

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: March 22, 2017

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: David Heard, Chairman
Bernie Pigeon, Vice Chairman
Ellis Bailey, Clerk
Pat Rumney
Joan Fontes
Tom Worthen
Glenn Lawrence
Dominic Cammarano (Arrived at 6:48 P.M.)

Member Absent: Stuart Novick

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator (Arrived at 6:41 P.M.)

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Present before the FinCom: Roger Becari

Mr. Becari asked to make comments on Article 20 – Unaccepted Way Bylaw Revision. He stated he read the new draft of the Bylaw revision on-line & is not happy w/ the presentation at the last Bylaw revision meeting due to lack of information on the changes. He stated there is no written documentation on the revisions. Mr. Heard stated he would rather not have any comments on the presentation.

Mr. Becari stated he is pleased w/ some of the acceptances & some not. He stated one thing that hasn't change is the removal of "temporary repairs". He would like to hear justification on the \$400 limit to homeowners. He feels citizens should have historical facts as to how the \$400 came to be. He discussed the "opt in" matter which seems to be a bureaucratic process. He expressed concern re: costs for outside contractors.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. 2017 Spring Town Meeting

1. Review & vote on 2017 Spring Town Meeting articles.

NOTE: The meeting proceeded w/ item b. Articles 19 & 20 – Unaccepted Way Revolving Fund & Unaccepted Way Bylaw Revision – Road Commissioners.

Present before the FinCom: Bill Heaney, Chairman Road Commissioners
John McGonnell, Road Commissioners
David Menard, Municipal Maintenance Director

NOTE: Mr. Sullivan arrived at this time.

Mr. Heaney stated there seems to be a lot of mis-understanding on what this Bylaw does. He proceeded to make a presentation on the proposed Unaccepted Way Bylaw revisions, including history and statistics. (Attached as reference).

Mr. Menard feels these proposals make sense for the citizens of Wareham. Mr. Heard expressed concern re: the impacts of the Bylaw on Municipal Maintenance services. Mr. Sullivan stated they will impact some services, but if it is what the citizens want, it is how it will be. He noted the proposals in the Bylaw will be phased in. He discussed neutral costs.

Mr. Heaney discussed the Unaccepted Street revolving fund & how it would be funded by Free Cash. The amount out of Free Cash would be a one-time cost of \$50,000. He stated a revolving fund will allow the Municipal Maintenance Dept. resources to deal w/ a project. He explained there will be a billing & collection process for road abutters (a maximum of \$400 per person). Discussion ensued.

Discussion ensued re: increased demand for these services & taking away from other demands as well as economic impact of these demands & funding sources.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 20 of the 2017 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Ellis seconded.

VOTE: (6-1-1)
Mr. Worthen opposed
Mr. Heard abstained

NOTE: Mr. Cammarano left the table at this time.

MOTION: Mr. Ellis moved Favorable Action on Article 19 of the 2017 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Pigeon seconded,

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

a. Article 10 – WPCF Enterprise Fund – Guy Camphina, WPCF Superintendent

Present before the FinCom: Guy Camphina, WPCF Superintendent

NOTE: Mr. Cammarano returned to the table.

Mr. Camphina discussed the WPCF, its functions, equipment, etc.

Mr. Camphina discussed the WPCF expense budget. (Attached as reference).

Mr. Camphina stated the Sewer Commissioners have approved the WPCF budget.

MOTION: Mr. Pigeon moved Favorable Action on Article 10 of the 2017 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Rumney seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 8 – EMS Budget

MOTION: Mr. Pigeon moved Favorable Action on Article 8 of the 2017 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Fontes seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 11 – Street Layout – Brittany Drive

Mr. Sullivan read the explanation into the record.

MOTION: Mr. Worthen moved Favorable Action on Article 11 of the 2017 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Pigeon seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 12 – Clarify Charter Re: Inclusion of Warrant Articles

Article 14 – Amend Bylaws: Town Meeting Quorum

Mr. Sullivan stated he will have a FinCom member attend next week's meeting to discuss these two articles.

Article 21 – Wareham Redevelopment Authority

Mr. Sullivan suggested the FinCom forward any questions re: this article to the Redevelopment Authority so the Authority can provide answers.

2. Review & vote 2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 13 – MASS DOT Cranberry Highway

Brief discussion ensued re: this article's explanation.

Article 1 – Budget Transfers

Mr. Sullivan stated any transfers may not be available until closer to Town Meeting.

Article 2 – Union Contracts

Mr. Sullivan stated negotiations are still ongoing.

Article 3 – Marijuana Moratorium Bylaw

Brief discussion ensued.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 3 of the 2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Pigeon seconded.

Lengthy discussion ensued re: the intent of this article.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 4 – Authorize Sale of Bay Pointe Land

Mr. Sullivan discussed the bids for land that are due next Monday. He stated Town Meeting approval is needed for the sale of the land.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 4 of the 2017 Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Pigeon seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 5 – Fund Parking Program

Mr. Sullivan discussed monies left in the Parking Fund. He stated if this article passes, there will be approx. \$170,000 left. Purchasing another kiosk is being looked at as well as more signage.

Mr. Sullivan explained looking into leasing four trash compactors/receptacles to be utilized in Onset. He stated bids will go out in the next two weeks. Brief discussion ensued.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 5 of the 2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Pigeon seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 6 – CPC: Fund Reserves

MOTION: Mr. Worthen moved Favorable Action on Article 6 of the 2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 7 – CPC: Westfield Softball Field Bleachers

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 7 of the 2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Pigeon seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 8 – CPC: Philip E. Lukey Community Park Rehab

Discussion ensued re: parking & the large cost of the project. Mr. Sullivan believes there are two parking areas, but he doesn't know the maximum capacity. Brief discussion ensued re: if this is a capital issue. Mr. Sullivan stated technically it is a capital project & meets the specifications of a capital project.

Mr. Heard suggested holding off on voting until these matters are looked into. He stated the same goes for Article 9 – CPC: Spillane Field Concession Stand/Ticket Booth/Sound System.

Article 10 – Reorganization of Town Departments

Mr. Sullivan stated he is looking at bringing the Animal Control Dept. in w/ the Harbormaster Dept.

MOTION: Mr. Worthen moved Favorable Action on Article 10 of the 2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 11 – Harbor Services Permit Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Account

Mr. Sullivan discussed the various items that would be paid for through a transfer of \$14,050.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 11 of the 2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Worthen seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 12 – Solar Pilot Agreement

Mr. Sullivan discussed the intent of the article.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 12 of the 2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Worthen seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 13 – MASS DOT Cranberry Highway

MOTION: Mr. Pigeon moved Favorable Action on Article 13 of the 2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

V. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on March 29, 2017.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Pigeon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 P.M. Ms. Fontes seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

Date signed: _____

Attest: _____

Ellis Bailey, Clerk
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: _____