

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: May 18, 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
Matt Rose, Clerk
Joseph Smith
Tom Worthen
Julie Moran
Gerald Stefanski
Dominic Cammarano (Arrived at 6:35 P.M.)

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Approval of meeting minutes: May 3, 2023

To be handled later in the meeting.

B. Presentation, discussion & possible vote on Water Pollution Control Facility/Sewer Commission June 12, 2023 Special Town Meeting articles: Jim Giberti, Sewer Commission Chair

Ms. Scogin explained that the June 12, 2023 Special Town Meeting re: the WPCF has been postponed.

NOTE: The meeting proceeded w/ item A. Approval of meeting minutes: May 3, 2023.

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to accept the meeting minutes of May 3, 2023. Mr. Worthen seconded.

**VOTE: (5-0-1)
Ms. Moran abstained**

C. Discussion of printing proposal for future Town Meeting reports

Ms. Scogin spoke re: the increasing costs of printing the Town Meeting reports.

Mr. Rose informed the FinCom that he has looked into other alternatives for printing. He quoted prices from Gateway Printing which would cost half of what the last Warrant printing costs were.

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He noted Gateway Printing is requesting a week or more lead time prior to Town Meeting to get the report completed.

NOTE: Mr. Cammarano arrived at this time.

Discussion ensued re: the quote from Gateway Printing, dealing w/ supplemental information for Town Meeting & cutting back on what is not needed in the Warrant.

D. Discussion of matters for future FinCom inquiry

Ms. Scogin spoke re: an email she received relative to a potential advisory group to deal w/ the 20-year comprehensive wastewater management plan. It is unclear who is starting this advisory group (she feels it may be the Town's consulting firm), but she spoke to the Town Administrator & he feels this may be a good idea.

Brief discussion ensued re: what this advisory group may discuss & what should be discussed at these meetings.

Mr. Worthen would like to have the Sewer Commission in before the FinCom on a monthly basis to provide updated information. If this isn't possible, one of the FinCom members should attend the Sewer Commission's meetings to obtain pertinent information. Mr. Rose feels the FinCom's liaison to the Sewer Commission could attend their meetings & report back to the FinCom. Ms. Scogin stated the email noted review of the 20-year plan would be a year-long process.

Ms. Scogin stated FinCom liaison assignments can be discussed in July. Brief discussion ensued re: prioritizing which departments/committees FinCom liaisons should focus on.

Mr. Worthen spoke re: the value of knowing the watershed outflow of the area & what is being put out into Buzzards Bay. He spoke re: the excellence & importance of the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Brief discussion ensued.

IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Unanticipated Items)

Mr. Worthen feels Wareham Week should be the go-to for imparting information to the community.

Mr. Worthen would like to see quarterly reports on the budget.

Mr. Worthen would like information on cannabis monies, for example. Brief discussion ensued re: cannabis related topics.

Mr. Worthen questioned if the sewer Town Meeting is being postponed, will there still be State funding. Brief discussion ensued.

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Mr. Worthen would like to have information re: the Town's "idle" assets, such as the former Decas School. Brief discussion ensued. Ms. Scogin stated the topic of quarterly reports & idle assets should be addressed by the Town Administrator.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting to be determined. Ms. Scogin stated there will be a potential meeting on June 28, 2023 to address any transfers & potential new FinCom members.

VI. ADJOURNMENT


MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 P.M. Mr. Rose seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Referenced Documents:

1. May 3, 2023 minutes

Date signed: 7/12/2023

Attest: 
Norma Scogin, Chair Pro Tem
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Date copy submitted to Wareham Town Clerk: 7/13/2023

