

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Date of Meeting: January 25, 2017**

### **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

### **II. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: David Heard, Chairman  
Bernie Pigeon, Vice Chairman  
Ellis Bailey, Clerk  
Stuart Novick  
Dominic Cammarano  
Tom Worthen  
Glenn Lawrence

Members Absent: Pat Rumney  
Joan Fontes

### **III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

### **IV. BUSINESS**

#### **A. Discussion w/ Missy Dziczek – Council on Aging – Needs & Plans.**

Present before the FinCom: Missy Dziczek, Council on Aging Director  
Peter Dunlop, Chairman of Council on Aging Committee  
Various Council on Aging Committee members

Ms. Dziczek stated the COA received funding through the State through June 2017. They are looking for funding after that date.

Ms. Dziczek stated the COA meets in the basement of the Multi-Service Center (MSC). The COA is looking to move forward and there is a need for more space. She discussed what the COA offers w/ very little funding. She discussed funding, including grant funding of \$52,000 per year. She stated a permanent director is needed. She is looking to fund the director position for next year at a cost of \$60,000.

Ms. Dziczek is hoping to find another location for the senior center. She is looking at the senior population to double next year. She discussed the volunteers that help out. She noted that approx. 20-30 seniors participate in the lunch program. Currently, 80-100 seniors participate in the senior program each day.

Discussion ensued re: the Revolving Funds for the COA's social programs and COA activities. Mr. Dunlop stated the Town does not give any money to the COA & Wareham is one of the only towns in the State that doesn't contribute to their COA. He discussed the Revolving Funds are funded by fees, grants, Medicare, etc.

Ms. Dziczek stated the COA is looking at the Everett School or the East Wareham School as an alternative location. She also noted that the COA may be looking for CPA or CEDA funding for this. She stated that the library has been suggested, but the library space would not work. The library space is less than what they have now. The COA does not have an exclusive space in the MSC, except for offices. Mr. Dunlop added that more people would attend the COA if there was more space.

Mr. Heard explained that the upcoming budget cycle will be difficult & difficult to come up w/ additional funding, but the FinCom will keep the COA in mind during the budget process. He added that the budget process starts w/ the Town Administrator & discussions w/ him.

Mr. Heard noted that the COA will need more specifics, such as figures, operating costs, etc. going forward as well as costs associated w/ taking over a new building.

Ms. Dziczek stated another option would be to have a part-time director.

## **V. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Heard stated the Town Administrator will not be available this evening. He stated the Town Administrator has indicated that the health insurance rate is going up this year. If the budget is level funded this upcoming fiscal year, there will be a \$500,000 deficit. He noted the School Department is looking for a 6% increase as well. He stated that for FY2018, Chapter 70 funds are estimated to be \$13,178,000+ which is \$500,000 more than last year. He also stated that unrestricted aid has increased \$70,000. Mr. Cammarano summarized that the School Department is asking for a 6% increase, but the State is only giving 2.1%. Discussion ensued.

## **VI. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS**

### **A. 2017 Spring Town Meeting.**

#### **1. Review Town Meeting dates/deadlines.**

The FinCom members reviewed the Town Meeting dates/deadlines.

#### **2. Review preliminary articles proposed for Town Meeting Warrant.**

Mr. Heard proceeded to discuss proposed articles submitted to date for the Warrant. The FinCom members reviewed said articles.

## **VII. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: NOVEMBER 9, 2016**

**MOTION: Mr. Novick moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 9, 2016. Mr. Worthen seconded.**

**VOTE: (6-0-1)  
Mr. Pigeon abstained**

**VIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**IX. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME**

Mr. Heard proposed meeting every two weeks commencing in February. He suggested the following meeting schedule: February 8<sup>th</sup>, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 8<sup>th</sup>, & March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Mr. Lawrence moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Pigeon seconded.**

**VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)**

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Ellis Bailey, Clerk  
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_