

MINUTES OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: October 5, 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, Vice Chair
Matt Rose, Clerk
Gerald Stefanski
Dominic Cammarano
Julie Moran
Tom Worthen (Arrived at 6:33 P.M.)

Members Absent: Joseph Smith
Tom Hannon

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Discussion re: Fall Town Meeting Articles 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19 (WPCF funding/borrowing requests) – Jim Giberti, Sewer Commissioner & Guy Campinha, WPCF Superintendent.

Article 15 – Engineering Cost for WPCF Project – Clarifier Upgrades

Mr. Campinha discussed what the purpose of a clarifier is.

Brief discussion ensued re: cost of engineering design in the amount of \$2 million. Mr. Campinha stated engineering costs are exempt from the RFP process. The project is contingent upon DEP approval/funding which won't happen until January. He discussed the condition of the current clarifier & present day criteria for clarifiers.

Article 17 – Engineering Cost for WPCF Project – Swift's Beach Smith St. Lines

Mr. Campinha discussed issues w/ the pipes/lines in Swift's Beach area. He is looking at long-term solutions vs. short-term. He noted pipes in the water table which cause problems as well as flooding, storms, etc. He spoke re: two pump stations that are disintegrating in this area as well. He is looking at an SRF no interest loan to address the issues. The cost of this engineering design is \$2 million.

Article 16 – Engineering Cost for WPCF Project - Headworks

Mr. Campinha discussed what the headworks are, its purpose & what needs to be replaced.

Article 18 – Rescind Article for Line Force Main from Narrows to WPCF

Article 19 - Line Force Main from Narrows to WPCF

Mr. Campinha explained the reason Article 18 is being requested due to increase in costs.

Brief discussion ensued re: potential risk by rescinding article under Article 18.

B. Discussion re: petitioned Fall Town Meeting Article 28 (rescind Article 17 of the 2021 Fall Town Meeting Warrant) – Sam Corbitt.

Mr. Corbitt spoke re: Article 17 of the 2021 Fall Town Meeting Warrant that dealt w/ the Redevelopment Authority. He expressed concerns re: elected vs. appointed membership & the monies involved. He feels the current Authority wants to be autonomous & wants to do their own thing when there are other professionals that can assist them. The intent is to go back to what the Authority was prior. Nothing has changed because the Attorney General has not approved Article 17 yet. Brief discussion ensued.

C. Discussion re: petitioned Fall Town Meeting Articles 29 & 30 (Decas School Steering Committee) – Jonathan Dallmeyer.

Mr. Dallmeyer briefly discussed the intent of the two petitioned articles.

Mr. Pigeon stated Article 30 is already a requirement as to giving a report to Town Meeting (Article 6).

Mr. Dallmeyer discussed Article 29 & he proceeded to discuss the highlights/recommendations of the Executive Summary that the Steering Committee developed. A question & answer session ensued relative to the recommendations & potential costs.

D. Possible vote on Fall Town Meeting articles previously reviewed.

Article 21

MOTION: A motion was made & seconded for Favorable Action on Article 21 of the 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 22

MOTION: Ms. Scogin moved Favorable Action on Article 22 of the 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Rose seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 23

MOTION: A motion was made & seconded for Favorable Action on Article 23 of the 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 24

Present before the FinCom: Selectman Alan Slavin

Selectman Slavin discussed the intent of the article. Brief discussion ensued.

MOTION: A motion was made & seconded for Favorable Action on Article 24 of the 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 25

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 25 of the 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Rose seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 26 & Article 27

Mr. Pigeon stated there is a need to know the cost of borrowing for these two projects. This information will be presented next week. Brief discussion ensued re: the projects & borrowing.

E. Review of final financial report for FY2022. (Not handled)

F. Review of financial report for first quarter of FY2023. (Not handled)

IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Unanticipated Items)

Mr. Pigeon reviewed what FinCom members are writing individual article recommendations.

Mr. Pigeon briefly discussed the Warrant layout & cover.

Discussion ensued with Selectman Slavin re: the status of the WPCF, the dire needs of the facility & the Town's infrastructure/staffing needs.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on October 12, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Ms. Scogin seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Date signed: _____

Attest: _____

Bernie Pigeon, Chair

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Date copy submitted to Town Clerk: _____

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