

**Milford Budget Advisory Committee**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**January 22, 2020**

**Present:** Karen Mitchell, Chris Pank, Paul Bartolomucci,  
Wade Campbell, Bob Courage, George Skuse,  
Peg Seward, Jason Cillo and Claudia Lemaire

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Police: Chief Viola and Capt. Frye  
Selectmen: Gary Daniels, Chris Labonte and Paul Dargie  
Ambulance Director – Eric Schelberg  
Conservation Commission - Chris Costantino  
Library – Lynn Coakley and Kathy Perenti  
Town Administrator – Mark Bender  
Fire - Chief Flaherty  
Paul Bagley

**Business:** Meeting called to order at 6:34 by Chris Pank

**Warrant Article #5**

Paul Bagley attended as to explain his Warrant Article 5 and answer any questions. He stated that the 2016 upgrade estimate was to solve all of our communication problems. The \$1,180,000 is Milford's 71% share. Mr. Bagley stated that this warrant is the lower of last years two bids (plus inflation). Captain Frye stated that this is not the case as last year we only received one bid. Mr. Bagley feels this solution will get us to 95% coverage. He stated that the current Warrant Article 4 for \$2.4 million for a Milford stand-alone dispatch center does not include the cost of operations and that the quote for \$1.66 million includes the 800k for operations.

**Differences between Warrant Article #4 and #5:**

- Additional construction costs for #4, but none for #5
- #4 includes radios for DPW and phones for Water/Sewer where #5 does not

- If we go with #4 and Milford leaves – we forfeit all equipment except for what is currently owned by Milford (consoles and some furniture)
- The repair of MACC Base does NOT include the additional antenna sites that would be needed.
- The #5 Warrant only fixes the Milford PD problems and does not address the issues with Fire, Ambulance, DPW and Water/Sewer.

There are concerns around:

- The other town's votes and funding.
- Larger concerns are around the concern if BOTH Warrants pass.
- If #5 passes and the other towns don't – are we left holding the bag to come up with the remaining balance of needed funds?
- The RFP for #5 would go out for multiple bids and may not be the same as in the 2016 report or even from Beltronics. CTA from #4 would send out the RFP and get bids – this is already included in the \$85k warrant from last year. The RFP for #5 will cost us more.
- Beltronics refused to answer our RFP last year with a bid unless we provided a 120-150 page write up.

### Library Warrant Article #3

The trustees feel that they cannot reduce the warrant article to remove the expansion as it ties into the repair/renovation work they are looking to do based on the requests of residents of the Town. They do not have a capital reserves fund – did not want to ask the town for more money at this point.

### Warrant Article #39 – Paul Dargie

Currently fees we pay go right into the general fund as revenue. This warrant would allow the funds to go into a capital reserve fund.

The BAC went through all of the warrants again to verify votes and to re-vote on those articles requested as well as take the preliminary votes on those not yet voted upon. The BAC also took a vote on whether or not to include the names of support/against/abstain in the Majority/Minority Report. The vote was unanimous to not support.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Deliberative Session is February 1, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Karen Mitchell, Secretary