

Committee Name: Warrant Committee
Subcommittee Name if Applicable: Communications Subcommittee
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021
Time: 5:00PM

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DATE: February 7, 2022
TIME: 11:44 AM

Minutes

Members present:

Elizabeth Dionne, Chris Doyle, Elizabeth Goss, Anne Helgen, Paul Rickter, Ellen Schreiber, Laurie Slap

Invitees: Geoff Lubien

Chair Ellen Schreiber called meeting to order at 5:32PM.

Elizabeth Dionne volunteered to take notes for minutes.

Anne Helgen explained the plan for finalizing and presenting the Town of Belmont Financial Indicators report. Committee Members discussed the process for finalizing form and content of draft and schedule for presenting it to the Warrant Committee and Select Board. Since the last meeting, Ms. Helgen has consulted with Robert Soohoo (Belmont Retirement System) and Tony DiCologero (Belmont Public Schools) to ensure accurate content.

Geoffrey Lubien will invite the chairs of relevant committees to a joint meeting to discuss the content of the report. The current plan is to meet on December 15.

Laurie Slap noted that this is a historical document, ending with FY2021, in general not including budget numbers from FY2022. This is intended to be an impartial, factual document.

Ms. Helgen conducted a page-by-page review of the current draft of the Financial Indicators report. Committee members asked questions and provided input to clarify the report's content in preparation for a final draft.

Committee members thanked Ms. Helgen for the significant amount of work she has put into compiling a substantial amount of data into a readily available and comprehensible format.

Paul Rickter received a phone call from Town Administrator Patrice Garvin regarding significant state changes to ARPA definitions and acceptable uses. Paul will follow up with her tomorrow morning. There is a major concern that reimbursements received for the high school building project may count against the town as revenue. As a result, the "Explainer" is on hold until we have greater clarity on issues and possible solutions.

Ms. Dionne moved that the Subcommittee authorize Anne Helgen, Ellen Schreiber, and Laurie Slap to make final changes to the Financial Indicators report in accordance with comments made

by various committee members tonight. Motion seconded by Chris Doyle. Unanimous approval by roll-call vote.

Liz Goss updated the committee on the status of the Warrant Committee podcast. The interview for the podcast has taken place and a draft should be available for discussion at the December 8 meeting.

Submitted by Elizabeth Dionne

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 8, 8:00AM