

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2018

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bernie Pigeon, Chairman
David Heard, Vice Chairman
Ellis Bailey, Clerk
Stuart Novick
Glen Lawrence
Gerald Stefanski (Arrived at 6:47 P.M.)

Members absent: Dominic Cammarano
Joan Fontes
Pat Rumney

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

NOTE: Mr. Pigeon stated a FinCom website has now been created so if the public has questions or comments, they can submit them via email.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Discuss Special Town Meeting (March 12, 2018) re: marijuana.

Present before the FinCom: Selectman Alan Slavin, BOS liaison

Selectman Slavin stated there will be approx. four articles on this Special Town Meeting Warrant slated for March 12, 2018. He noted the articles will simply be relative to marijuana. He explained that the four articles will be broken down into one article w/ three pieces to it.

Selectman Slavin briefly discussed the determination process that will be used as to how many marijuana retail outlets that will be allowed.

Selectman Slavin explained the reasoning for this Special Town Meeting. He stated the Town doesn't want to get sued by proponents of the State. There is a need to have regulations & Bylaws in place before April 1, 2018 to be safe/secure.

Selectman Slavin stated the BOS can set up to a 3% excise tax on retail sales of marijuana. The Town will also set the location & number of retail outlets. The State will regulate the marijuana issue.

Selectman Slavin discussed the application process for interested applicants. He noted that there is also a home delivery option as well as the possibility of marijuana social clubs.

NOTE: Mr. Stefanski arrived at this time.

B. Review proposed revenue projections by Town Administrator.

Mr. Pigeon noted that the budget projections are tight. He noted there will be a presentation by the Town Administrator at the next FinCom meeting relative to the budget.

C. Review proposed School Dept. budget. (The School Dept. will not be present & this is not a hearing).

Mr. Pigeon stated the School Committee would like to meet w/ the BOS to discuss how to cope w/ their budgetary requests vs. what is being proposed in the Town's budget. Basically, the budget is \$1 million short of the School Dept.'s request.

Mr. Pigeon discussed various budget issues thus far. He suggested the FinCom meeting w/ the School Committee to review their budget.

D. Update on Minot Building Committee.

Selectman Slavin updated the FinCom on the Minot School building project & the proposal for a new school site.

E. Review Town Meeting deadlines (Process for Calling 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting).

1. February 5, 2018 – Last day to submit articles.
2. February 8, 2018 - Last day to submit petitioned articles.
3. February 13, 2018 – BOS to close Warrant.
4. February 14, 2018 – FinCom to receive Warrant.
5. March 28, 2018 – Last day for FinCom to vote on articles.
6. April 2, 2018 – Warrant to printer.
7. April 23, 2018 – Town Meeting

F. Review any articles pending placement on Town Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Pigeon discussed tentative scheduling going forward for FinCom meetings to address articles.

G. Vote amending article re: membership on FinCom.

Mr. Pigeon discussed the intent of the proposed article. He explained that currently, a FinCom member can serve six years on the FinCom, then they have to take one year off, & then they can come back for another six years. The article proposes a maximum of nine years. Lengthy discussion ensued re: FinCom member opinions of this article.

H. FinCom meeting calendar for Town Meeting Warrant items. (DONE)

V. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Unanticipated Items)

Mr. Pigeon noted that there is a need for suggestions for the cover for the Warrant.

Mr. Pigeon discussed a template that could be used by department heads prior to the departmental budget meetings to obtain basic information prior to the meeting. He noted the Town Administrator has indicated that this meeting will be held near the end of February.

Mr. Pigeon stated there is a need to consider other entities that impact the Town, such as the Water & Fire Districts relative to forthcoming projects.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on February 21, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 P.M. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

Date signed: _____

Attest: _____
Ellis Bailey, Clerk
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: _____