

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: June 8, 2022

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: By Chairman Bernie Pigeon at 6:30 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL: Present, Jody Smith, Norma Scogin, Tom Worthen (6:13PM),  
Matt Rose, Gerald Stefanski Clerk, and David Heard Vice Chairman (6:05PM)  
Absent, Dominic Cammarano and Stuart Novick

### III. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS:

#### A. Meeting with members of the Decas Steering Committee

1. Members from the Decas Steering Committee in attendance, Jonathan Dallmeyer Clerk, Jody Santagate and Tracie Williams.

2. Jonathan Dallmeyer stated they welcomed the invitation to the Fin-com Meeting and looks forward to working together in the future. It was also stated he is hoping to meet with other committees and the importance of all town boards working together for an important goal.

2. Finance Committee Chairman stated he understands the goals of the Steering Committee and stated the responsibility of the Fin-com.

3. Below is some of the concerns of the Fin-com:

a. The Decas needs to be financially viable.

b. Fin-com felt that they would like to see more then letters of interest.

1. It was explained that the Steering Committee does not have the authority to issue RFP.

c. The question was asked if only 40% of the building is utilized how the cost for rest of building will be generated. Also, would there be better uses for the building including selling it. Is there another town owned building that could be repurposed for the community needs?

2. The feeling is enough space will be rented to cover all costs for the building. The steering committee feels right now a community building it's best use. Selling it would not generate enough income to invest in a new community building.

d. The Fin-com stated to sell the project at town meeting they would look at all options and explain why a community building is best. Using the building as it stands is very optimistic.

3. The Steering Committee feels the cost of maintaining the Decas or another town owned building would be relatively the same. They are aware of several structural issues that need to be resolved.

e. The size of the building was discussed and accommodating the amount of people that can be handled. The Fin-com was provided a new footprint of the building and issues were answered.

f. There was concern for the day-to-day operation and who would be responsible for different tasks. It is still in the planning stage and there are items that need to be addressed.

g. There is a concern if the economy makes a drastic change, tenants will break leases.

4. Below are concerns of the Steering Committee:

- a. The condition of the multi-service building, mobility issues and others are a major concern. The COA would like to move sooner than later.
- b. The engineering consultant talked about items that needed to be resolved prior to using building for community center.
- c. A member stated she had attended the Public Safety Committee and is aware of the discussion taking place. She will be discussing them with steering committee.

B. The last TM was discussed, People felt some minor issues.

C. Everyone was told which members terms were expiring and that the moderator has scheduled a reappointment meeting.

D. Discussed members doing previous meeting minutes to get caught up.

E. The committee will be reorganizing at next meeting.

IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: (Unanticipated Items)

V. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022, 6:30pm, Room 27 Wareham Town Hall

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made to adjourn at 7:17PM S/V/P

Date signed: 1/11/23

Attest: 

Bernie Pigeon, Chair  
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

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