

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 13, 2023, AT 6:00PM**  
**SELECT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, TOWN HALL, LEICESTER, MA 01524**

Chair Allen Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Chair Allen Phillips, Second Vice Chair Dianna Provencher, Selectman Herb Duggan Jr, Selectman John Bujak, Town Administrator David Genereux, and Assistant Town Administrator Chris Vitale were in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING**

**1. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. Vote – ATM Warrant Article 5 (Contingent appropriation of \$2,650,000 for the Leicester School budget)**

Mr. Genereux stated this vote will reset the motion and vote to the following:

“I move that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,650,000 to fund the FY2024 School Department’s operating budget, said appropriation contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ ballot question.”

This motion will be added to the final posted warrant.

**Motion 041323-1a:** A motion was made by Mr. Bujak to approve, seconded by Ms. Provencher. **Motion carries 4-0-1 (Mr. Antanavica Absent) at 6:02pm.**

**b. Vote – ATM Warrant Article 2B**

Mr. Phillips stated this is a transfer of Article 5, titled “Police Training Funding” October 26, 2021, Town Meeting to new article with similar purposes. Mr. Phillips stated it is making the breakdowns more general.

**Motion 041323-1b:** A motion was made by Mr. Bujak to approve, seconded by Ms. Provencher. **Motion carries 4-0-1 (Mr. Antanavica Absent) at 6:03pm.**

**c. Vote to sign Annual Town Meeting Warrant & Special Election Ballot**

Resident Greg Buto asked the town to reconsider putting the three Passover articles back onto the Town Warrant and not the town budget. Mr. Buto stated it’s been there historically, and the expenses will vary year to year based on the type of reports/studies/tasks that need to be completed. Mr. Buto stated the town may not have to pay for those items. Mr. Phillips asked Town Administrator Genereux if zero-based budget would account for that in the next fiscal year. Mr. Genereux stated yes. Mr. Buto stated it shows residents where the money is going. Mr. Phillips stated it will show as a line item in the budget. Mr. Bujak stated the budget that is put out is mostly detailed out by department. Mr. Phillips stated if Mr. Buto has a question at Town Meeting about the budget, to ask. Ms. Provencher stated she understands what Mr. Buto is saying. Like Mr. Phillips stated, Ms. Provencher encouraged Mr. Buto to bring it up at Town Meeting to get his answer. Mr. Buto stated it gives people a better feel of where their money is going. Mr. Bujak stated the reason the town did this was because it was getting paid out of free cash, which was deceiving to the taxpayer. Mr. Bujak asked Mr. Genereux if we could appeal the monitoring requirements.

Mr. Genereux stated the Town Warrant will be going out tomorrow and will also be available to view on the town website.

**Motion 041323-1c:** A motion was made by Ms. Provencher to sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant & Special Election Ballot, seconded by Mr. Bujak. **Motion carries 4-0-1 (Mr. Antanavica Absent) at 6:11pm.**

**Motion 041323-2:** A motion was made by Mr. Duggan to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bujak. **Motion carries 4-0-1 (Mr. Antanavica Absent) at 6:15pm.**

**ADJOURN**