to my knowledge so if there are any specifics that Select Board members want to target, they should share them tonight. I don't have any specific terms beyond questions I asked at our previous meetings which were more focused on the other staff adds and a few years ago totaling $250,000 and they answered the status of those positions and the data they are providing to enhance educational needs to date. I hope the Select Board continues to focus on those in the future Budget next year and beyond. Lastly, if we are asking the School to revise their Budget, I think we need to provide specific areas to be targeted for reductions. If we don't have specifics, then ask the School if they will review Budget items that aren't related to union obligation or student needs to see if they can find saving this year to show good faith in our partnership maybe at half a precent to 1% would even show good faith in my opinion. We certainly all understand what inflation has done to Municipalities and businesses over the last year so if they can find any savings, it would be a great message but we must acknowledge, or at least I do, the ask may be a bit tardy.

Mr. Handler noted that their job as the Select Board is to either vote in support or not in support of this Budget. He commented that more communication, more discussion, a deeper dive needs to be had and he had hoped that it would start tonight. Mr. Handler stated that they will bring this topic back next week and invite Dr. Carpenter and Mr. MacMillen to answer some questions.

Mr. MacAskill referred to Article 4 Operating Budget and noted the he would like an explanation of the Finance Committee's ask to go from $50,000 Reserve Fund to $125,000 when they have not even exercised the use of the $50,000 Fund for the last 10 years that he knows of.

B. Revolving Funds discussion

Mr. Powers noted that Draft Article 50 will be deleting the Golf Infrastructure Fund reference as it is actually Receipts Reserved. The open item is Draft Article 51 which is in Governance as G-6 which is spending authorization under Departmental Revolving Funds. He noted that the explanation in Draft Article is erroneous based on the Act that the Governor enacted in January. He noted the if the Select Board is not going to change spending limits, there is no need for this Article as presented. Mr. Powers noted that the Board would be discussing Revolving Funds generally and advised that because they have Article 50, if the discussion leads the Board to contemplate deleting any other Revolving Funds, he urged that they build upon Article 50. He also noted that if there are any fund balances on any Revolving Funds, separate and distinct from the infrastructure, they would go to the General Fund and impact Free Cash. He also noted that included are the balances of all the Revolving funds as of March 13, 2025.

Mr. Piekarski referred to 204 Sisson Road and the Board's discussion to put some of the items into the Operating Budget. He asked if any of the expenses that are currently in the Revolving Fund for 204 Sisson have gone to the Operating Budget.

Mr. Powers replied no and noted that what they want to do through Finance and Accounting is identify each existing line item or establish a new line item for that building. He emphasized that Department 6698 Cultural Affairs shouldn't bear those building costs because no other program bears building costs. He noted that it would be by a directive of the Select Board but they have not done either mechanically yet.

Mr. Piekarski noted that he would like to see some 204 Sisson Expenses go to the Operating Budget. He asked Mr. Powers, if he were to move some of the Expenses into the Operating Budget, if he could he not offset that by some of the Revenue that is currently going into that Revolving Fund.

Mr. Powers responded that he believes the answer is no. Revolving Funds have never been a source used for the Operating Budget.

Mr. Piekarski clarified his question. Instead of FY26 funds going into the Revolving Fund, could they be sent to the General Fund?

Mr. Powers replied that theoretically the answer is yes. However, the Town is operating under the restrictions of Chapter 4453E and a half. The language is in Chapter 8 which is the Revolving And By-law. If the Board wants to put it in the Operating Budget they would be avoiding the requirements of 4453E and a half, which they can do. He would recommend that the Board then do something on the caps and he explained why. He noted that it would have to be a directive of the Board to have specific Revenue go directly to the General Fund and not the Revolving Fund.

Mr. MacAskill deferred.

Mr. Howell stated that he is totally in support of 204 being what it is. There was an existential question about whether or not they would continue operating it and he does not want to confuse the two subjects. Mr. Howell commented that he views the Revolving Funds as a fallback for an unusual situation but noted that this has morphed into something quite different. To the extent that they can match up the Expenses and the Revenues and take them out of the Revolving Fund and put them in to the actual Budget, they would be a far better off town. He commented that the only things that should be in the Revolving Funds are contingencies. Things they can count on year in and year out are not overseen in the same manner by the people who spend the money. He noted that they have a Town Administrator, an Administrative Office and a Finance Division Office for a reason, for them to be in control and oversight of everybody's Budget. He commented that these Revolving Funds tend to operate in the twilight. Mr. Howell stated that to the maximum extent possible, these things should be reduced to the minimum amount that's necessary for each of these places to operate and then out the rest of it that's normal and customary back in the Operating Budget.

Mr. Powers noted the way Chapter 8 is listed, they have the Revolving Fund name, the authorized to spend the Revenue Source and the use of the Funds. He noted that this Board supported a purposeful act back in 2022 or 2023 where they changed the authorized to spend to make it Town Administrator or designate. He noted that he would not agree with the overall concept that these funds operate in the shadows, he is keenly aware of what his Department heads and direct reports are doing with all matters with the Budget and the Revolving Funds. Mr. Powers commented that he did not intend to weigh in on the Board's conversation on whether they want it in the Operating Budget or Revolving Funds and agreed that as the primary branch of government, that is well within the Select Board's authority. Mr. Powers commented that, aside from the spending limit, he urged the Board to rely upon Draft Article 50 G-8. He noted specific language for Municipal Building Revenue Source which he read. He suggested that if they wanted to take 204 out of the Revolving Fund and into the General Fund, they would want to take one or many of the noted phrases away. He also suggested the Board look at what is allowed for the use, which he read and suggested that the Board may want to contemplate changing some of that language. He noted that whatever mechanical efforts the Board takes are exactly that and well within their rights. None of what they are doing right now violates any laws or requirements and has been vetted by auditing and everything else. He requested that the Board focus on the language in Chapter 8 and mindful of the language the Board has for how to derive the funds and how to use the funds. He noted that generally speaking, in Appendix B, there are Department numbers which he noted and suggested that the Board could modify one or find a number that could be used as a specific new line item.

Mr. MacAskill commented that either way they would be dealing with it on Town Meeting floor because they'd received an email from the Finance Committee on what their asks are. He commented that he would support putting expenses in expense line items on the Budget. Regarding the Revolving Fund, he commented that they are talking about changing something at the 25th hour. If it goes to Town Meeting and the Revolving Fund Article fails, then all of those Departments are going to suffer and our residents are going to suffer. He asked if the Department heads had been asked what they need in the fund to make it work. He noted that the Finance Committee wants to add $75,000 on a $50,000 fund but they want to cut a $300,000 down to $25,000. He commented that the Finance Committee's recommendation is fairly embarrassing to the Town and every Department head that is running their revolving accounts correctly. He would like to see what it looks like, what the Board can actually get done and what a Revolving Fund would look like. He noted that he is willing to conceded on the expenses. He added that because they've lost everything at 6 Town Meetings, the Finance Committee continues to focus on this to the detriment of the Town, the residents, the employees and this whole process.

Mr. Howell clarified that he was not casting any aspersions on the current Administration nor is he just targeting 204. He commented on a costly situation that never would have happened if it had been a direct appropriation. He agreed with Mr. MacAskill that the Board needs to get consensus from each of the managers of what they need to be comfortable that they don't get crippled during the year. He noted that those funds were not set up to run everything, they were set up to augment things for things unforeseen.

Mr. MacAskill replied that he understands that Mr. Howell is looking more globally than 204 Sisson. He was commenting that it is the only thing the Finance Committee can focus on. He hopes that the Board can agree that it's too late to look at all of these funds for Town Meeting. He suggested it be put on the Agenda for the beginning of next year and he hopes the Finance Committee recognizes what they are really trying to do.

Mr. Piekarski noted that there are a few that he would like to see adjusted at some point and agreed that they are at the 11th hour. Regarding 204 Sisson Road, if the Board is able to make some adjustments over the course of the week, they can come back next week with a solid recommendation on some of the expenses. He also agreed that they should bring this back early next year. He noted that there has been conversation about Salary and Wage and there are at least 4 of these funds that pay salary and wages.

Mr. Powers addressed the previous speaker and commented that he can certainly do that.

Mr. Powers commented that if the Board looks at the analysis that has been updated by staff, and the last page of the Revolving Funds document, there is a breakout regarding 204 Sisson Road. He noted that what they have discussed can absolutely be done and may be done in short order. He noted that it will cause the numbers to go up on the Operating Budget. He noted that there are salaries and wages related to the custodian that maintains that building. Those funds would have to be accounted somewhere else and those he argued, would fall under Highway/Public Works. He noted other line items that could be moved. He also noted that many items are maintenance and support of the building itself. Mr. Powers emphasized that he fully understands his and the Select Board's roles as each being branches of government, this is for any others and the third branch of government, the Finance Committee. He noted that if there truly is an endeavor to do what was asked, the Board can absolutely do it. If it truly is not about programming, then no one else should have a problem for the Program Aide for the Cultural Affairs Department being embedded in the Cultural Affairs Department. He also noted that this Board supported Administration in adding a program known as Department 698 Cultural Affairs. If they can recognize that the programming needs and the custodial needs can go to existing Budgets, it is cleaner to add the Department he previously noted to account for all the other costs or keep them where they generally are elsewhere, under Public Works. He emphasized that they not, as a community, inadvertently hurt the programming that is there. He commented that he hasn't heard that from the Select Board but he is concerned about other voices in the community.

Mr. Piekarski commented that he doesn't consider it an enhancement of services, he considers it a relocation of funds within line items.

Mr. Powers noted that the mechanical pieces are in place with the Draft Articles and the Operating Budget.

Mr. Howell asked if it is correct that with the Revolving Funds they are approving the glob for each Department, it's not line item by line item.

Mr. Powers replied that in the table in Chapter 8, they are approving the total. If they modify the tables line by line, they are allowing for Revenue to be generated and for it to be used for those purposes.

Mr. Howell explained that he asked because in a Revolving Fund, line items can be changed as long as it stays within the purpose of the organization and its within the total global amount of money that is allocated.

Mr. Powers noted that that is not something that occurs with this Administration because of this Select Board.

Mr. Howell noted that the point he was trying to make is that if it's in the actual Budget, it can't be utilized somewhere else.

Mr. Powers noted for the record that he enjoys these conversations because this is the essence of what a Select Board does and the essence of what an Administrator does.This is invigorating and helpful for him because this is the nub of what both them are supposed to do as two thirds of the government.

Mr. Handler summarized that 204 is a gem and they need to continue to support the 204 and by next Monday, Mr. Powers will have a plan to move this forward regarding the 204.

Mr. Powers replied, not a plan for the 204 per se, it is allowing for operational expenses both programmatic, personnel and support of building, to be embedded elsewhere in Article 4 and Appendix B. He noted that the Board needs to drive the conversation of if they then want to modify language in the Revolving Funds going forward. He noted that they can do this but if they don't do it all together, they run a tremendous risk of doing harm last minute to Budgets and Departments. He also noted that there is nothing to prevent the Board from doing financial things at a Special Town meeting if they wanted to.

Mr. Handler noted that what he he heard is that they don't want to mess with this too close to Town Meeting and run the risk of really doing harm to the town staff and the programs that they run. He commented that he was unsure of what the Board's ask is for next week.

Mr. Powers summarized that staff is working on trying to get the Board, as complete as possible, a full-on Warrant which is all 58-60 Articles which also includes a Draft Appendix A. and an Annual Town Election Warrant that includes ballot questions. The Board can cut it down but they will be hard pressed to add up. The Warrant will also include Appendix B. Operating Budget that goes back to Article 4 and Capital and Appendix C. It will also include the net effect if everything in the Warrant were adopted, on the tax rate. That is the effort for next week and also capturing everything the Board has talked about tonight. He noted that they will be given everything because they cannot, based on case law, exceed what's printed.

Mr. MacAskill noted that if they are taking expenses out and putting them in other Departments, clearly the other branch of government is not going to be happy if the Board leaves a $300,000 Revolving Fund in play. A recommendation from Administration on what that Revolving Fund would look like and still be able to operate the current programs and continue to expand, would be very helpful. He noted that the $25,000 is laughable. Its' a program that works but the Board needs to see from Mr. Powers what it looks like so the Department heads aren't going to be affected.

Mr. Powers noted that he will be looking to have those Department heads meet with him as soon as they can for those conversations.

Mr. Handler thanked Mr. Powers for his input and help.

Mr. Powers replied for the record, my pleasure, my job.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Overview of the status of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) Implementation Update from Marc Drainville of GHD

Marc Drainville from GHD noted that he has a presentation that is a status update for what has been done to date. It is not an answer to Select Board member Howell's question from last week which was where GHD is heading. He will return to provide that information. He began the presentation with an overview of the 5 Town watersheds and the 8 Phases of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP). He continued with the time frame of when the CWMP was approved in 2016, updates in the septic system regulations in 2023 and how it affects Harwich and the phases. He noted that based on those regulations and the Pleasant Bay Watershed, Harwich is approaching 45% of their way to a 20 year goal.

Mr. Handler asked when the 20 year goal clock start.

Mr. Drainville replied that it will start in a few years when the watershed application for the west side of town is submitted.

Mr. MacAskill asked if the 45% includes what the Town has appropriated but not yet started to build or only the Pleasant Bay Bridge, Muddy Creek and Phase 2. He also asked how many homes are in Phase 3.

Mr. Drainville replied that it also included Phase 3. He noted that the Town will be at 45% of what is in place.

Mr. Powers replied that approximately 628 homes are in Phase 3.

Mr. Drainville noted that they are 37% of the way to their full compliance period. He continued to next steps noting that the Town has to reach 100% of the goal for the Pleasant Bay Watershed and explained why. They are on target to achieve that goal in 5 years. He noted that wastewater is going to Chatham, treated water recharge is occurring in Chatham and treated water is being discharged in Chatham. He noted that per the Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA), at some point, Harwich may have to take that back.

Mr. Piekarski asked if getting the recharge back is beneficial.

Mr. Drainville replied that it is but there will be a cost to Harwich.

Mr. Howell noted that they will be buttoning up the Warrant next week so Mr. Drainville will have to have something relative to what he was asking for the Select Board before then. He noted that Mr. Drainville is talking about compliance in the sense that the Town has a plan in place for those 3 Phases. Mr. Howell noted that he is talking about aggregating 20, 25, 30 years worth of borrowing that keeps becoming additive every time another Phase is put into it. The burden is not buttoned down. The identification and the process has begun. He also expressed concern that clearly there is something going on at Great Sand Lakes but when that is added to what the town has already done, the Town has to borrow all of the money up front before June 30th to be submitted in for the Intended Use Plan (IUP) to get it locked in. He commented that the State will then let the town know if it will be 2% or 0% and how much along the way they are going to be able to forgive the principal. Mr. Howell commented that those things are not locked in perpetuity either. He noted that he is trying to make sure that everybody has all the facts and they are not conflated with other things that are going on that aren't factual. He emphasized that it is important to have those numbers by next week.

Mr. Powers referred to the recharge of the treated effluent and noted that Mr. Drainville had provided a Draft Article so there is a running request for that exact topic that is in the Draft Warrant as well.

Mr. Drainville continued and noted that the portion of town that has not yet received attention, other than design, is the west side of town. He noted the primary needs on the west side of town as well as options for treatment and recharge. Mr. Drainville noted that the Recharge Article is a critical component of the work on the west side of town. Mr. Drainville completed his summary of where they are and noted that he will be back next week to tell them where the town is going.

Mr. Handler asked what the ideal area is for the effluent discharge.

Mr. Drainville replied that the ideal area is an area that doesn't influence a surface water body. He noted that the State has changed the way they look at these sites which he explained in detail. He commented that many local communities are struggling with this issue.

Mr. Handler asked if there is a cost associated with this recharge site.

Mr. Drainville replied that the only cost is the cost to pipe it over and pump it.

Mr. MacAskill noted that if the town doesn't own, it will cost money to buy it. He commented that Mansfield, Norton and Foxboro have an impressive tri-town operation.

Mr. Howell noted that the pipe that takes it to Dennis is not the pipe that sends it back for recharge so there will be infrastructure the town would have to pay for.

Mr. Powers noted that the Article that the Board talked about last week and the funding source, which is approximately $150,000 to do the site research. The funding source is recommended to come from the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for Wastewater.

Mr. Piekarski commented that they voted to support that last week.

Mr. Powers noted that the information was in case there were questions on the technical aspect.

Mr. MacAskill noted that preliminary site work has already been done.

Mr. Drainville noted that it is a struggle but they have been doing some preliminary work.

Mr. Powers noted that since Mr. Pelletier's departure they are still working on that and there is a specific ask to ramp it up.

Mr. Drainville referred to a question last week from the public about the travel speed and groundwater and noted that the general rule of thumb on Cape is that the ground water is moving about 2 feet per day.

B. Approve a 2025 Special Permit for a one-day entertainment and event permit for the Harwich Conservation Trust, Meet Your Local Farmers Event at the Harwich Community Center, 100 Oak Street, event to be held on March 29, 2025, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Live/recorded music, amplification

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Vote: 4:0 in favor. Motion carried.

X. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Powers wished everyone a Happy Saint Patrick's Day and noted that is a precursor to Saint Joseph's Day which is Wednesday, March 19th.

XI. SELECT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MacSkill moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

Vote: 4:0 in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Moldstad
Board Secretary