**Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes with 5th Grade Students**

**4/24/2019 2:00pm Pelham School Gymnasium**

**Present:** Selectman Agoglia, Pearson, & Ribeiro, Susannah Carey, Suzanne Quinlin-5th grade teacher, Carol Schott-teacher, and 5th grade students, Police Chief Thomann & Officer Parnell.

**Open:** Meeting opened at 2:00pm.

Welcome and introductions. Students are sitting just where their parents and guardians will be at Town Meeting in May. Discussion about Board/Committee volunteers, what happens about meetings, other board/committee groups that exist in Pelham and their roles, Selectmen & their liaisons, what different groups/departments roles in town are, Annual Town Meeting, and John Adams-5th grade curriculum studies.

**Dog Leashing**

Background about formal complaints regarding bites and off leash dogs that have occurred in Town and actual dog articles that appear on the Town Meeting warrant that parents/guardians/townspeople will have to decide on.

Student comments & questions:

Are rules posted in Cadwell Forest or other conservation areas now? Does the owner of dog pay for doctors visit if bitten? Special collars exist that shock dogs when leave their owner’s property.

Students vote on item:

-dogs leashed all the time or dogs only on leashes if the dog receives a formal complaint

Vote: 6 votes yes-leashed all the time.

13 votes yes-on leash if formal complaint received

1 vote didn’t care either way

**Climate Resolution**

Also on the Town Meeting warrant, townspeople will decide whether or not to hear at the beginning of every Annual Town meeting what each Board/Committee action has been taken to combat climate.

Students vote on item:

-discuss or not discuss what board/committees have done about climate over past year

Vote: 18 votes yes

1 vote no-shouldn’t be required of each group

**Open Session for questions, comments, concerns, and address Board**

Would be nice to have sidewalks to walk on busy road to and from School.

Corner of Amherst Road and South Valley Road is very busy and in need of crosswalk.

Vandalism and spray painting on properties is bad. (Amherst Cinema)

Conservation trails behind house and lots of garbage around.

No shopping areas in town.

Trees cut in town and would like less trees cut.

Could telephone wires go under the road and keep birds safe?

Logging behind house and trails have been blocked by wood cut and debris, could it be cleaned up?

**How can you as a student reduce your Carbon Footprint?**

Items that use energy: video games, cars, heating, cooling

Turn down temperature at School a few degrees to save on heat and costs-kids in tank tops/short sleeves during winter months because so warm in classrooms.

Put solar on buildings instead of clear-cutting trees and creating solar fields and put solar on landfills and over parking lots

Students dismissed at 3:00pm.

**Town Officials**-Chief Thomann shared the anonymous call he received about this meeting and its accessibility to the public by holding it inside the School. The 4/24/19 agenda was posted within 72 hours. The updated agenda was sent to the Town Clerk Tuesday (4/23/19) before the meeting to alert the public and give as much time to review; gray area here. The warrant is under a tight timeline and must be finalized and signed today; continued item from Monday 4/22/19 meeting.

**Finalize & Sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

Selectman Agoglia heard mention that the warrant is very long. To make Town Meeting more efficient suggestion to have all 23 Free Cash articles reorganized to appear as one article listing each request. John Trickey, Chair Finance Committee was in favor of this layout. Town counsel was contacted for proper article language. Moderator did not answer contact attempts by phone or email sent and is unclear of this change. Susannah Carey presented a copy with the free cash articles’ change.

Motion to accept free cash article reordering, unanimously approved.

Motion to accept re-numbering of warrant articles, unanimously approved.

Motion to approve and sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, unanimously approved.

**Public Comment**-none

**Liaison Reports**-none.

**Old Business**

Slate-Board of Selectmen discussion and revision of article for Slate.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn, unanimously approved at 3:39pm.

**Documents Examined**

Annual Town Meeting Warrant, Spring Slate Newsletter.

Respectfully submitted, Susannah Carey