

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 2, 2023 AT 6:00PM**  
**TOWN HALL, SELECT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

*Due to technical issues, the meeting began at 6:12 PM.*

Chair Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM. Chair Allen Phillips, Vice Chair Rick Antanavica, Second Vice Chair Dianna Provencher, Selectman Herb Duggan Jr, Selectman John Bujak, Town Administrator David Genereux, and Executive Assistant Maria Cataloni were in attendance.

**1. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Annual Town Meeting**

Mr. Genereux stated that Doug Belanger spoke about Article 2E and how the cost would be closer to \$100,000 as opposed to the \$50,000 initially requested. Mr. Phillips suggested to amend the Article on the Annual Town Meeting floor. Mr. Antanavica said that some people underestimate projects, so the Town should make sure the estimates are solid before moving ahead. Mr. Bujak mentioned that it started with just the tennis courts and then ballooned into including pickleball and basketball courts also.

Mr. Phillips suggested to take the override vote first and move all the other Articles to another night, as he felt that there would be a lot of discussion surrounding the override and the meetings should be separate. Mr. Duggan stated that he would like to try to get through the meeting all at once, if possible. He does not want the Town to incur any additional costs for a second meeting. Mr. Phillips said that the override will cause problems for other financial articles. Ms. Provencher proposed moving Article 5 to the beginning and then seeing how the questions flow after that. Mr. Bujak agrees with Mr. Duggan to try to get through the whole meeting.

Mr. Bujak brings up Article 19 and the pushback on that. He asks if it would be possible to table that article until the Fall. Mr. Phillips agrees to wait until the Fall to vote on Article 19. Mr. Duggan would like the Fire Department and Economic Development to weigh in.

Mr. Antanavica mentions Burncoat Park, and the concerns residents have regarding anyone being able to use the location. He states that it could be set up like Webster Lake where out-of-town people pay more money for admittance. Ms. Provencher stated that the Town used to have that system.

The Board agrees to table Article 19 until the Fall and they can receive more input from various businesses and departments.

**Motion 050223-1:** Mr. Antanavica makes a motion at 6:33 PM to leave the Town Hall and reconvene at the Annual Town Meeting which is seconded by Mr. Duggan. **Motion carries 5:0:0.**