

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: June 6, 2018

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bernie Pigeon, Chairman
David Heard, Vice Chairman
Ellis Bailey, Clerk
Stuart Novick
Pat Rumney
Joan Fontes
Gerald Stefanski

Members Absent: Dominic Cammarano
Glenn Lawrence

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Review proposed Community Preservation Commission articles considered at 5/29/18 BOS meeting.

Present before the FinCom: Ken Buckland, Town Planner

Mr. Buckland proceeded to discuss two proposed submittals to the Community Preservation Committee for two proposed projects requiring funding.

1. Tremont Nail Remediation

Mr. Buckland summarized an email letter from BOS member, Peter Teitelbaum supporting this project. (Attached as reference). He explained that the Tremont Nail remediation project being proposed is estimated to cost \$1.3 million w/ a contingency equaling \$1.43 million.

Mr. Novick asked if this proposed project plan has been accepted by the State. Mr. Buckland replied it has not. Mr. Stuart questioned what will happen if the State rejects the plan & more money is needed. Mr. Buckland replied the Town would have to argue it w/ DEP.

Mr. Heard explained if the project doesn't move forward & CP funds were allotted for the project, those monies would be returned to the CP fund.

Mr. Buckland displayed a map of the area. He stated the project site is relatively clean, except for the underground storage tank matters. He explained the tank has been removed & what testing has been done to determine any contamination. He discussed the most cost effective method of fixing the issue. He

explained the extent of the remedy was not known until the testing was done. He discussed the involvement of DEP w/ this matter.

Mr. Buckland explained that the Wareham Redevelopment Authority is in charge of the Tremont Nail property. He noted there is some potential for grant funds for the project. He also noted the property is deemed a historic property, thus it would come under the historic portion under CP. He stated further funding would be borrowed, but money from the CP fund could be used.

Mr. Pigeon stated there is another request for CP funds as well. He doesn't feel the whole amount requested (\$1.43 million) is available in CP funds for this project.

Mr. Buckland stated the Tremont Nail site is being looked at to generate revenue which in turn, will pay for more remediation/projects at the site going forward. He stated money needs to be spent to develop the site.

Several FinCom members expressed concern re: spending money on this property without showing or having a positive cash flow. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved the FinCom give approval for the Town of Wareham (Ken Buckland/Wareham Redevelopment Authority) to move forward with its submittal request to the Community Preservation Committee for funds relative to the Tremont Nail Rehabilitation project. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

2. Lillian Gregerman Bandshell

Mr. Buckland explained this project is to rebuild the Lillian Gregerman Bandshell, including expanding seating/accessible seating, sitework & access. The bandshell hosts many events in a unique recreational area. The structure itself has deteriorated & needs replacement. The sitework needs to be redone to be more accessible. The sponsor of this request is The Town of Wareham & the Onset Bay Association.

Brief discussion ensued re: if there are any restrictions on this property & what the impacts of the improvements will be.

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

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved the FinCom give approval for the Town of Wareham (and Onset Bay Association) to move forward with its submittal request to the Community Preservation Committee for funds relative to the Lillian Gregerman Bandshell project. Mr. Stefanski seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

B. Review Emergency Reserve Fund Transfer for Onset Pier.

Present before the FinCom: Garry Buckminster, Shellfish/Harbormaster

Mr. Buckminster described the need for emergency funds to address the floating docks at Onset Pier. (Attached as reference).

NOTE: Mr. Heard returned to the table.

Mr. Buckminster discussed attempts to temporarily fix the floating docks.

Brief discussion ensued.

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to approve Reserve Fund transfer #01-18 in the amount of \$16,150.00 for the Division of Natural Resources to repair floating docks at Onset Pier. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

C. Reorganization of the FinCom.

Mr. Bailey asked for nominations for Chair & Vice Chair of the Fincom.

MOTION: Mr. Novick nominated Mr. Pigeon as Chair & Mr. Heard as Vice Chair of the FinCom. Mr. Stefanski seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

V. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 14, 2018, MARCH 22, 2018, MARCH 28, 2018, MARCH 29, 2018, & APRIL 23, 2018

MOTION: Mr. Bailey moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 14, 2018. Mr. Stefanski seconded.

**VOTE: (6-0-1)
Ms. Fontes abstained**

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 22, 2018. Mr. Bailey seconded.

**VOTE: (5-0-2)
Ms. Rumney & Ms. Fontes abstained**

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 28, 2018. Mr. Bailey seconded.

**VOTE: (5-0-2)
Ms. Rumney & Ms. Fontes abstained**

MOTION: Mr. Stefanski moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 29, 2018. Mr. Bailey seconded.

**VOTE: (6-0-1)
Ms. Fontes abstained**

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 23, 2018. Mr. Bailey seconded.

**VOTE: (6-0-1)
Ms. Fontes abstained**

VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Unanticipated Items)

Mr. Pigeon discussed the FinCom liaison assignments. Mr. Fontes stated she would like to be the liaison to the Library Board of Trustees vs. the ConCom. Mr. Stefanski stated he will be the liaison for the ConCom.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

Mr. Pigeon stated there will be no FinCom meetings in July. He stated the next FinCom meeting will be held around the second Wednesday in August.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made & seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 P.M.

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: _____