

**MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE &
WAREHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Date of Meeting: March 15, 2016

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The joint meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: David Heard, Chairman
Bernie Pigeon, Vice Chairman
Ellis Bailey, Clerk
Joan Fontes
Pat Rumney
Tom Worthen

Member Absent: Stuart Novick

BOS Members Present: Patrick Tropeano
Alan Slavin
Peter Teitelbaum
Judy Whiteside
Steve Holmes

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Rich Bowen, Town Counsel

III. DISCUSSION RE: 2016 SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 2 – Recurring Business

BOS Vote: Favorable Action 5-0-0

FinCom Vote: **MOTION: A motion was made & seconded for Favorable Action on Article 2 of the 2016 Spring Town Meeting Warrant.**

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Article 3 – Compensation of Certain Appointed Officials

BOS Vote: Favorable Action 5-0-0

FinCom Vote: **MOTION: A motion was made & seconded for Favorable Action on Article 3 of the 2016 Spring Town Meeting Warrant.**

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Article 4 – Annual Reports

BOS Vote: Favorable Action 5-0-0

FinCom Vote: **MOTION: A motion was made & seconded for Favorable Action on Article 4 of the 2016 Spring Town Meeting Warrant.**

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Article 5 – FY2017 Revolving Funds

BOS Vote: Favorable Action 5-0-0

FinCom Vote: **MOTION: A motion was made & seconded for Favorable Action on Article 5 of the 2016 Spring Town Meeting Warrant.**

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Article 6 – FY2017 Capital Plan

Mr. Sullivan stated there is a need for the final vote of the Capital Planning Committee.

Article 7 – FY2017 Budget

Mr. Sullivan noted the figures not received as of yet. They are the health insurance figures (should receive this figure the end of March), general liability and Workmen's Compensation figures.

Article 8 – Upper Cape Regional Technical School District Budget

Mr. Sullivan stated Wareham's share of Upper Cape's budget is \$3,068,911.

BOS Vote: Favorable Action 5-0-0

Mr. Pigeon stated he would like to wait to vote until a presentation is made on this budget.

Article 9 – Emergency Medical Services Budget

Mr. Sullivan stated the total budget is \$1,511,527.

BOS Vote: Favorable Action 5-0-0

Mr. Heard stated the FinCom would like to wait to vote until they speak w/ the EMS Director re: the EMS budget.

Article 10 – FY2017 Community Preservation Fund Reserves

BOS Vote: Favorable Action 5-0-0

Article 11 – Community Preservation: Westfield – Fencing & Field Improvements

BOS Vote: Favorable Action 5-0-0

Article 12 – Community Preservation: First Congregational Church Historic Window Preservation

BOS Vote: Favorable Action 5-0-0

Selectman Tropeano explained that the request is for \$60,000 for stained glass window repairs at the church. He explained this is an allowable use under the historical portion of CP funds. Brief discussion ensued re: separation of church & stated. Selectmen Holmes stated Selectmen Teitelbaum read last week how this would fall under historical.

Mr. Worthen feels the windows are not going to attract anyone to see them. He stated the church has been re-built four times & is not open to everyone in the community to enjoy. He stated there is nothing in the church's promotional literature speaking about the stained glass windows. He stated the church is seeking \$100,000 for the project. He suggested before giving the church \$60,000, the \$100,000 should be raised by the church.

Selectman Holmes asked if the church doesn't get the \$100,000, will they still get the \$60,000. Selectman Slavin believes when the application to the Community Preservation Committee was made, it was stated what was actually going to be done & the CPC approved. Discussion ensued re: having a representative of the church come to Town Meeting to explain the article.

Article 13 – Community Preservation: Onset Bath House Historic Rehabilitation

Attorney Bowen stated in order for the applicant (Buzzards Bay Coalition) to get CP monies, they had to meet w/ the BOS. All have agreed to enter into a six month lease. He can have this drafted. He hopes to have it drafted in approx. one week.

Selectman Holmes doesn't feel this can be voted on until the lease is drafted. Selectman Tropeano stated it can be voted on if everything is in place.

BOS Vote: Favorable Action 5-0-0

Article 14 – Onset Bath House Lease

Selectman Tropeano stated he wants everyone to know this lease will go out to bid (RFP).

Selectman Holmes stated discussion just ensued re: a lease in Article 13, but in this article the lease has to go out to bid/RFP. Selectman Tropeano stated the lease in Article 13 is a short-term lease for six months. He stated Article 14 could go out to anyone. Discussion ensued. Selectman Holmes stated this will need to be explained clearly at Town Meeting.

BOS Vote: Favorable Action 5-0-0

FinCom Vote: **MOTION: A motion was made & seconded to table voting on Article 14 of the 2016 Spring Town Meeting Warrant.**

Mr. Worthen feels the FinCom should proceed in voting now.

The motion & seconded were withdrawn.

MOTION: A motion was made & seconded for Favorable Action on Article 14 of the 2016 Spring Town Meeting Warrant.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Article 15 – Amend Bylaws: Uses Allowed on Road Layouts

BOS Vote: Favorable Action 5-0-0

FinCom Vote: **MOTION: A motion was made & seconded for Favorable Action on Article 15 of the 2016 Spring Town Meeting Warrant.**

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Article 16 – Minot Forest School Building: MSBA Feasibility Study

BOS Vote: Favorable Action 4-1-0

Article 17 – John W. Decas Elementary School: MSBA Accelerated Repair Project

Mr. Heard stated the FinCom needs further information before voting.

Article 18 – Petitioned Article – Mobile Home Park Bylaw

Attorney Bowen stated a Bylaw cannot be done without a Special Act of the Legislature. That is the way to proceed. The petitioner is proposing to adopt a Bylaw & then asking the Bylaw to be sent to the State for approval. He stated if the petitioner makes a motion to petition the State General Court w/ everything in order, it could move forward. He stated it is the petitioners call at this point.

BOS Vote: Unfavorable Action 3-2-0

Selectman Teitlebaum feels getting the Town involved in this type of matter is not a good idea. Selectman Whiteside feels the format is flawed.

Discussion ensued re: voting & what the votes mean.

Article 19 – Petitioned Article – Sewer Commissioners Bylaw Change

Selectman Teitelbaum stated this article would create a separate district in theory & would increase costs. He feels it is a wasteful article.

BOS Vote: Unfavorable Action 5-0-0

Discussion again ensued re: voting & what unfavorable votes mean. Attorney Bowen suggested a representative of the BOS & FinCom should sit down & work out a common format in voting. Selectman Holmes feels the votes look confusing. Selectman Tropeano stated this was discussed last year.

Article 20 – Amend Town of Wareham's Wetland Bylaw

Selectman Teitelbaum stated the Wetland Bylaw Committee is meeting next Monday & there should be a final product after that.

Article 21 – Reorganize Town Departments

The BOS concurred to wait to vote on this article.

Article 22 – Charter Change – Annual Town Meeting

BOS Vote: Favorable Action 5-0-0

FinCom Vote: **MOTION: A motion was made & seconded for Favorable Action on Article 22 of the 2016 Spring Town Meeting Warrant.**

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Article 23 – Petitioned Article – Minot Forest Dog Park

Selectman Teitelbaum feels there isn't an actual applicant for this article & without an applicant, funds can't be received. He stated there are also limitations on this property & it is passive recreation that is being proposed for appropriation. He feels this proposal runs counter to the dedication of the land. He recommended Further Study on this article.

BOS Vote: Further Study 3-2-0

Mr. Heard stated the FinCom still needs to discuss this article.

Article 24 – WPCF Enterprise Fund

Mr. Sullivan discussed vote of the Sewer Commissioner's. He stated they voted on just the whole number, not broken down. He concurred to hold off on this until a breakdown is received. The FinCom concurred.

Mr. Sullivan stated the EMS was already before the FinCom at the all-day budget meeting. He asked what more information the FinCom wants. Mr. Heard stated they would just like the EMS Director to come before them to answer further questions.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made & seconded at 8:51 P.M. to retreat to another area to have further discussion.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Date signed: Keely Barakat
3/23/16

Attest: Ellis Bailey (KB)
Ellis Bailey, Clerk

WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: 3/24/16