

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: September 25, 2019

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bernie Pigeon, Chairman
Tom Worthen
Dominic Cammarano
Stuart Novick
Joe Smith
Pat Rumney
Gerald Stefanski
Glenn Lawrence (Arrived at 6:35 P.M.)

Member Absent: David Heard

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 18, 2019. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. 2019 Fall Town Meeting:

- 1. Review 2019 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.**
 - a. Article 22 – Establish a Stormwater Management & Illicit Discharge Bylaw & Article 23 – WPCF Funding Request for Process Improvements.**

Present before the FinCom: Jim Giberti, Sewer Commissioners
Guy Camphina, WPCF Superintendent

Article 21 – Septic Loan Program

Mr. Camphina stated CEDA is asking for more funding to get more people applying to tie into the sewer system. He noted the application process.

Mr. Giberti stated there are households that have not hooked up to the sewer system as of yet when they were required to do so. Mr. Camphina stated the average hook-up cost is approx. \$2,500.00, but it is based on the length to the system.

NOTE: Mr. Lawrence arrived at this time.

Brief discussion ensued re: enforcement of complying w/ hooking up to the sewer system & who is in charge of enforcement.

Brief discussion ensued re: sump pumps & fines.

Article 22 – Establish a Stormwater Management & Illicit Discharge Bylaw

Mr. Camphina stated this is being mandated by the State.

Article 23 – WPCF Funding Request for Process Improvements

Mr. Camphina stated in the motion for this article, it will state the cost will be up to \$10 million. He discussed issues w/ wet weather, sump pumps & water tables rising. He explained how all flow comes in & how excess flow exceeds the capacity of the pipes, manholes, etc. He stated the flow then comes to the plant. Once the infiltrators are full, it has nowhere to go. He stated each part of the process has a specific flow rate. The State has said the Town has to come up w/ a solution to the problem. He noted there is no redundancy whatsoever at the plant. The plant is undersized for wet weather. If the Town doesn't do something, the State will.

Mr. Camphina discussed the option of having a new \$250,000.00 tank & lining something existing.

Mr. Giberti stated that the WPCF would be responsible for \$1 million & the other potential \$9 million would come from a no interest SRF loan. The money could be taken out of the WPCF Retained Earnings account every year to pay down the loan. Lengthy discussion ensued re: using the WPCF Retained Earnings account every year to pay the loan back & if this can be done. Mr. Pigeon suggested composing a list of definite needs that need to be done at the plant.

Discussion ensued re: other communities & regionalization plans.

b. Any other Town Meeting Warrant articles.

Article 10 – Transfer Monies to Wareham Public Schools Fund

Mr. Novick asked how there is a surplus of monies. Mr. Smith asked if these transfers are legal. Discussion ensued. Mr. Pigeon stated usually when an article is funded & not all monies were expended, the money should go back to the Town. Mr. Cammarano feels the money was given

to the schools at some point & they should be able to use the surplus of funds as needed. Mr. Lawrence concurred. Lengthy discussion ensued.

2. Vote on Town Meeting Warrant articles.

Article 1

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 1 of the 2019 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 2

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 2 of the 2019 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 6

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 6 of the 2019 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 8

Mr. Novick moved Favorable Action on Article 8 of the 2019 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Smith seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 9

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 9 of the 2019 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 11

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 11 of the 2019 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 12

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 12 of the 2019 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 13

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 13 of the 2019 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 14.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 14 of the 2019 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

Mr. Worthen feels the cost of \$200,000.00 is too high for a playground. He expressed concern re: maintenance of the playground. Mr. Pigeon stated it has been explained that a group of volunteers will deal w/ the maintenance.

Mr. Smith stated he would like to see a plan & budget for the playground. He expressed concern that there was a lack of back-up documentation for this article.

Mr. Cammarano & Mr. Novick withdrew their motions.

Article 15

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 15 of the 2019 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Smith seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 16

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 16 of the 2019 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 17

Article 18

Article 19

Article 20

Mr. Pigeon stated these are all zoning articles & will be referred to Town Meeting to make a decision.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to refer Articles 17, 18, 19 & 20 of the 2019 Fall Town Meeting Warrant to Town Meeting for a decision. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 21

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 21 of the 2019 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Smith seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 22

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 22 of the 2019 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 23

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved Favorable Action on Article 23 of the 2019 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Rumney seconded.

Discussion ensued re: making an amendment to the motion for this article.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Discussion ensued re: making the WPCF issues a critical topic to the voters & how it is a critical component to the Town. It was stated the Town needs to address the issues & fix them ore the State will do it at a larger cost. Mr. Novick stated “piece-mealing” the issues isn’t working & it is a critical matter. Discussion continued.

Article 24

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to refer Article 24 of the 2019 Fall Town Meeting to Town Meeting for a decision. Mr. Stefanski seconded.

Mr. Cammarano stated if the FinCom is referring this article to Town Meeting for a decision because it doesn’t have a monetary impact, he disagrees.

**VOTE: (7-1-0)
Mr. Cammarano opposed**

3. Discussion: Assignments for FinCom recommendations.

The FinCom members reviewed the article recommendation assignments.

B. Discussion: School Building Committee activities.

Mr. Pigeon explained there is a concern re: several issues. One is there was an amendment w/ the architect's contract which he explained. He noted Town Counsel is looking into this matter. Lengthy discussion ensued.

C. Any other Finance Committee matters.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on October 2, 2019.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 P.M. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso
Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

Date signed: 10/2/19

Attest: Bernie Pigeon (RP)
Bernie Pigeon, Chairman
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: 10/3/19