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Meeting of Finance Committee held on Monday, October 2, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria, prior to the Special Town Meeting.

Members present: Darlene Cincone, Aneta Lombardi, and Tony Sanches

Members excused: Matais Goncalves and Susanne Boyea

Mr. Marc Strange and Mr. Shawn Teece were also present.

First Order of Business: The Pledge of Allegiance

The committee discussed and voted on recommending warrants for the Special Town Meeting to be held on October 2nd, 2023:

- Article 1 – to see if the Town will vote and appropriate and/or transfer $13,864.79 for unpaid bills and/or over-expended accounts of previous fiscal year. Motion to recommend approval made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

- Article 2 - to see if the Town will vote and appropriate $8,965.45 to meet the required 10% match of the Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant needed to replace the vehicle exhaust hose that has reached its usable lifespan at the Ludlow Fire Department. Motion to recommend approval made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

- Article 3 – to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into five-year contract with a qualified vendor to the lease of tasers for the police department. Motion to recommend approval made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

- Article 4 – to see if the Town will vote to amend the "State St/Ludlow Mills Improvement District" to extend its geographical boundaries in several directions. Motion to decline to make a recommendation at this time made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

- Article 5 – to see if the Town will vote to amend a District Improvement Financing (DIF) program. Motion to decline to make a recommendation at this time made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

- Article 6 – to see if the Town will vote to create a new special purpose stabilization fund to be known as the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, as outlined in applicable opioid-litigation settlement documents. Motion to recommend approval made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

- Article 7 – to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (Pilot) agreement with the owner, currently

known as MMWEC of the solar photovoltaic energy generating facility located at 327 Moody St in Ludlow. Motion to recommend approval made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

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- Article 8 – to see if the Town will vote to transfer $210,933.82 from unspent capital appropriations as outlined in this article for the purpose of funding or make improvements, and to purchase fixtures and equipment for the Town Hall. Motion to recommend approval made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

- Article 9 – will be dismissed – no action taken by the Finance Committee

- Article 10 – to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $7,791 for Town purposes and charges during Fiscal Year 2024. At the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting there was a discrepancy in the amounts of the FY24 Budget. The revised budget amount is $80,876,409. Motion to recommend approval made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

- Article 11 – to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws as outlined in this article regarding Visibility at Intersections. Motion to decline to make a recommendation at this time made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

- Article 12 - to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws as outlined in this article regarding Fences. Motion to decline to make a recommendation at this time made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

- Article 13 - to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws as outlined in this article regarding Dimensional Requirements. Motion to decline to make a recommendation at this time made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

- Article 14 - to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws as outlined in this article regarding Admin Review Committee Membership. Motion to decline to make a recommendation at this time made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

- Article 15 - to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws as outlined in this article regarding Setback Diagram Replacement. Motion to decline to make a recommendation at this time made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

- Article 16 - to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws as outlined in this article regarding Site Plan Approval Process. Motion to decline to make a recommendation at this time made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

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- Article 17 - to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws as outlined in this article regarding Reference Changes. Motion to decline to make a recommendation at this time made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

- Article 18 - to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws as outlined in this article regarding Replacing Diagrams. Motion to decline to make a recommendation at this time made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

- Article 19 - will be dismissed – no action taken by the Finance Committee.

- Article 20 - to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws as outlined in this article regarding Replacing Diagram Reference Numbers. Motion to decline to make a recommendation at this time made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

- Article 21 – to see if the Town will vote to amend the Bylaws as outlined in this article regarding licensing, control and keeping of dogs – leash law violation fine increases. Motion to recommend approval made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

- Article 22 – to see if the Town will vote to amend the Bylaws as outlined in this article regarding licensing, control and keeping of dogs – nuisance dog fine increases. Motion to recommend approval made by Ms. Cincone; seconded by Ms. Lombardi; vote: 3-0-0 in favor.

Moved by Mr. Sanches, seconded by Ms. Cincone to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Darlene Cincone

Angela Lombardi

Ludlow Finance Committee