

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: September 20, 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
Julie Moran
Heidi Churchill
Gerald Stefanski
Dominic Cammarano
Joseph Smith
Matt Rose

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

NOTE: Ms. Scogin noted the FinCom now has possession of the 2023 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. There are 31 articles.

NOTE: The meeting proceeded w/ item E. Presentation of Road Commissioners Fall Town Meeting Warrant article – Alan Slavin, Select Board member

Select Board member Slavin spoke briefly re: the history of the Road Commissioners & problems that have occurred, such as the Road Commissioners not having the full authority as the Select Board to make decisions & accessibility to Town Counsel. There are three public employees on the Commission. The intent of the article is to make the process & the Commission more efficient. There is no cost involved w/ this article. A brief question & answer session ensued.

Select Board member Slavin discussed the duties of the Road Commission & the intent of streamlining the process. Brief discussion ensued.

A. Public comment at the discretion of the Chair

No-one was present from the public to comment.

NOTE: The meeting proceeded w/ item D. Presentation of Constable Fall Town Meeting Warrant article – Judith Whiteside, Select Board Chair

Select Board Chair Whiteside was present via Zoom.

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Select Board Chair Whiteside noted she has been taking the minutes for the Road Commissioners for the past five months because no-one else wants to be Clerk. Prior to her doing the minutes, there have been issues w/ getting minutes done for this Commission.

Select Board Chair Whiteside spoke re: the Elected Constable article. Currently, the Town has one elected Constable & nine appointed Constables. The Select Board has decided this year to elect Constables to three-year terms. Other cities & towns use three-year terms. She noted the requirements of appointed Constables vs. elected Constables. She explained the CORI process required for appointed Constables & required quarterly reports. A question & answer session ensued.

Select Board Chair Whiteside discussed what types of documents Constables serve.

B. Presentation of Department of Natural Resources Fall Town Meeting Warrant articles – Gary Buckminster, Harbormaster

- 1. Harbor Services Permit Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Account - \$5,000**
- 2. Harbor Services Permit Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Account - \$58,750**
- 3. Amendment to Waterway Rules**

Select Board Chair Whiteside addressed item 3. Amendment to Waterway Rules. The Attorney General sent the Town a letter dis-allowing portions of the amendments passed at a previous Town Meeting. The Attorney General has asked for some clarifications.

Present before the FinCom via Zoom: Gary Buckminster, Harbormaster.

Mr. Buckminster addressed the Waterways Bylaw that was passed previously, the Attorney General's comments & how said comments are being addressed. This article will address the changes made, for example clarifying language.

Mr. Buckminster addressed items 1. The \$5,000 is to cover dockage fees for the Harbormaster boats.

Mr. Buckminster addressed item 2. The \$58,750 is the second to last payment for the floating dock project. He briefly discussed the history of the dock project. He explained where this money has come from (monies from waterways permits, for example).

Mr. Buckminster spoke re: the beach mobility mats. Brief discussion ensued.

C. Presentation of Wareham Land Trust Fall Town Meeting Warrant article re: request for CPC funds of \$250,000 for acquisition of Mark's Cove Vista – Elise Leduc-Fleming, Nancy McHale & Bob Gleason – Wareham Land Trust

This item will be handled at a later date.

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D. Presentation of Constable Fall Town Meeting Warrant article – Judith Whiteside, Select Board Chair (DONE)

E. Presentation of Road Commissioners Fall Town Meeting Warrant article – Alan Slavin, Select Board member (DONE)

F. Discussion of plans for October Town Meeting Report

Ms. Scogin stated this will be a large report due to the number of articles. Mr. Rose will be reaching out to the local printer.

Ms. Scogin suggested each member write up a FinCom recommendation based on their liaison assignments.

Brief discussion ensued re: lead time for when the report should be completed & provided.

G. Registration for Association of Town Finance Committees Annual meeting on November 4, 2023

Ms. Scogin noted she sent a link for the registration to all FinCom members.

IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Unanticipated Items)

Ms. Scogin stated she has scheduled discussions for most of the Warrant articles commencing in the next several weeks.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on September 27, 2023, Room 27, Wareham Town Hall

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 P.M. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Referenced Documents

- 1. 2023 Fall Town Meeting Warrant**

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Date signed: 10/4/2023

Attest: 

Norma Scogin, Chair
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy submitted to Wareham Town Clerk: _____