

Coordinator Report July 18, 2019

Selectboard can grant Mr. Erviti's request to be given a MGL 268:20D exemption. This is possible because of the authorization provided by vote of Annual Town Meeting of May 6 2019. In other action the board needs to appoint a Town Clerk. We are fortunate former clerk Jeannette Fellows is willing and available. This appointment should be for a term until the (next) May 2020 town election.

I recommend the town, by a vote of the Selectboard, decline our statutory right of first refusal on a tiny Chapter 61B (recreation) parcel comprising 1.38 acres which is attached to a home that is for sale. We have four-months to run out the clock on our option, but I suggest since we don't want to buy the former Phelps place on Old Winchester Rd lets not hold up its sale.

Warwick Elementary sustainability project will have had a conference call with DESE by the time you meet where they address our questions. I have a simple proposed consulting contract with Susan Hollings for our Elementary Education Planning for your consideration. She is very generous, and this agreement will commit half our voted planning funds, \$4k, and this will bring the Horace Mann Chartered Public School application forward. A major cost of consultants is insurance. She isn't carrying any. We are indemnifying her professional actions. That might make this contract worth \$5 or \$6k. I'll be sure to let our insurance carrier know of our exposure. In this regard, liability, we are treating her like an employee.

Todd and Highway Advisory Committee have concerns regarding driveway permit fees including temporary curb cuts for logging operations. The town does not have a role in permitting forestry cutting. As a consequence, we can't embed a signoff into the state permit process.

Treasurer warns that there is Chapter 90 borrowing being paid off in the week's warrant. I saw a note from DOR that because the state budget is not finalized, Local/State aid is estimated and based on the lower Governor's budget.

PVRSD Committee voted to lower the requested assessment by half the amount in contention, half the amount of Leyden closing savings. Warwick and member towns need to set a date for a Special Town Meeting that is within 45 days of District's July 16 deadline. Member town finance and Selectboards are considering whether to meet together. Warwick for its part will need to appropriate a small additional amount to cover the repudiated salary line and the difference between our preferred assessment amount we already voted and the current actual somewhat reduced SC amount.

That is what I think but that is not the case according to the District. We can't do anything except vote for or against the total assessment. They say we have to hold a special town

meeting to rescind the portion we raised and appropriated. Then revote the correct total. I call bullshit. We can and did vote for what we wanted to fund.

Moreover, if we do nothing, if we don't have a meeting and are joined by another town who refuses to meet the budget passes! Now we have a problem that the assessment is greater than the amount Warwick voted. How to fix that? Vote some *additional* funds.

Selectboard may wish to have a discussion of Pioneer School District Finances and specifically DoF working remotely from FL. SC was told we can't discuss this in open session because it is a personnel matter. It is an employee hired and evaluated by the SC.

I am advertising for a replacement Town Secretary and I'll make the 20<sup>th</sup> newsletter deadline for including a broadband update.