



Selectmen's Hybrid Public Hearing
BullDog Fouts Brother's 3000 Gallon Tanker Truck Bond & Warrant Articles
Tuesday, February 8, 2023
5:00 pm

Public Hearing Presentation – Bond and Warrant Articles

Select Board: Charyl Reardon, Gil Rand, Scott Rice

Staff Attendees: Judy Welch, Cathy Riley, Chief Kevin Millar, Chief John Mackay, Tom Sabourn

Budget Committee Attendees: Emily Clark, Roberta Vigneault, Faith Desjardins, Stephen Tower, Kara Sellingham, Helen Jones

Public: Kristen Durocher- Conservation Committee, Jim Chesebrough- Conservation Committee, Mark Sellingham, Bill Waterhouse, Patrick Cooke, Abby Erler, Cody Beard, Tracy Morgan, Chris Wright, Samantha Woodworth, Geoff Krill, Jason Cohen, Catherine Knowler, Katharine Vaughan

Zoom: Chris Vaughan, Bill Hull, Jeffrey LeCours, Mike Donahue

Select Board calls to order Public Hearing for BullDog Fouts Brother's 3000 Gallon Tanker Truck Bond @ 5pm

Charyl called the Select Board Public Hearing for BullDog Fouts Brother's 3000 Gallon Tanker Truck Bond at 5:01 pm.

Charyl then read the Bond Notice to the Attendees, and then opened it up for public question or comments.

Chief John Mackay then proceeded to make a request to amend article #3, for payments on the fire truck to start in 2024 instead of 2025.

Charyl made the motion to accept the amendment, Scott seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

After leaving the hearing open for public questions, Charyl asked for a motion to close the hearing on the Bond at 5:15 pm. Scott made the motion, Gil seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

Select Board calls to order Public Hearing for Warrant @ 5:15 pm

Charyl called to order at 5:15 pm for the Public Hearing for Warrant, then proceeded to open the floor to any questions.

Helen Jones asked how the proceeds from the sales of the old public works garage and old fire house were going to be handled and the second question was about the Highway

Capital Reserves, and the amount of the sale of the old Fire Station and the Old Town Public Works building.

Judy replied that the old fire station went for \$150,000, and the DPW building for \$310,000, and explained that there is a warrant article to establish a Highway Garage Capital Reserve to place these funds in to offset the debt of the new highway garage.

Judy also mentioned that if the Article 6 fails, it goes into Article 7. If Article 6 passes, then Article seven will be null and void.

The next question that was brought up was from the climbing group regarding Article 33, the Merriam Woods Conservation Land. The question was what the "yes" and "no" votes meant for the question asked in the Article and the concern for voters not to understand what they are voting for.

Kristen Durocher, Chairperson of the Conservation Commission stated that this item has been in the discussion between the Commission and the climbing community for a while, and that there was no agreement that was able to be reached, so the Commission had decided to send it to a non-binding town vote, since the town owns the property.

Non-residents were assured that they could speak if the Moderator allows.

Scott suggested that one person should be appointed by the group to be the speaker to clarify the Article if the Moderator allows.

Bill Waterhouse brought up a question if there was a difference between a "Climbing Bolt" and a "Safety Climbing Bolt" and wonders if removing the anchored bolts removes potential accidents.

When asked if people were able to continue to climb, Kristen stated that currently there was an agreement between the Commission and the climbing group to suspend the promotion of climbing at the site, but the deed does not restrict climbing, as it is considered recreation.

Helen asked if the town was liable but was assured that the town was not liable.

Gil asked if a Kiosk could be installed for informational purposes.

Kristen stated that that would be nice, but that would be something for the future.

Mark Sabourn stated that the Moderator should definitely give description and viable input for the Article.

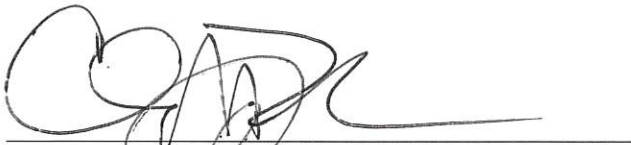
Mark Sellingham, as a property owner in the area close to the site, had stated his concerns that the issue he had with the permanent bolts was that the climbers installed

them without authorization from the town, and feels that it should have not been done. He feels that the forested area should remain so, and not have any kind of permanent structures.

After Charyl stated that it will be discussed at the Town Meeting, Gil made a motion to close the public comments to the Warrant at 5:31 pm, Scott seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

The public could participate remotely over Zoom by going to www.zoom.us, using the Zoom App on a cellphone, or on a **landline calling 1-646-558-8656 Password: 521617** and entering **Meeting ID: 885 0399 6134 Password: 521617**.

Those wishing to hear the recording of the whole meeting may access it by using this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxMH7OFC8H3KqBhYHsBr53g>



Charyl Reardon, Chairman

February 21, 2023
Date



Scott Rice



R. Gil Rand

