



Board of Selectmen
Executive Session
March 19, 2019

The meeting was opened in public session at 5:35 pm by Chairman Holcomb. Selectman Tracy Post made the motion to enter into executive session with the intent of returning to open session for the purpose of discussing school litigation; seconded by Selectman Mike Stone. By a roll call vote, 4-0 voted in favor of entering executive session. In attendance were Selectmen Holcomb; Tracy Post; Erik Tolley; and Mike Stone; Town Administrator Dan Knapik; Assistant Town Administrator Chris Dwelley; and Finance Director Ed Senteio. Selectman Mark Forest arrived at 5:40 pm.

Discussion was had by the Board related to the annual town meeting and the school agreement. Selectman Post asked about a potential process to vote on the agreement and the withdrawal of the lawsuit.

Assistant Town Administrator Chris Dwelley offered that the article related to the de-regionalization may be able to facilitate the withdrawal of the lawsuit discussion. He indicated that Town Counsel opined that a previous request at the last meeting is related to the de-regionalization article.

Finance Director Ed Senteio provided commentary about the importance of passing the revised agreement and that he recommends a different article to offer at ATM related to the lawsuit withdrawal.

Select Chair Holcomb commented that he supported the idea of putting the lawsuit withdrawal into the de-regionalization article. Selectman Tolley did not support this approach.

Further commentary was offered by the Finance Director related to the history of the financial imbalances between the towns.

Selectman Stone offered commentary about Dennis having an interest in getting an agreement passed that also would allow for the withdrawal of the lawsuit such that the school construction can move forward.

Assistant Town Administrator Dwelley provided a summary of the impacts of the new agreement and the present agreement. He indicated that under our present agreement Yarmouth's liability was in excess of 1 million dollars. If the amended agreement passes, the liability would be \$601,409.

Selectman Forest made a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:15. The motion was seconded by Selectman Stone. The vote was 5-0 to adjourn and return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel M. Knapik
Town Administrator