

TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN
Select Board
16 School Street
Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275
January 14, 2017

Call to Order.

The Allenstown Select Board Meeting for January 14, 2017 at the Allenstown Community Center was called to order by Mr. Gryval at 8:30am.

Roll Call.

Present on the Board: Jeff Gryval and Dave Eaton.

Excused: Jason Tardiff

Other Public Officials:

Allenstown Staff:

Shaun Mulholland, Town Administrator

Karen Simmons, Finance Director

Discuss and make a recommendation on the petition warrant article proposing a tax exemption for charter schools, Article 21.

Mr. Mulholland: Petition and warrant article 21 for a tax abatement for charter schools. The requisite number of signatures is there and has been verified. One technical issue - there are four different pages signed by petitioners. At the bottom of each signature page the warrant article is written, however one word is different on one of the petitions which technically makes it different than the others. The word is 'duly' on three pages and 'duty' on the fourth page. This could make the petition invalid. I have to talk to Town Counsel to determine if that error makes the petition deficient. It is upon you to determine if you will recommend this warrant article or not.

Mr. Eaton: It would be nice but I think with the school budget going up and this taking out more revenue from the Town I don't think I can go for it.

Mr. Gryval: It's a charter school. Who goes to the charter school? Are they all Allenstown students?

Mr. Mulholland: No. It's a public charter school. Pace Career Academy, to my knowledge and I don't know this with certainty, is the only public charter school in the jurisdiction of Allenstown. There are 24 students at Pace Career Academy, 15 of which are from Allenstown. The rest are from other jurisdictions. They are occupying a suite in Suncook Business Park. It is my understanding they are looking to move to the Professional Business Park. That is prime commercial real estate the tax would be abated by at least 90%.

Mr. Gryval: I'm not in favor of that.

Mr. Mulholland: Of course every time there is a tax abatement or exemption that takes the tax levy and puts it on a smaller and smaller tax base. Allentown's tax base is very small. Also, any time a charter school decides to come to Allentown that would mean that at least 90% of the taxable amount for the location they are located at would be reduced. This abatement would be for the actual property owner, not the charter school. In this case we don't know if Pace would benefit from this or if the owner would just take that as a profit. Presumably Pace Career Academy would have that in their contract, but I don't know that. One thing you need to think about is if you choose not to recommend this you may get attacked because we built the Police Department and took prime commercial property off the tax base. You will recall we did a very detailed analysis about the cost to build a new location and the cost and years to recover the cost.

Mrs. Simmons: I'm assuming this charter school is a for profit school.

Mr. Mulholland: It is not. It is a public charter school. It was created by the SAU 53 to serve the students of that district. Of course kids from any other district can attend.

Mr. Gryval: I make the motion to not recommend the article 21.

Mr. Eaton: I second.

Mr. Gryval: All in favor?

Mr. Eaton: Aye.

Mr. Gryval: Aye.

Approve and issue the warrant for the 2017 Town Meeting.

Mr. Mulholland: The final warrant has some changes, in addition to your not recommending article 21 so I need your signatures on it. I plan to post this on Tuesday. I would like your signature as quickly as possible.

Also, the Town meeting Voters Guide is ready to go.

Proposed School Board SRO warrant article

Mr. Gryval: At the Municipal Budget Committee meeting on Thursday, when it got to the SRO warrant article I spoke against it as we discussed, but I abstained from the vote. The reason why I did that is because our Board had not seen it yet and had not taken a position on it yet. I know I may have caused some confusion. I know I can vote my own conscious there, but I always try to vote for what the board wants because I am there to represent the Board.

Mr. Eaton: Ok.

Mr. Gryval: Anything else?

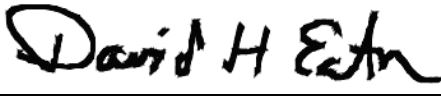

General: No.

At 840am Mr. Eaton made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gryval seconded the Motion. There was no additional discussion.

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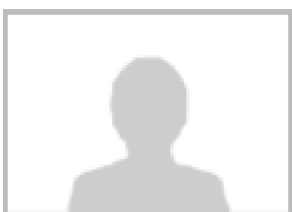
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