

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: September 26, 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
Joan Fontes
Stuart Novick
Gerald Stefanski

Members Absent: Pat Rumney
Glenn Lawrence
Dominic Cammarano

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Review & vote 2018 Fall Town Meeting Warrant articles.

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to open the hearings for the 2018 Fall Town Meeting Warrant articles. Ms. Fontes seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Article 6 – Harbor Services Permit Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account

Present before the FinCom: Garry Buckminster, Harbormaster

Mr. Buckminster stated he is requesting \$146,330 for various projects. He spoke re: the proposal for a dredge survey & applying for a MA Seaport grant. He doesn't feel there is a need to have two articles address this matter (Article 19 – Petition article addresses a dredge survey as well). He feels his proposal is a more clean process.

Mr. Buckminster spoke re: the proposal to replace the floating docks at the Onset Pier. He stated the docks are no longer repairable & they need to be replaced. He discussed making

repairs & the docks are at a point where replacement is needed. He explained the new docks will be handicap accessible, there will be water lighting, new pilings, etc.

Mr. Buckminster again addressed the dredging survey. He stated his dredge survey proposal will get the Town ready to apply for a grant. He stated dredging is very expensive. He estimates \$5,000 - \$7,000 to get the application process going. He stated he is applying to get the Town on the radar. There is a need for certain criteria to be met to apply for the grant.

Mr. Heard discussed Article 19 & what the petitioner's intent of the article is, including more awareness of the waterways.

Mr. Buckminster spoke re: the proposal for radio communications equipment, lease payment for vehicles, a dump trailer purchase, & mooring system management. He noted the mooring system management doesn't come from the General Fund.

Article 4 – Transfer of McKinney-Vento Funds

Present before the FinCom: Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Superintendent
Geoff Swett, School Committee
Other School Committee member
Construction Consultants

Ms. Shaver-Hood discussed what McKinney-Vento Funds are, where it comes from, & where it is distributed. She noted it's a percentage reimbursement & not a 100% reimbursement. She stated funds received will be transferred into the Transportation Account.

Ms. Shaver-Hood discussed how it is determined re: how much is spent on transportation for homeless students. She noted that it varies.

Article 5 – Minot Forest School Debt Exclusion

Mr. Swett explained that it is estimated that the cost of the new school will be approx. \$90 million. He stated approx. \$50 million will be reimbursed by the State. He noted \$70 million are hard costs & 18% is soft costs.

Mr. Swett stated there are still decisions being finalized. He distributed & discussed a debt schedule of options on the Town's obligation for the project. (Attached as reference).

Lengthy discussion ensued re: cost, cost to taxpayers yearly, & presenting the proposal at Town Meeting. Mr. Heard stated it needs to be made clear at Town Meeting that the project will be paid in increments & the Town will received \$50 million in reimbursement from the State, & further, the Town's obligation will be approx. \$39 million to \$40 million.

Discussion ensued re: the boiler & roof at the Decas School & where the MSBA is on this issue & if this will be part of the debt exclusion.

Brief discussion ensued re: the Decas School property & if the Town sells it, can the sale of the property be used to pay off some of the project loan.

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to close the hearings for the 2018 Fall Town Meeting Warrant articles. Ms. Fontes seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

NOTE: The construction consultants stated the project is still in its design phase.

Discussion ensued re: a new school vs. renovating two elementary schools.

Discussion ensued re: energy systems & costs.

V. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 19, 2018. Mr. Stefanski seconded.

VOTE: (5-0-1)

Mr. Novick abstained

NOTE: The FinCom members proceeded to vote on articles.

Articles 1-3.

There is no new information.

Article 4

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

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Article 5

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved Favorable Action on Article 5 of the 2018 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Stefanski seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Article 6

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved Favorable Action on Article 6 of the 2018 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Stefanski seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Article 9

More information is needed.

Mr. Heard stated due to issues brought up at the recent Planning Board meeting re: certain articles, he would like to know how the Planning Board will be voting on articles under their purview. Discussion ensued re: articles that have financial impact & voting vs. those that do not have a financial impact. Mr. Heard would like to have Mr. Barrett, Planning Board Chair & Mr. Buckland, Town Planner come before the FinCom to explain issues w/ this Bylaw article & other articles under their purview.

Article 19

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

VOTE: (0-6-0)

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

There were no Liaison Reports.

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on October 3, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 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: _____