

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Date of Meeting: September 14, 2022**

### **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

### **II. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Bernie Pigeon, Chair  
Norma Scogin  
Joseph Smith  
Matt Rose  
Gerald Stefanski  
Dominic Cammarano  
Tom Worthen  
Thomas Hannon

Member Absent: Julie Moran

### **III. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS**

#### **A. Discussion & possible vote re: accounting for Minot School expenses.**

Present before the FinCom: Kristen Flynn, Business Manager  
Kevin Brogioli, School Committee Chair  
Dr. Matthew D'Andrea

Mr. Pigeon briefly discussed the history, funding & borrowing for building the new elementary school. He noted issue re: purchase of items w/in the school system & not capital items. These items have been reviewed & it has been found that the items were purchased last year. The items are showing up now. These invoices have been put on hold.

Ms. Flynn explained some invoices are on hold. Some invoices are waiting for contract approval.

Mr. Pigeon expressed concern re: items that have been forwarded from last year & he is now content that these items have been reviewed. Brief discussion ensued.

Present before the FinCom: Selectman Alan Slavin

Selectman Slavin stated he became concerned because there were no checks & balances as bills were coming in & being approved. He had recommended a review by the Municipal Maintenance Director re: certain items. He feels other items should have gone into operating

expenses, such as soccer balls. He noted loopholes in the MSBA program. He has no more issues.

**MOTION: Mr. Smith moved the invoices from the School Building Committee currently being held be released. Mr. Cammarano seconded.**

**VOTE: Unanimous: (8-0-0)**

**B. WPCF projection & cost for proposed Swifts Beach & processing plant upgrades.**

Present before the FinCom: Sarah Greenberg, GHD  
Mark Randall, GHD  
Guy Campinha, WPCF Superintendent  
Jim Giberti, Sewer Commissioner

Ms. Greenberg handed out a packet of information to the FinCom members & a question & answer session ensued during the presentation.

Ms. Greenberg made a presentation re: the following for WPCF upgrades/improvements:

- Overcommitted flows at WPCF & current moratorium for new connections.
- When flows are overcommitted, a plan is required by the State on how the WPCF will handled flows going forward.

Brief discussion ensued re: how heavy rainfalls impact the workings at the plant.

- Three projects being looked at: Swifts Beach inflow/infiltration & headworks upgrade & clarifier upgrade at WPCF.
- Reasons why upgrades are needed at the WPCF & problems occurring.
- Reasons why Swifts Beach inflow/infiltration project is needed & problems occurring.
- Estimated costs for all three projects & information on current loan/grant programs available.
- Timeframes for loan programs.
- Design funding proposal has been submitted as an article for Fall Town Meeting. Funding for design is the responsibility of the Town.
- Estimated timeframes for completion of projects.
- Potential costs w/ inaction on projects.

Brief discussion ensued re: if projects will be done simultaneously.

Selectman Slavin spoke re: costs to Town for projects, monies needed for new Middle School roof/boiler & need for a second WPCF plant. He is very concerned w/ the imminent/critical need for these projects & how the Town will be able to pay for said projects. Brief discussion ensued.

Brief discussion ensued re: monies appropriated at the last Town Meeting for pump station upgrades, increases in costs & impacts going forward. Mr. Campinha discussed multiple issues w/ equipment at the plant that need to be addressed & staffing issues.

**C. Schedule a tour of the WPCF.**

Brief discussion ensued re: when there is availability to tour the WPCF.

**D. Update on anticipated activity in preparation for Fall Town Meeting.**

Mr. Stefanski provided an update on the Capital Planning Committee meeting held earlier today. He discussed proposed Warrant articles for capital to be presented at Fall Town Meeting. Brief discussion ensued.

Brief discussion ensued re: the Capital Plan.

Mr. Pigeon reviewed articles proposed to be included in the Fall Town Meeting Warrant w/ the FinCom members.

Brief discussion ensued re: various issues that may impact the Town's budget, such as a COLA increase.

**E. Acceptance of meeting minutes: August 24, 2022.**

Not handled.

**IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Unanticipated Items)**

**V. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. Mr. Stefanski seconded.**

**VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)**

Date signed:

Attest:

1/11/23  
Bernie Pigeon, Chair

WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

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