

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: June 21, 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
Julie Moran
Gerald Stefanski
Tom Worthen
Dominic Cammarano

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

NOTE: Mr. Smith asked to acknowledge Mr. Bob White who has been a cameraman/member of WCTV for a long time. Mr. White has stepped down from WCTV. Mr. Smith wished him the best.

A. Approval of meeting minutes. (NONE)

B. Presentation, discussion & possible vote on WPCF/Sewer Commission July 24, 2023 Special Town Meeting articles – Bernie Pigeon, Sewer Commission Chair

Ms. Scogin stated the Special Town Meeting articles are not being voted upon until tomorrow, thus no-one from the Sewer Commission will be present this evening. This item will be placed on the agenda for June 28, 2023.

C. Discussion & preparation for July 24, 2023 Special Town Meeting

Brief discussion ensued re: timeframe for review of said articles & preparing a report prior to the Special Town Meeting.

Ms. Scogin again stated the FinCom will meet on June 28, 2023. She also plans on meeting w/ the Town Administrator once per week to keep apprised of issues/information. She stated there may be some budget transfers & if they cannot be handled on the June 28, 2023 meeting, another meeting may need to be scheduled to handle the transfers prior to July 15, 2023.

Brief discussion ensued re: status of DEP/State on the sewer issue. Ms. Scogin stated more information should be forthcoming by next week's FinCom meeting.

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D. Discussion of plans to fill FinCom vacancies

Ms. Scogin stated Mr. Worthen has decided not to reapply. There is one applicant going before the Appointing Authority tomorrow. If the FinCom has any comments on said applicant, please submit them to Ms. Scogin prior to 6:00 P.M. tomorrow.

E. Report on Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan Advisory Group meeting on May 31, 2023

Ms. Scogin attended said meeting presented by the Town's sewer engineers to create a 20-year plan. She noted attendees. The plan will consist of a needs assessment, alternatives & recommendations for what would be most cost effective. The study will be completed in one year. The meetings will be held every two months.

F. Report on discussion w/ Town Administrator re: quarterly reports

Ms. Scogin met w/ the Town Administrator & will meet w/ him once per week. She has submitted the April financials to the FinCom & the Town Administrator will submit & speak to the FinCom about the year-end report in the next 60-90 days.

G. Discussion of liaison assignments & duties

Mr. Cammarano discussed how the assignment process was conducted in the past. Some departments/committees are more pressing than others. Mr. Stefanski stated there used to be an item on the agenda titled "Liaison Reports" where FinCom members can report any information. Ms. Scogin stated the liaison assignments should be made after the reorganization of the FinCom & a list of what is expected from liaisons should be generated.

IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Unanticipated Items)

Mr. Smith feels there should be public input before the FinCom on articles. There should be a public comment period on articles when presented to the FinCom. Brief discussion ensued.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on June 28, 2023

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 P.M. Mr. Rose seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

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Date signed: 7/12/2023

Attest: 
Norma Scogin, Chair ~~Pro Tem~~
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy submitted to Wareham Town Clerk: 7/13/2023

