

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: May 28, 2020
(Remote meeting via Zoom)

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bernie Pigeon, Chair
David Heard, Vice Chair
Gerald Stefanski
Dominic Cammarano
Stuart Novick
Joseph Smith
Glenn Lawrence (Arrived at approx. 3:03 P.M.)

Members Absent: Tom Worthen
Pat Rumney

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Superintendent Kim Shaver-Hood
Joyce Bacchiacci, School Committee
Claire Smith, Moderator

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

NOTE: Mr. Pigeon explained that only financial articles will be handled at the upcoming Town Meeting due to COVID. All other articles will need to be re-submitted for a future Town Meeting.

A. Update from Superintendent Shaver-Hood re: alternative FY21 School Dept. budget.

Ms. Shaver-Hood noted union negotiations are ongoing. She spoke re: increases to the budget, namely fixed costs.

NOTE: Mr. Lawrence arrived at this time.

Ms. Shaver-Hood expressed concern re: cleaning costs for next year.

Ms. Shaver-Hood stated that food service will continue to be paid for by a grant.

Mr. Sullivan noted a 1.635% reduction to these benefits. He explained changes made to unemployment which will be used against Free Cash through an article vs. part of the operating budget. This will add \$200,000 to the operating budget.

Brief discussion ensued re: Upper Cape Tech School budget. Mr. Cammarano stated Upper Cape has no plans to reduce their budget & even if it were reduced, the savings would be very minimal to the involved towns. Mr. Sullivan has been assured by Superintendent Dutch that if there is a reduction in State aid, Upper Cape will not charge the Town for this reduction. Brief discussion ensued re: increase to Upper Cape's budget last year vs. the School Dept. reducing their budget.

C. Review & vote current Annual & Special Town Meeting Warrant articles.

Annual Warrant:

Article 6 – Capital Plan

Mr. Sullivan stated the only capital request is from the WPCF, but may be handled in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Special Warrant:

Article 1 – Budget Transfers

Mr. Sullivan noted transfers for short-term interest, Medicare tax, budget, unemployment, debt service & FICA.

Article 2 – Fund Parking Program

Mr. Sullivan stated the program will be starting late this year.

Article 3 – Spring Capital

There are no capital items requested, only WPCF.

Article 4 – Transfer of Available Funds

Brief discussion ensued re: Free Cash transfer for unemployment.

Article 5 – PEG Access Receipts to Community TV

Mr. Sullivan stated another payment has been received, bringing up their receipts to \$422,766.22.

Article 8 – Transfer of Community Preservation Funds to Wareham Girls Softball League

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 10 of the 2020 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Smith seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 11 of the 2020 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 14 of the 2020 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved Favorable Action on Article 16 of the 2020 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

D. Any other Town Meeting matters.

Ms. Smith explained that only money articles will be handled at this Town Meeting.

E. Any other FinCom matters.

IV. LIAISON REPORTS

V. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Unanticipated Items)

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next meeting will be held on June 4, 2020.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:13 P.M. Mr. Smith seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Date signed: 11/17/21

Attest: Bernie Pigeon

Bernie Pigeon, Chair
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

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