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Office of the Select Board**

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The Meeting of the Select Board held on Tuesday, October 5, 2026, began at 7:00 p.m. in the Ludlow High School Cafeteria.

Members Present: Anthony Alves, James Gennette, William Rosenblum, Antonio Sanches, and Manuel Silva.

Also Present: Carrie Ribeiro, Brian Winner

First order of business: Pledge of Allegiance

7:00 p.m. – Select Board to meet before the Special Town Meeting in the High School Cafeteria to discuss the Select Board articles.

Mr. Rosenblum: We have 2 articles that should be pretty straight forward. One is for unpaid bills and the other is for the solar pilot.

Mr. Gennette: The solar pilot is their property that they own. I don't think it's going to be met with resistance. Somebody approached me on the way in here about the data centers.

Mr. Alves: The data center is primed as a ban, right?

Mr. Winner: It's been amended to allow a special permit for lower-level use and a ban on everything above.

Mr. Alves: If we ban something at the beginning and in 2-5 years from now we say it's not all that bad, how hard is it to unwind a ban?

Mr. Winner: We have to go back to Town Meeting.

Mr. Alves: Why not a moratorium to figure out what's what?

Mr. Winner: The standard of review for a moratorium in the Attorney General's office are a lot more strict. There are cases that require us to do massive planning and limit the duration of the moratorium. It's a rate of growth problem. Those are tough to convince the AG to remove because they don't like removing growth bylaws. If you have the ability to ban it outright that's a lot easier. Once the regulatory architecture exists and the planning has already happened at a state or local level, then you can peel it back. The issue a lot of towns are facing right now is there is nobody in charge of this train going down the track. Without any state or local regulatory architecture, what are we doing. How do we possibly understand the economic and environmental impacts by allowing it now? Every prohibition could come back to Town Meeting and be flipped. The Planning Board and State might have regulations by then so it softens the blow.

Mr. Sanches: Did we find out about article 2? If it's their own funds then we don't need it.

Ms. Ribeiro: It's a revolving account that the vaccine reimbursements are going into. She said the mosquito control district is coming out of their budget.

Mr. Winner: When we get in there can we talk with her? She just may need some confidence that it doesn't require Town Meeting.

Ms. Ribeiro: She's going to want clarification. She might have been misinformed because of the email she received from the State that had that language in there.

Mr. Winner: That's understandable. Mosquito control, I can see someone arguing that it's not a line item or a regular and customary expense. We do invasive management for ponds, some kinds of mosquito control as capital items outside a budget so I've seen it done this way, but not both.

Mr. Sanches: Does #3 have to do with #2?

Ms. Ribeiro: #3 is a revolving account for the Regional Grant.

Mr. Rosenblum: So, there's a possibility to take no action on #2?

Mr. Winner: Yes, we could explain if she agrees and Town Meeting can just pass over it.

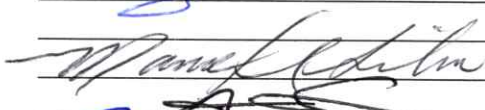
Ms. Ribeiro: The Board Chair, Lauren, is here with her.

Mr. Winner: They're going to want to be assured they're not going to miss the boat.

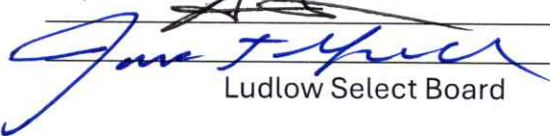
Motion made by Mr. Alves to close the meeting at 7:11 P.M. **Mr. Silva second. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.**



Chairman



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