

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: February 8, 2023

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bernie Pigeon, Chair
Norma Scogin
Matthew Rose
Gerald Stefanski
Dominic Cammarano
Tom Worthen
Julie Moran
Tom Hannon

Members Absent: Joseph Smith

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (If any) (None)

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Overview of FinCom Chairman's meeting w/ Council on Aging members.

Mr. Pigeon updated the FinCom members on his meeting w/ COA members. He noted there were approx. 40 members present. He described the areas the COA uses & was pleased w/ the condition of said areas. He described some of the services offered by the COA.

Mr. Pigeon explained he made a presentation to the members re: Town Meeting & the FinCom's role in Town Meeting. He noted the COA Director is looking into the possibility of obtaining a van to transport some COA members to Town Meeting.

Discussion ensued re: difficulties in holding a virtual Town Meeting & possibly changing the time of Town Meeting.

B. Review & comments of Town Administrator's revenue projections as presented at FinCom's January 11, 2023 meeting.

Mr. Pigeon stated he has spoken w/ the Town Administrator & at this time, there is no certified Free Cash & no certification of the Town's FY2022 financial close-outs. The Town Administrator in the mean time is estimating the Governor's potential budget figures.

Ms. Moran spoke re: how the Charter spells out the budgetary process. Brief discussion ensued re: information not being available at this time & ramifications, if any, if the Charter is not followed relative to the budgetary process.

C. Review of Little Harbor Financial Report for FY2022.

Present before the FinCom: Jim Giberti

Mr. Giberti provided income figures. \$675,000 at the close of 2021 & \$753,675 at the close of 2022.

Mr. Pigeon noted there is a revolving fund & a contract in place for the golf course.

Mr. Giberti discussed various functions that have been held at the course & membership fees. He discussed the golf club's extensive marketing plan. He reminded everyone that the Town purchased the land which happens to have a golf course on it which is operated by a separate entity.

Brief discussion ensued re: issues w/ equipment (a mower), irrigation issues & how these matters were addressed. Brief discussion ensued re: the current RFP & if the RFP were to be changed.

D. Calendar & process for FinCom review of Annual & Special Town Meeting articles.

Mr. Pigeon stated every Wednesday leading up to Town Meeting, there will be a FinCom meeting w/ the exception of next Wednesday.

Mr. Pigeon noted various articles that are slated to come forward, such as the Middle School roof project.

Brief discussion ensued re: the all-day departmental budget review to be held on February 16, 2023 & the first budget presentation of Upper Cape Technical School w/ a date to be determined.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Unanticipated Items)

Mr. Pigeon stated a grant has been given for the Bay View Park project which will make it ADA accessible.

Mr. Pigeon stated a grant has been received by the Town for a transportation review. The amount of the grant is \$37,000 for the Town to review its transportation needs.

Mr. Pigeon stated FinCom re-appointments will be coming up & there will be a vacancy since he is not requesting re-appointment.

Mr. Pigeon discussed matters going on w/in different committees, commissions, etc. that are being "kicked down the road, such as issues the Sewer Commission is dealing with. He suggested the FinCom encourage these entities.

Ms. Scogin feels if the FinCom sees areas where there may be financial implications in the future for the Town that may not be anticipated, the FinCom should encourage study of said matter, such as the de-commissioning of solar panels. Discussion ensued. Ms. Scogin stated the FinCom can request an entity to look at potential long-term financial impacts.

Mr. Pigeon suggested all FinCom members write a paragraph for the Warrant instead of the standard Chairman's Letter to Town Meeting.

Mr. Pigeon will coordinate a tour of the Police Station for new members.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 9:00 A.M., Room 327 in the Multi-Service Center. This is an all-day meeting to review departmental budgets.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Stefanski moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Scogin seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Date signed: _____

Attest: _____

Bernie Pigeon, Chair

WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

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