

The Board of Selectmen Public Hearing held on December 17, 2025, was called to order by First Selectman M. Jack Joslyn at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. M. J. Joslyn then read the proposed changes to the Municipal Water Company User Fees before asking if there were any questions or discussions regarding the same. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed at 7:02 PM and adjourned to the Town Meeting immediately following.

Attest: Heather R. George, Town Clerk

Immediately following the adjournment of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) Public Hearing, the Special Town Meeting of December 17, 2025, was called to order at 7:03 PM by M. Jack Joslyn. A motion was made by Ron Whitcomb and seconded by Neil Delmonico to have Lincoln Cooper serve as moderator. There were no other nominations. All in Favor.

The Clerk read the warning.

A motion was made by Stephanie Thompson and seconded by Holly Wood to approve the adoption of the Proposed Municipal Water Company User Fees as set forth in the proposal dated November 5, 2025 (copy to follow these minutes). L. Cooper asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

IN FAVOR – 13

OPPOSED – 0

ABSTAIN – 0

The question was approved.

L. Cooper then asked for a motion to have the Town transfer \$29,879.00 from the "General Fund" to the "Recreation Department Capital Account." A motion was made by Neil Delmonico and seconded by Stephanie Thompson. L. Cooper asked if there were any questions or comments. Questions were asked regarding why the Recreation Dept needed this money. It could be understood if there was a project that needed it, but they could not understand handing them an extra \$29,879.00 on top of the \$200,000.00 budget they already had. It was explained that it would not be handed over to be spent on everyday items that the budget is put in place for, but would be put into a capital account that would be set aside for their use only, but they would still have to gain permission from the BOS to spend it as the oversight committee to the department. L. Cooper asked for a motion to move the question to a vote. Patty Massey made the motion, and it was seconded by Neil Delmonico. All in favor.

IN FAVOR – 7

OPPOSED – 6

ABSTAIN – 0

The question was approved.

L. Cooper asked for a motion to approve the Town's appropriation of the funds of \$63,500.00 quoted by Mark Finley, Jr. for the "Installation of Drop/Suspended Ceiling, Removal & Replacement of Electrical Fixtures" job to come out of the "Facilities Maintenance Account." A motion was made by Stephanie Thompson and seconded by Judy Stumpo. L. Cooper explained that before we had

the roof repaired a few years ago, there was some water damage done to 5 of the rooms in the oldest section of the building. Since then, the ceilings have continued to deteriorate, and it has become necessary to replace/repair them. He then opened it up to the room for questions and comments. It was asked why it was so expensive and why there would have to be electrical work involved. L. Cooper responded as the former First Selectman who began this process, stating that they had gone out to bid on this project twice. The first time, only one bid was received in an amount exceeding \$93,000.00. The second time, the town received more bids, and they chose to go with the least expensive of the ones presented. Addressing the need for electrical work, he stated that when installing dropped ceilings, you have to drop the lights as well so that you aren't covering up the existing light fixtures. When asked why we weren't just repairing the ceilings and leaving the lights as is, he responded that the BOS decided to go with what was recommended by the contractors who viewed the space and the town's Building Official. L. Cooper then asked for a motion to move the question. A motion was made by J. Stumpo and seconded by H. Wood. All In Favor.

IN FAVOR – 11

OPPOSED – 2

ABSTAIN – 0

The question was approved.

L. Cooper then asked that, seeing there was no other business, if he could get a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by J. Stumpo and approved by Steven Thompson. All in Favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Attest: Heather R. George, Town Clerk