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## **SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES, PUBLIC HEARING**

**Date: October 22, 2020    Time: 7:00 PM    Place: Remote Only, YouTube    REV.1**

Attendance- Board members Walter Reitz, Jan Gaudio, John Spear, Administrator Casas, Jeff Northgraves, Sondra Wallace, Pennie Alley

### **1. Call to Order-**

- Reitz opened the public hearing at 7:00PM. The only two members of the public in attendance on the remote call were Jeff Northgraves and Sondra Wallace.

### **2. Discussion on items proposed for consideration to be placed on a Special Town Meeting warrant-**

- Transition Town financial year from “Calendar Year” (Jan 1 – Dec 31) to “Fiscal Year” (July 1- June 30)
- Collecting taxes twice per year (we only do one collection per year now many towns do two per year)
- Changing the month in which Town Meeting is held (from March to June) and how we conduct our local elections (secret ballot for referendum, School Board and Select Board vs. “Open Town Meeting”)
- These items were discussed by the Board, Administrator, Mr. Northgraves and Mrs. Wallace. The FAQ noticed to the public on this topic was used to guide the discussion. The draft warrant was reviewed, and language was discussed and changed. Additionally, there was a comment logged on YouTube. The Board agreed to set a joint meeting with them and the Budget Committee so that the Budget Committee could provide recommendations on proposed articles #2-5 on the draft warrant.

### **3. Adjournment**

- *Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to close the public hearing. **Motion passed by rollcall vote 3-0 at 8:02pm.***