



Select Board Minutes
Joint meeting with Lake Oversight Committee
Monday March 27, 2017 - 7:00 PM
Holland Town Hall
27 Sturbridge Road
Holland, MA

Present: Elias Gillen, Chair
Lawrence Mandell, Member
Bettina Schmidt, Member
Kelli A. Robbins, Esq., Executive Secretary

Call to Order:

Mr. Gillen called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

Request for Proposal for lake dredging feasibility study including article for town meeting warrant

Ms. Robbins spoke with the Treasurer regarding whether or not there was any debt expiring in order to determine if the proposed warrant could be written to borrow the funds for the study. By borrowing the cost could be spread out over a period of up to 4 years. Ms. Blodgett stated there was room to borrow if the town decided it wanted to do so. Once that was determined Ms. Robbins rewrote the proposed warrant article

from:

Article _____

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$XXXXXX for the purpose of paying 75% of the cost of study for the feasibility of dredging Hamilton Reservoir (Petition sponsor -LOC)

to:

ARTICLE #

To see if the Town will vote to borrow, a sum up to but not to exceed \$100,000.00 (one hundred thousand dollars and no cents), for the purpose of funding a Dredging Feasibility Study for Hamilton Reservoir, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsor – Lake Oversight Committee)

Discussion on the pros and cons of the article.

John Stevens stated the LOC needs to be very careful how they spin it so the town understands what it is about and how it works.

Motion 032717-1 Mr. Mandell, to accept the warrant article as rewritten for inclusion on the warrant for the annual town meeting. 2nd Ms. Schmidt. So voted

Article for town meeting warrant for amendments to Lake Oversight Committee bylaw
Discussion of the language for the bylaw amendment was discussed including the use of the term
oversee vs. advise, in a legal sense as applied in the proposed language change. Mr. Gillen
suggested substituting in the word coordinate where oversee appears.

It was explained that no bylaw articles would be on the annual town meeting warrant. There will
be a special town meeting held to do the proposed by law changes. Anything to be changed will
need to go to town counsel first.

Motion 032717-2 Mr. Mandell, to adjourn. Ms. Schmidt 2nd. So voted.

Meeting closed 7:49 PM