

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: April 3, 2024

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Norma Scogin, Chair
Matt Rose
Dominic Cammarano
Julie Moran
Heidi Churchill
Joseph Smith
Gerald Stefanski
Brianna King

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Approval of meeting minutes: March 13, 2024 & March 27, 2024

There were no corrections to the March 13, 2024 meeting minutes, thus they were approved. The March 27, 2024 meeting minutes were not handled at this time.

B. Presentation/discussion re: Community Preservation Committee Town Meeting Warrant articles – David Heard, CPC Chair

- i. ATM Article 11 – Tremont Nail Remediation Project**
- ii. STM Article 10 – Tremont Nail Remediation Project**
- iii. ATM Article 12 – FY25 Community Preservation Fund Reserves**
- iv. STM Article 13 – Return Unused Funds from Completed Projects**

Mr. Heard explained that actions on the STM Articles 10 & 13 need to be acted upon before the end of FY24.

Mr. Heard read STM Article 10 into the record. He explained that \$76,000 is being requested for principle & interest & \$19,937.62 in short-term interest for the bond. He provided information on the background of the Tremont Nail Remediation Project which involved clean-up of contamination of the property that the Town purchased in 2003.

Mr. Heard read ATM Article 11 into the record. The funding request will complete the payments.

Mr. Heard read ATM Article 12 into the record. He noted the following allocations of monies:

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- \$60,000 for administrative costs
- \$120,000 for open space reserves
- \$120,000 for historic preservation reserves
- \$120,000 for affordable housing reserves

Mr. Heard noted the State matching funds will be less than last year. The fund balance at the end of FY23 was approx.\$3 million. Ms. Scogin briefly noted the process for requesting funding & this year have not had any requests.

Mr. Heard read STM Article 13 into the record. He discussed unused funds being returned from various projects.

C. Report on request to pass over ATM Article 14 – Recycling Center

Ms. Scogin stated this article was a Citizens Petition article. It is being passed over because there are funds available that the petitioner(s) were not aware of. The petitioner(s) have requested this article be passed over.

D. Presentation/discussion re: Bylaw Review Committee Town Meeting Warrant articles – Sherry Quirk, Bylaw Review Committee Chair

Ms. Quirk noted that Nora Bicki is also a member of the committee. She discussed the process that was following in reviewing the Bylaws & consulted w/ Ms. Moran & Ms. Scogin during the review. She summarized that the Bylaws were “a mess” & noted some of the issues w/ the Bylaws. She spoke re: the process in considering deletions in the Bylaws.

i. STM Article 14 – Delete Several General Bylaws

Ms. Quirk discussed the following changes/deletions w/in the Bylaws:

- Street rules
- House numbering
- Town Administrator’s enforcement authority

Ms. Quirk stated if the Town Administrator’s enforcement authority is deleted, the enforcement would fall to the applicable department(s).

Ms. Quirk stated these proposals are just some of the changes/deletions that are being proposed currently. There will be more going forward.

ii. STM Article 8 – Duty of Town Clerk

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Ms. Quirk explained what a non-substantive change is. She noted the Town Clerk is bonded & noted the Town Clerk's authority re: Attorney General & Town Meeting review. If the Town Clerk makes an editorial change, it becomes part of the public records. Brief discussion ensued.

E. Presentation/discussion re: STM Article 17 – Amendment to Wareham Protective Bylaw – Joshua Faherty, Conservation Administrator

Ms. Scogin noted Mr. Faherty has a Conservation Commission hearing tonight & is unable to be present. An explanation of the article was submitted to FinCom members. She asked if the FinCom members would still like to meet w/ Mr. Flaherty given the information that was submitted for the article.

Ms. Scogin stated as she understands the article, it would allow more flexibility in the Wetland Protective Bylaws due to constant State regulation changes re: conservation.

Brief discussion ensued re: the article & the FinCom members concurred that they do not need to meet w/ Mr. Flaherty.

F. Discussion & possible vote on articles previously heard

Ms. Scogin noted the voting grid for FinCom & the Selectboard.

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 1 of the 2024 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 2 of the 2024 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 3 of the 2024 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (9-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 4 of the 2024 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (9-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 5 of the 2024 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

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VOTE: Unanimous (9-0-0)

Ms. Scogin noted that Article 6 will be passed over.

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 7 of the 2024 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

Ms. Scogin stated that the budget presented last week by Mr. Sullivan includes the School Dept. budget that the School Committee voted on.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 8 of the 2024 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Smith seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 9 of the 2024 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 10 of the 2024 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: (7-0-1)

Mr. Cammarano abstained

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 11 of the 2024 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 12 of the 2024 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 13 of the 2024 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

Brief discussion ensued re: various FinCom member opinions & suggestions to defer this article to Town Meeting.

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VOTE: (0-7-1)
Mr. Rose abstained

Ms. Scogin stated the Special Town Meeting Warrant closes tomorrow.

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article S1 of the 2024 Special Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article S2 of the 2024 Special Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article S3 of the 2024 Special Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Mr. Stefanski noted that the Capital Planning Committee voted Favorable Action (6-0-0) on Article S3.

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article S4 of the 2024 Special Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article S6 of the 2024 Special Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article S8 of the 2024 Special Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article S9 of the 2024 Special Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

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MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article S10 of the 2024 Special Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article S11 of the 2024 Special Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article S12 of the 2024 Special Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

**VOTE: (7-0-1)
Mr. Cammarano abstained**

Mr. Stefanski noted the Capital Planning Committee voted Favorable Action (6-0-0) on Article S12.

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article S13 of the 2024 Special Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article S14 of the 2024 Special Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article S15 of the 2024 Special Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article S16 of the 2024 Special Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article S17 of the 2024 Special Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article S18 of the 2024 Special Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

G. Discussion & assignments re: Town Meeting Finance Committee Report

Ms. Scogin stated she has put together the basic portion of the Report. FinCom member liaisons will write up the recommendation(s) per their liaison assignments. The Report copies will be completed in-house. The Report will become available on April 15, 2024.

IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Unanticipated Items)

Brief discussion ensued re: why the FinCom is not voting approval of the meeting minutes. Ms. Scogin stated it resulted from a memo sent out re: Robert's Rules relative to minutes.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on April 10, 2024, Room 27, Wareham Town Hall at 6:30 P.M.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Date signed: May 1, 2024

Attest:

Norma Scogin, Chair

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Date copy submitted to Wareham Town Clerk: May 1, 2024