

Select Board

April 26, 2023

Present:

- Select Board: Mr. Bill Ramsey, Chair, Liz Klein and Mr. Joseph Fisher
- Mr. Tom Mayo, Town Administrator
- Ms. Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator for Finance
- Mr. Art Robert, Assistant Town Administrator for Operations

6:00 PM: Call to order

Mr. Ramsey called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

“This meeting is being held in person and/or remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 and all other applicable laws temporarily amending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this meeting, please notify the chair at the start of the meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording.”

No one indicated that they were recording.

Mr. Ramsey announced that Select Board members participating in the meeting were himself, Bill Ramsey, Ms. Liz Klein, and Mr. Joseph Fisher.

Vote to approve the issuance and details of a bond anticipation note to be dated and closed on May 11, 2023 and sign related closing papers

Ms. Lori Magner, Treasurer-Collector, read the following statement:

“On Tuesday, April 25, 2023 a competitive sale was held for the issuance of a \$24, 084,468 Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) with a maturity date of February 16, 2024. The Note was awarded to Fidelity Capital Markets for a net interest cost of 3.21%.

The Town received seven bids in a market that has seen interest rates up over the last few weeks. Moody's MIG 1 rating for this BAN and the Town's triple AAA bond rating of the Town of Hingham is a contributing factor in the favorable bids received.

This borrowing is a refinancing of our current BAN due May 11, 2023 of \$21, 392,931 the difference of \$2, 691,537 represents pay downs on some existing projects and new money for projects previously authorized but not funded.

A vote of approval by the Select Board is required for the notes to issue. The closing is scheduled for May 10, 2023. The notes will mature on February 16, 2024.”

Mr. Fisher asked how the interest rate compares to what is happening in the market. Ms. Janet Morely of Capital Markets Advisors said that while rates went down a bit in March, they have gone up again in April as much as 50 basis points, particularly in the short-term market. Due to an inverted yield curve, short-term rates and currently pricing much higher than long-term rates. Ms. Morley did not expect this

to be a long-term event. She explained that current market consensus is that there will be a pause in rate increases followed by a decline in late 2023-2024. There was some additional discussion about market trends and short versus long-term borrowing advantages.

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the sale of \$24,084,468 4.00 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the "Note") of the Town dated May 10, 2023, and payable February 16, 2024, to Fidelity Capital Markets, a division of National Financial Services LLC at par and accrued interest.

He further moved that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated April 12, 2023, a Supplement dated April 21, 2023 to the Preliminary Official Statement, and a final Official Statement dated April 25, 2023, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

He further moved that the Town Treasurer and the Select Board be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Notes from time to time.

He further moved that we authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the Town Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Notes and to comply with relevant securities laws.

He further moved that any certificates or documents relating to the Notes (collectively, the "Documents"), may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document; delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to a Document by electronic mail in a ".pdf" file or by other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart signature page to such Document; and electronic signatures on any of the Documents shall be deemed original signatures for the purposes of the Documents and all matters relating thereto, having the same legal effect as original signatures.

He further moved that each member of the Select Board, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Fisher: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Town Administrator/Select Board Reports

Mr. Ramsey reported that the Town Meeting was very successful and he thanked all those who participated.

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fisher seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Fisher: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Documents: A complete meeting packet of supporting documentation is on file and available for public review in the Select Board office