

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: March 9, 2022
(Hybrid meeting: In-person & Zoom)

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present before the FinCom: Bernie Pigeon, Chair
David Heard, Vice Chair
Gerald Stefanski, Clerk
Dominic Cammarano
Matthew Rose
Joseph Smith

Members Absent: Stuart Novick
Tom Worthen

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

NOTE: Mr. Pigeon briefly discussed the Onset Bandshell repairs/renovations. Onset Park has a grant for an upgrade. Mr. Smith & Mr. Pigeon noted the many programs being offered by the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

A. Review of Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School proposed budget.

Present before the FinCom: Roger Forget, UCCRT School Superintendent

Mr. Forget proceeded to make a presentation on UCCRT School proposed budget. He addressed the following:

- Budget sub-committee.
- Co-op participation rates. He discussed what co-op participation is, requirements & placement.
- Student certifications. Brief discussion ensued.
- Community involvement.
- Per pupil investment.
- Per pupil comparison.
- Enrollment in the regional district. He noted Wareham enrollment is down 21 students. Brief discussion ensued.
- Wareham contributions.
- Budget drivers (for example contractual obligations).
- FY23 preliminary budget details including changes (increases/decreases). Brief discussion ensued.

- Transportation costs & aid.
- Capital costs & capital needs.
- Gross operating budgets over last four years.
- Enrollment & capital percentages.
- Chapter 70.
- Wareham's FY2023 assessment.

A question & answer session ensued.

NOTE: Present before the FinCom: Norma Scogin

Mr. Pigeon noted Ms. Scogin has applied as a FinCom member. The Appointing Authority will be reviewing her application next week.

B. Review of adjusted School Committee proposed budget request.

Present before the FinCom: Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Superintendent
Mr. _____

Ms. Shaver-Hood stated the School Dept. budget has been reduced. They are at a 3% increase from last year. The proposed budget is now at \$31,768,674. She spoke re: reductions, such as reduction in staff & positions. The reductions are mainly teachers. The School Dept. will put \$800,000 into the budget from circuit breaker funds, ESER funding in the amount of \$2,300,000 & stabilization funds. Brief discussion ensued re: grants coming forward.

Mr. Pigeon expressed concern re: no reductions in Administrative staffing.

Brief discussion ensued re: potential fuel cost increases & contingencies in the budget for increases. Ms. Shaver-Hood explained what circuit breaker money is.

Brief discussion ensued re: ESER monies & how said monies will not be available in two years.

Discussion continued re: different aspects of the budget.

Brief discussion ensued re: concerns with increased emotional & educational needs of students & ESER funds ending in two years.

IV. LIAISON REPORTS

V. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Unanticipated Items)

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next meeting will be held on March 16, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Stefanski moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Date signed: _____

Attest: _____

Bernie Pigeon, Chairman

WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: _____

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