

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: May 3, 2023

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Norma Scogin, Chair Pro Tem
Joseph Smith
Matt Rose
Tom Worthen
Gerald Stefanski

Members Absent: Dominic Cammarano
Julie Moran

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

Ms. Scogin congratulated Mr. Pigeon on being elected to the Sewer Commission. He will no longer be eligible to serve on the FinCom. She thanked him for his time & service to the FinCom.

Present before the FinCom: Bernie Pigeon

Mr. Pigeon briefly spoke re: his pleasure in serving on the FinCom for many years.

FinCom members thanked Mr. Pigeon for his leadership & years of service on the FinCom.

A. Acceptance of meeting minutes, if any.

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to accept the meeting minutes of March 29, 2023. Mr. Rose seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to accept the meeting minutes of April 5, 2023. Mr. Rose seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to accept the meeting minutes of April 24, 2023. Mr. Stefanski seconded.

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**VOTE: (4-0-1)
Mr. Rose abstained**

B. Approval of invoice for transcription.

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to approve invoice from Kelly Barrasso for transcription services for week ending April 28, 2023 in the amount of \$362.50. Mr. Rose seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

C. Follow-up to Annual Town Meeting & Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Worthen would like to see Town Meeting be held in the High School again. Brief discussion ensued re: issue of lighting & sound in the High School auditorium.

Present before the FinCom: Bernie Pigeon

Mr. Pigeon addressed the lighting & sound issues.

Present before the FinCom: Selectboard member, Alan Slavin

Selectboard member Slavin noted that the Town Hall auditorium may be used in the future due to upgrades.

D. Discussion of report format.

Ms. Scogin discussed cost per report & if there are other options to keep costs down. Mr. Stefanski feels there may be too many exhibits included in the report.

E. Approval of printing costs for report.

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to approve invoice for the Town Warrant report printing in the amount of \$3,855.41. Mr. Rose seconded.

Roll call vote:
Mr. Smith – Yes
Ms. Scogin – Yes
Mr. Rose – Yes
Mr. Worthen – Yes
Mr. Stefanski - Yes

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

F. Schedule for Special Town Meeting of June 12, 2023.

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Mr. Rose noted the Warrant closes on May 15, 2023. Brief discussion ensued re: holding a meeting on May 17, 2023 and/or May 24, 2023.

IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Unanticipated Items)

Ms. Scogin noted Mr. Hannon's resignation from the FinCom. This leaves two open positions on the FinCom.

Brief discussion ensued re: Ms. Scogin being Chair of the FinCom until the reorganization of the FinCom is done. Selectboard member Slavin stated that the Vice Chair automatically becomes Chair Pro Tem when the Chair departs prior to reorganization.

Mr. Smith spoke re: the candidate's night he attended. He suggested members attend certain meetings w/ topics that affect the Town, such as beach community meetings, Sewer Commissioner meetings, etc. for better communication & knowledge of issues. Brief discussion ensued.

Selectboard member Slavin noted that the Open Meeting Law needs to be followed. Brief discussion ensued re: communication & how to communicate better, tapping into reporters at the Wareham Week Newspaper to communicate, putting information on WCTV & the Town's website.

Mr. Worthen would like to see quarterly budget updates, sewer reports monthly & asset reports bi-monthly. Ms. Scogin asked Mr. Worthen to put this in writing so that it can be addressed at the next meeting.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on May 17, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. in Room 27 of the Wareham Town Hall.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Stefanski moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 P.M. Mr. Smith seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

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Date signed: 05/18/2023

Attest: 
Norma Scogin, Chair Pro Tem
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

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