

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: September 21, 2022

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bernie Pigeon, Chair
Norma Scogin, Vice Chair
Matt Rose
Joseph Smith
Gerald Stefanski
Tom Worthen
Tom Hannon
Dominic Cammarano

Member Absent: Julie Moran

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Discussion & possible vote re: Harbormaster's articles for Fall Town Meeting.

Present before the FinCom: Gary Buckminster, Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

Article 11 – Waterways Rules

Mr. Buckminster stated the last waterways rules were approved in 1998. Updates & changes are needed at this time. He noted various proposed changes, such as rules for boats/kayaks on shorelines, non-utilization of moorings & language changes. A public hearing will be held on October 11, 2022.

Mr. Buckminster discussed multi-use areas for recreation, establishment of fines/fees & kayak storage units.

Mr. Buckminster noted the MA Environmental Police have the final approval of any rules/regulations changes.

Article 12 – Harbor Services Permit Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Account – Patrol Boat Outboard Motors

Article 13 – Harbor Services Permit Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Account – Onset Pier Floating Docks

Article 14 – Harbor Services Permit Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Account – Patrol Boat UHF Communication & Other Repairs, Replacements & Maintenance

Mr. Buckminster discussed the delay in obtaining the boat motors from the manufacturer.

Mr. Buckminster discussed the need for newer communication equipment & repairs, replacement & maintenance on various equipment, such as moorings.

Mr. Buckminster stated there is approx. \$425,000+ in the appropriations account before deductions & noted sources of funding for said account.

Brief discussion ensued re: beach mats to be used next season.

B. Discussion & possible vote re: CPC's articles for Fall Town Meeting.

Present before the FinCom: David Heard, CPC

Article 7 – Return Unused Funds from Cancelled Project

Mr. Heard explained the Tremont Nail Freight Building Restoration project has unexpended funds in the amount of \$200,000 to be returned to Community Preservation. Brief discussion ensued re: interest on unspent monies.

Article 8 – Tremont Nail Remediation Project

Mr. Heard explained the intent of the article is to appropriate funds for an installment payment for long term debt principal, interest, short term debt principal & interest on a bond approved at the 2018 Fall Town Meeting for the cleanup of contamination at the Tremont Nail Factory site. The total amount requested is \$227,208.99.

Article 9 – 2021 Community Preservation Fund Reserves Adjustment

Mr. Heard explained the intent of this article is to reserve for future appropriation in the amount of \$21,800 to the Affordable Housing Reserve.

Present before the FinCom: Sandy Slavin, CPC

Article 10 – Little Harbor Country Club Land Acquisition

Mr. Heard explained the intent of this article is to appropriate funding for a bond approved at the 2/23/22 Special Town Meeting for the acquisition of 54 acres, including the Little Harbor

Country Club. The funding will pay an installment payment for long term debt principal & interest.

Discussion ensued re: if Town Meeting votes “no” on said article & legalities/obligations. Mr. Heard noted Town Counsel’s opinion has been sought on this question.

Ms. Slavin noted a financial report of accounting for CPC funds will be available at Town Meeting.

Brief discussion ensued re: affordable housing.

C. Update on final Warrant for Fall Town Meeting.

Mr. Pigeon noted an updated Warrant will be distributed shortly. He reviewed the current Warrant in hand & representatives who will come before the FinCom to discuss said articles. Brief discussion ensued re: various articles, for example articles dealing w/ the Wareham Middle School roof replacement & High School boiler replacement.

D. Requirement to turn in updated Harassment Policy acknowledgement.

Mr. Pigeon distributed the policy to be signed by each individual FinCom member.

E. Finalize WPCF tour.

Brief discussion ensued re: availability of FinCom members to tour the WPCF. The consensus of the FinCom members was to take the tour on October 1, 2022.

IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Unanticipated Items)

Discussion ensued re: regionalization of dispatching for police & fire.

Mr. Rose discussed a process for keeping minutes.

Mr. Pigeon noted the proposed upcoming budget from the Town Administrator & different aspects of said budget that will be difficult. Brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Pigeon stated he & Mr. Rose attended a presentation on the Parker Mills Dam & briefly noted details from said presentation. Brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Worthen expressed concern re: not seeing final financial reports for Fiscal Year 2022.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on September 28, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Scogin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 P.M. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Date signed: _____

Attest: _____

Bernie Pigeon, Chair
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy submitted to Town Clerk: _____

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