

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Pat Rumney
Joan Fontes

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Review 2018 Annual & Special Town Meeting articles.

Article 17 – ATM – Petition: Commercial Aquaculture Regulation

Mr. Pigeon stated he spoke w/ the Harbormaster re: this article & the Harbormaster is in favor of it, but it needs further study at this time. Mr. Pigeon stated he has not heard a response back from the petitioner.

Article 9 – ATM – Upper Cape Reg. Tech. School Budget

Present before the FinCom: Mr. Dutch, Superintendent

Mr. Dutch proceeded to make a budget presentation. (Attached as reference).

After the presentation, discussion ensued re: increase in enrollment of Wareham students at the school.

Mr. Dutch explained that assessment & economic growth factors are the greatest drivers of Wareham's cost increase vs. last year.

Brief discussion ensued re: transportation costs. Mr. Dutch explained that by law w/ regional schools, transportation is reimbursable & they are not allowed to charge for transportation.

Brief discussion ensued re: proposed capital projects & borrowing, namely for a new roof.

Articles 12-16 – STM

Present before the FinCom: David Riquina, Director of Inspectional Services

Mr. Riquina stated the intent of Articles 12-16 is to try & streamline the zoning process to be compatible to State codes & new case law.

Article 13 – STM – Replace Article 13: Zoning Protection of Zoning Bylaw

Discussion ensued re: the purpose of this article. Mr. Riquina explained new content is being added to make it easier for the applicant & to simplify the process.

Article 14 – STM – Amend Zoning Bylaws Article 14: Administration

Mr. Riquina explained that two definitions have been added for Special Permits & Variances.

Article 15 – STM -Amend Zoning Bylaws Article 3: Drive Thru's

Mr. Riquina explained that currently, drive thru's are not allowed in Town (non-food drive-thrus are allowed). There have been several food businesses that have been turned away because they cannot have drive thru's. It is proposed that a Special Permit be sought for a drive thru & not have it a by-right matter. He stated new business in Town has been lost because of this regulation.

Article 16 – STM -Amend Zoning Bylaws Article 16: Revise Definitions

Mr. Riquina explained this article will revise definitions w/in the Bylaw.

Mr. Riquina noted that with all these articles, nothing has been made more restrictive. The intent of these changes is to clarify what is already in the Bylaw.

Brief discussion ensued re: grandfathering.

Article 17 – STM – Stretch Energy Code

Mr. Riquina stated the intent of this article is to make new houses more energy efficient & standards being more restrictive than the MA Energy Code.

Discussion ensued re: becoming a “green”community.

Article 9 – STM – Solar Pilots

Present before the FinCom: Jacqui Nichols, Director of Assessment

Ms. Nichols stated this article is a placeholder. She stated she is in negotiations currently. She noted two bills in the Legislature right now that would make commercial solar fields not exempt. She noted how solar laws are written. She discussed two new solar projects in Town currently.

Article 6 – ATM – FY19 Capital Plan

Present before the FinCom: Jim Giberti, Capital Planning Committee

Mr. Giberti stated the priorities of the Town exceed what the Town has to pay for them. He stated the Town may never get to many of the items on the capital list. He noted some critical items on the list are buildings & HVAC systems in buildings.

Mr. Giberti stated the Capital Planning Committee may defer capital requests until after Town Meeting to see what Free Cash may be available.

Discussion ensued re: police cruisers. Brief discussion ensued re: roadways.

Article 19 – STM – PEG Access Receipts to Wareham Community TV

Mr. Sullivan explained Town Meeting approval if needed to pay out these funds. He stated there is a total of \$250,669.95 for two quarters from Comcast & Verizon. He noted the funds have been received.

Article 1 – STM – Budget Transfers

Mr. Sullivan stated there will be some budget transfers, but these transfers will not be ready until the night of Town Meeting.

Article 2 – STM – Fund Parking Program

Mr. Sullivan stated \$80,000 is being requested. He noted this money goes back into the community. He discussed items that funds were used for in the past.

Article 3 – STM – Spring FY2018 Capital

Mr. Sullivan noted capital items being requested for FY2018:

1. Ambulance (1st payment).
2. 5 Cruisers to lease.
3. Old lease obligation.

Mr. Sullivan stated a total of \$150,000 is being requested.

Article 4 – STM – Transfer of Free Cash

Mr. Sullivan explained there are three items that need Free Cash. They are as follows:

1. Snow & Ice deficit: \$200,000.
2. Wareham Recycling Center: \$25,000.
3. Emergency Management: \$50,000.

Article 18 – STM – Shopping Cart Bylaw

Mr. Sullivan discussed the issue of shopping carts & the intent of the article.

Article 8 – CPC: Restoration of Tremont Nail Freight Building

Lengthy discussion ensued re: the article & concerns.

B. Vote on 2018 Annual & Special Town Meeting articles.

MOTION: Mr. Stefanski moved Favorable Action on Article 2 of the 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 4 of the 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Bailey moved to reconsider the FinCom's vote on Article 8 of the 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Discussion ensued re: Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant & the Tremont Nail property.

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved Favorable Action on Article 8 of the 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

**VOTE: (6-1-0)
Mr. Cammarano opposed**

Discussion ensued re: Article 9 of the 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant, including the article language & the intent of the article.

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved Favorable Action on Article 9 of the 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved Favorable Action on Articles 12-17 of the 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 18 of the 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved Favorable Action on Article 19 of the 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Discussion ensued re: Article 7 – ATM – FY19 Budget.

Mr. Sullivan distributed the School Dept. budget information. Mr. Pigeon clarified that the FinCom will be voting on the school appropriations number which is \$28,800,679. This is the budget figure to be

used. He described how this figure was achieved. Mr. Sullivan explained the School Committee did not vote on the revised budget figure at their meeting this evening.

Discussion ensued re: based on the School Dept.'s plan to close the Minot Forest School, how portables at Decas Elementary School will be paid for.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 7 of the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 8 of the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved Favorable Action on Article 9 of the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Stefanski seconded.

VOTE: (6-0-1)

Mr. Cammarano abstained

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 13 of the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

Discussion ensued re: where additional funding will come from.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 15 of the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 17 of the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: (0-7-0)

C. Review Town Meeting deadlines.

1. Thursday, March 29, 2018 – Last day for FinCom to vote on articles.
2. Friday, March 30, 2018 – Last day to get all information for Warrants to Kelly
3. Monday, April 2, 2018 – Warrant to printer.
4. Monday, April 23, 2018 – Town Meeting

D. Any other Town Meeting business.

V. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Unanticipated Items)

VI. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 7, 2018 & MARCH 15, 2018

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 7, 2018. Mr. Heard seconded.

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

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on March 29, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

Date signed: _____

Attest: _____
Ellis Bailey, Clerk
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: _____