Deliberative Session

Following Deliberative session:

Agreeing to sign deeds to and from Liberty Truck and authorize John Scruton to sign any other documents necessary for closing.

Signing manifest for AP and Payroll 2/3

Vote to approve report for Board of Selectmen for Town Report

Recommendation on Warrant articles. Any changes as a result of action by the town meeting?

Employment action on John Scruton: Based upon further examination of the Town's vote and Jae's comments (below), I believe the Board needs to make a recommendation one way or the other on the article on terminating the employment of John Scruton.

There was a vote in 2009 by Town Meeting that reads: Are you in favor of requiring that all votes of the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Budget Committee be recorded and that the numerical tally of each vote relative to the budget items(s) or warrant articles be printed on the official ballot next to the affected article? Passed 1213-275.

Jae wrote:

I am writing to follow-up our discussion this morning regarding the selectmen's recommendations on petitioned warrant articles. My understanding is that the town previously voted to require the selectmen place their recommendation on petitioned articles on the warrant for town meeting. The selectmen have complied each year and done so. There are three petitioned articles this year, one of which addresses your employment with the town. The selectmen are discussing the possibility of not providing their recommendation on the article regarding your employment, but doing so on the other two. I strongly recommend that the selectmen include their recommendation on all three petitioned articles. First, the towote instructed them to do so. Second, the selectmen should be consistent; deviating from prior practice particularly on only one of three petitioned articles, makes a statement - but the voters are left to wonder what the statement is and are not provided the information they have said they want. I recognize the subject of the article may be sensitive to some, but that is not a reason to disregard the voters' direction and past practice.

Jae also wrote in a different email: "I think the SM's recommendation should go on all articles. I don't think DRA should be rendering decisions on articles that have nothing to do with MONEY."

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