

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: March 27, 2019

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:52 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bernie Pigeon, Chairman
David Heard, Vice Chairman
Pat Rumney
Glenn Lawrence
Gerald Stefanski
Joan Fontes
Dominic Cammarano
Tom Worthen

Member Absent: Stuart Novick

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

IV. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 20, 2019

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 20, 2019. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

**VOTE: (7-0-1)
Ms. Fontes abstained**

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

- A. 2019 Spring Town Meeting:
1. Review & vote 2019 Spring Town Meeting Warrant articles.
 2. Review & vote 2019 Spring *Special* Town Meeting Warrant articles.
 3. FinCom recommendations for Town Meeting Warrant articles.

Annual Town Meeting articles:

Article 9 – Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School Budget

Present before the FinCom: Robert Dutch, Superintendent

Mr. Dutch distributed budget highlights to the FinCom members. (Attached as reference). He proceeded to make a budget presentation.

Mr. Dutch stated the budget assessment figure for Wareham is \$3,678,385.00. He noted this figure represents an increase of \$250,000.00 vs. last year. He discussed how the assessment deals w/ many factors. He distributed the FY20 Chapter 70 Apportionment of Local Contributions Across School Districts sheet & discussed these factors. (Attached as reference).

Brief discussion ensued.

Article 1 – Election of Officers

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to recommend approval of Article 1 of the 2019 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 2 – Recurring Business

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to recommend approval of Article 2 of the 2019 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 3 – Compensation of Certain Appointed Officials

Mr. Sullivan stated the compensation is as follows:

Town Clerk: \$70,000.00
Moderator: \$ 120.00 per diem
Registrar: \$ 700.00

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to recommend approval of Article 3 of the 2019 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 4 – FY20 Revolving Funds

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to recommend approval of Article 4 of the 2019 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

Mr. Worthen asked re: the Tremont Nail Revolving Fund. Mr. Sullivan discussed what this fund money could be used for.

Brief discussion ensued re: the dam issue on Elm Street & Mr. Worthen questioned if money should be spent at Tremont Nail if the dam issue is still not resolved.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 5 – Occasional Reports

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to recommend approval of Article 5 of the 2019 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 6 – FY20 Capital Plan

Mr. Sullivan noted most of the capital in this article will be for the WPCF.

Article 9 – Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School Budget

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to recommend approval of Article 9 of the 2019 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Rumney seconded.

VOTE: (7-0-1)

Mr. Cammarano abstained

Article 13 – State Mandated Real Estate & Personal Property Revaluation

Mr. Sullivan stated the estimated cost for the revaluation is \$150,000.00. He is looking at the overlay balance for funding as well as funds already allocated to the overlay. He has three different funding sources if needed.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to recommend approval of Article 13 of the 2019 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Rumney seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 16 – Union Contracts

Mr. Sullivan stated he will not be bringing any union contracts forward at this time. There is one potential contract, but it will require an Executive Session meeting of the BOS first.

Article 17 – Littleton Drive Parcel

Discussion ensued re: the Redevelopment Authority & this parcel's assessed value.

Mr. Sullivan discussed the role off the Redevelopment Authority & the benefits of such.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to recommend approval of Article 17 of the 2019 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 21 – Petition: Grant Easement

Brief discussion ensued re: the easement process & then negotiating w/ the Town Administrator. Mr. Sullivan doesn't feel this proposal is the best avenue at this time, although he is not against it.

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to recommend approval of Article 21 of the 2019 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Rumney seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 23 – Petition: Charter Change – Inclusion of Town Meeting Warrants

Mr. Cammarano stated he would like to reconsider his vote on this article. Mr. Pigeon discussed the process & the intent of the article. Mr. Cammarano stated he is undecided on this article.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to reconsider the FinCom's vote on Article 23 of the 2019 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant.

NOTE: There was no second to the motion, thus the motion failed.

Special Town Meeting Warrant articles:

Article 1 – Budget Transfers

Mr. Sullivan explained money will be needed in the Police Dept. He is reviewing projections & will finalize the transfers w/in the next two weeks.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved No Action on Article 1 of the 2019 Spring Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

NOTE: Mr. Cammarano & Mr. Heard withdrew their motions.

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to recommend approval of Article 1 of the 2019 Spring Special Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Rumney seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 3 – Spring 2019 Capital

Mr. Sullivan stated the spring 2019 capital is not finalized yet. He spoke re: the following potential capital items:

- School safety
- Municipal Maintenance vehicles
- LED upgrades
- Ballistic vests & helmets for EMS
- Police Dept. vehicles

Mr. Sullivan noted that the Capital Planning Committee needs to vote on capital items.

Article 4 – Transfer of Available Funds

Mr. Sullivan stated this article is not finalized yet.

Mr. Sullivan gave figures for items being requested in Article 4.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to recommend approval of Article 4 of the 2019 Spring Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 10 – New Housing Units at Agawam Village

Mr. Pigeon stated there is a clear lack of information being provided for this article. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to recommend approval of Article 10 of the 2019 Spring Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: (1-6-1)

Ms. Rumney abstained

B. Any other Finance Committee matters.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Unanticipated Items)

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on April 3, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

Date signed: _____

Attest: _____

Bernie Pigeon, Chairman
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: _____