



TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT WARRANT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Approved March 9, 2021

Present (17): John Adams, Donna Beals, Katrina Carter, Owen Craighead Jr., Rodney Eason, Jesse Hartson, Brian Henkel, Ellen Kappes, Stephanie Kelley Reece, Phil Lichtenstein, Gail Marshall, Samuel McGee, Jerry Miller, Kathleen Miller, Timothy Murphy, Donna Reis, Carmen Sanford, Craig Roebuck

Excused (2): William Ferm, Tate Bushell

Absent (3): Blakeslee Bell, Norris Reddish, Marina McGarr

Guests: Dr. Marc Gousse, Gloria Delsandro, Nancy Thurlow, Todd Graham

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Phil Lichtenstein.
- II. Announcements and welcome guests to the meeting – The next Warrant Committee meeting is Tuesday March 9th at 6:00 PM and includes CEAC Climate Resolution presentation and the beginning of voting on Warrant Articles.
- III. A motion to approve the Warrant Committee minutes from February 23, 2021 was made by Sam McGee and seconded by Jerry Miller. The minutes were approved. 18 to 0
- IV. AOS 91 Superintendent Dr. Marc Gousse gave an update about failing boilers at the Mount Desert Elementary School including a preliminary estimate of \$130,000 and the intent of the MDES to utilize the maintenance reserve account as a source for paying for the repairs. There was discussion of sustainable fuel sources and efficiency, the age of the boilers relative to anticipated life expectancy, impacts to the reserve account, the process for choosing boiler types, and upcoming expiration of other outstanding debt. Principal Gloria Delsandro gave a presentation on the Mount Desert Elementary School activities and status including ability to provide field trips, the wellness committee, Operations Teams, spring virtual school, summer planning activities, the return to in-person learning, staff assignments to accommodate COVID-19 requirements, the benefits of extra outdoor activities, family support systems, early release afternoons, the break from in-person school in January, the need for a full time tech integrator. Principal Delsandro also discussed the proposed 2022 budget including the postponement of the pre-K program, the short term aspects of proposed budget changes, trends related to enrollment, and housing availability. Nancy Thurlow discussed aspects of the MDES budget including COVID relief funds.

- V. It was moved by Rodney Eason and seconded by Sam McGee to request to The Board of Selectmen to donate the funds allocated for the Warrant Committee Annual Dinner to the MDES School Lunch program. The motion was approved. 17 to 0
- VI. Round Table Discussion – The Warrant Committee discussed the possible handling of any remaining 3rd party requests.
- VII. Kathy Miller moved to adjourn the Warrant Committee and it was seconded by Sam McGee. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM