

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: JUNE 14, 2017

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: David Heard, Chairman
Bernie Pigeon, Vice Chairman
Ellis Bailey, Clerk
Pat Rumney
Stuart Novick
Tom Worthen
Dominic Cammarano (Arrived at 6:37 P.M.)

Member Absent: Joan Fontes
Glenn Lawrence

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Selectman Alan Slavin, BOS Liaison

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

IV. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. Update on FY2017 budget.**
 - 1. Update on expenses.**
- B. Update on FY2018 budget.**

Mr. Sullivan stated he has no updates at this time.

C. Fiscal expectations for Fall Town Meeting.

Mr. Sullivan stated he has no fiscal expectations for Fall Town Meeting.

D. Any other fiscal matters.

There were no other fiscal matters by Mr. Sullivan.

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

- A. Discussion: Community Preservation requests:**
 - 1. Town Hall Auditorium section rubber roof replacement.**

To be handled later in the meeting.

2. Maple Springs Road Dog Park: 10% match for Stanton Foundation \$200,000 grant.

Present before the FinCom: Trenton Blanchard, Chairman of Dog Park Study Committee

Mr. Blanchard spoke re: the idea of a dog park & discussed how it was presented previously. He discussed the formation & make-up of the Dog Park Study Committee. He stated the Committee looked for a suitable location for a dog park.

NOTE: Mr. Cammarano arrived at this time.

Mr. Blanchard stated the committee spoke to Town Counsel re: liability issues. The Committee reached out to the Stanton Foundation for a grant. He stated there is a need for official approval from the Town to submit the grant application. He added the Town would need to give 10% of what will be granted.

Mr. Blanchard discussed the proposed property for the dog park (off Maple Springs Road). He stated the property will remain Town property. He discussed maintenance of the dog park & added that the Municipal Maintenance Dept. will not be asked for help w/ maintenance of the park. He noted that some logistics have been worked out w/ the Harbormaster & Dog Officer.

Mr. Blanchard discussed the specs of the dog park location. The whole dog park will be fenced. He briefly discussed parking at the park.

Discussion ensued re: the operations budget. Mr. Blanchard stated there will be some fundraising. The Committee is estimating an operations budget of \$10,000 per year.

Mr. Sullivan stated the Town feels this is a good thing to have a committee come forward with something to move forward with.

MOTION: Mr. Ellis moved the FinCom approve the application of the Dog Park Study Committee to be submitted to the Community Preservation Committee in the amount of \$20,000. Mr. Novick seconded.

NOTE: Mr. Sullivan noted CPC approval is pending the approval of the BOS & the FinCom.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

NOTE: The meeting proceeded w/ item 1. Town Hall Auditorium section rubber roof replacement.

Mr. Sullivan explained that part of the Town Hall slate roof is interfering w/ the rubber roof. \$120,000 is being requested from the CPC to replace the rubber portion of the roof.

Mr. Sullivan spoke re: the deterioration of the auditorium roof.

MOTION: Mr. Ellis moved the FinCom approve the application of the Town to be submitted to the Community Preservation Committee in the amount of \$120,000 for a roof replacement. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

B. Discussion: Water Pollution Control Facility:

- 1. Finances, including projected costs & staffing needs.**
- 2. Status of WPCF as a regional facility w/ discharge into the Cape Cod Canal.**

Present before the FinCom: Jim Giberti, Sewer Commissioner

Mr. Worthen stated he was confused at Town Meeting re: the WPCF budget information presented. He spoke briefly re: capital needs & life of the capital. Mr. Giberti explained a company came in to review the capital of the WPCF, as well as current & future needs. There is an attempt to get concrete appraisals of the figures. He noted there needs to be more preventative maintenance.

Mr. Heard asked if there is enough staffing at the WPCF. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Giberti explained that work is being done on proposed outflow in the Cape Cod Canal.

Mr. Giberti discussed sewer charges being reviewed & what the sewer charges comprise of.

Discussion ensued re: EDU's & water usage.

Mr. Giberti addressed the Town of Bourne's sewerage. He stated at some point, a discussion w/ Bourne is needed/warranted. He feels Wareham & Bourne are living w/ an old contract that needs to be updated.

Mr. Giberti explained the new pipe installation is doing well, mostly in the Swifts Beach area. The work is being subbed out.

Brief discussion ensued re: sump pumps.

Discussion ensued re: the impacts of the future Rte. 28 project on pipe laying.

Mr. Heard feels the WPCF is working on improving the system & maintaining the system to keep it going.

Brief discussion ensued re: the Agawam River (discharge area of the plant).

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to take item E. Re-organization of the FinCom out of order. Mr. Pigeon seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Mr. Heard nominated Mr. Pigeon as FinCom Chair. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

Mr. Pigeon nominated Mr. Heard as Vice Chair. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

Mr. Novick nominated Mr. Bailey as Clerk. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved the FinCom accept the slate of officers as nominated. Mr. Pigeon seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

NOTE: Mr. Cammarano departed at this time.

C. Updates on Minot Forest School project. (Mr. Pigeon)

Mr. Pigeon discussed the criteria & schedule of the MA SBA for this project. He stated a Selection Committee has been chosen. There were 27 applicants & the SBA approved. He discussed the process & the winner of the selection. Brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Pigeon discussed the process going forward from this point.

Brief discussion ensued re: the reimbursement rate.

D. Update on Zoning Bylaws. (Mr. Novick)

Mr. Novick stated nothing has happened as of yet. The Town Planner & Director of Inspections will be looking at re-vamping the Bylaws this summer.

Mr. Heard stated these Bylaws need to be incorporated into the Master Plan.

Mr. Novick stated a draft will be needed & some changes should be ready for Town Meeting.

Selectman Slavin stated the Master Plan will not be part of the Bylaws. He noted the Town may become a green community which will affect the Bylaws. Brief discussion ensued.

E. Re-organization of the FinCom. (DONE)

VI. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: MAY 17, 2017

MOTION: Mr. Worthen moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 17, 2017. Mr. Pigeon seconded.

VOTE: (4-0-2)

Mr. Ellis & Ms. Rumney abstained

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Unanticipated Items)

Brief discussion ensued re: 40B properties.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on July 12, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made & seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

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: _____