

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: March 4, 2020

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bernie Pigeon, Chair
David Heard, Vice Chair
Gerry Stefanski
Dominic Cammarano
Joe Smith
Tom Worthen
Glenn Lawrence (Arrived at 6:32 P.M.)

Members Absent: Pat Rumney
Stuart Novick

III. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: FEBRUARY 13, 2020 & FEBRUARY 26, 2020

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 13, 2020. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

**VOTE: (5-0-1)
Mr. Heard abstained**

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 26, 2020. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Review & discuss 2020 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant articles.

1. Article 9 – Upper Cape Regional Technical School Budget

Present before the FinCom: Mr. Robert Dutch, Superintendent
Mr. Forget, Vice Superintendent

NOTE: Mr. Lawrence arrived at this time.

Mr. Forget proceeded to give a presentation of Upper Cape's FY2021 preliminary budget. (Attached as reference). After the presentation, a question & answer session ensued.

Mr. Dutch noted the FY2021 budget has not been voted upon as of yet, but he has submitted the Wareham's preliminary assessment to the Town Administrator. The budget will be voted upon on March 12, 2020.

2. Article 6 – FY2021 Capital Plan

Present before the FinCom: Jim Giberti, Capital Planning Committee

Mr. Giberti stated the committee has not voted specifically what capital will be coming forward. He stated the committee will be voting on capital items on March 9, 2020. He stated he can inform the FinCom of the capital items voted on after the meeting.

Mr. Giberti spoke briefly re: the five-year Capital Plan. He noted the WPCF has the largest capital figures (requests).

3. Any other Town Meeting articles.

a. Special Town Meeting Warrant articles.

Mr. Pigeon noted several potential Special Town Meeting Warrant articles that may come forward.

Present before the FinCom: Kim Shaver-Hood, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Shaver-Hood discussed a potential School Dept. article that has been submitted for the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Pigeon stated the School Dept. article deals with a request to transfer \$40,930.44 to one account to be used for HVAC & building repairs at the High School & Middle School.

Ms. Shaver-Hood stated this money is just a band-aid for HVAC problems. There is an MSBA repair project application to address the HVAC issues at the High School & Middle School for overall fixes. She stated the problem is finding repair parts for the existing HVAC systems because the systems are so old.

b. Annual Town Meeting Warrant articles.

Mr. Pigeon reviewed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant articles & noted the articles the BOS have voted upon to date.

Brief discussion ensued re: Article 14 – Amend Zoning Bylaws: Updates to FEMA floodplains & confusion with this article.

Discussion ensued re: Article 17 – Charter Amendment: Appointed Town Clerk.

Present before the FinCom: Selectman Alan Slavin, BOS

Selectman Slavin discussed Articles 21 & 22 – Petitions: Naming of the New School at 63 Minot Avenue & having the two articles heard at the same time at Town Meeting.

B. 2020 Spring Town Meeting schedule:

1. March 12, 2020 – Last day to submit Special Town Meeting Warrant articles
2. March 17, 2020 – BOS to close Special Town Meeting Warrant
3. March 18, 2020 – FinCom to receive Special Town Meeting Warrant
4. April 27, 2020 – Town Meeting

C. Any other Town Meeting matters.

D. Discussion w/ Decas Elementary at Minot Forest Building Committee Chair.

This discussion was not held.

E. Any other FinCom matters.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Pigeon stated the Association of MA Finance Committees had a discussion this evening re: Medicaid reimbursements & schools. Selectman Slavin explained & discussion ensued re: the procedures.

Mr. Pigeon & Selectman Slavin discussed the potential changes to marijuana regulations & how the Town is paid from the retail side of marijuana sales.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on March 11, 2020.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Date signed: 3/11/20

Attest: Bernie Pigeon (KB)
Bernie Pigeon, Chair
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

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