

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: October 13, 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
Tom Hannon
Julie Moran
Joseph Smith
Gerald Stefanski

Members Absent: Tom Worthen
Dominic Cammarano

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Discussion re: Fall Town Meeting articles 1,2,3,4,5 & 20 – Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator.

Mr. Sullivan submitted a Power Point document to the FinCom members outlining article information.

Article 1 – Approve & Fund FY23 Capital Plan
Article 2 – Transfer of Free Cash

Mr. Sullivan expressed concern re: being notified by the State that there will be a delay in certifying Free Cash. Discussion ensued re: impacts of this delay if Free Cash is not certified by Town Meeting & how to move forward w/ articles that are depending on Free Cash.

Mr. Sullivan discussed in detail, items he is recommending be funded in the Capital Plan, such as replacement of certain vehicles for various departments & street lights. A question & answer session ensued.

Mr. Sullivan discussed transfer of Free Cash to fund the Plymouth County OPEB Trust Fund, the Stabilization Fund, Emergency Management, derelict Tax Title properties & General Insurance. A question & answer session ensued.

Brief discussion ensued re: possibility of using Stabilization Fund monies for some items in Article 1 if Free Cash is not certified. Brief discussion ensued re: mental health issues the community/country is facing & policing.

Article 4 – PEG Access Receipts to Wareham Community TV

Brief discussion ensued re: what WCTV provides to the community.

Article 5 – Union Contracts

Mr. Sullivan noted funds for Collective Bargaining are available w/in the Town budget. He is still working w/ several unions on agreements.

Article 20 – Amended & Restated Agreement CMW Regional Refuse Disposal District

Mr. Sullivan briefly discussed the history of the landfill & transfer station changes, what is currently in place & the intent of the article.

NOTE: Lengthy discussion ensued re: WPCF proposed projects, engineering & funding/borrowing for said projects.

B. Vote on Fall Town Meeting articles previously reviewed.

Article 1

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 1 of the 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Scogin seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 2

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 2 of the 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Moran seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 4

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 4 of the 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Moran seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 5

Brief discussion ensued re: reviewing the contracts prior to voting.

Article 15

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 15 of the 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Moran seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 16

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 16 of the 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Scogin seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 17

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 17 of the 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Scogin seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 18

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 18 of the 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Scogin seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 19

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 19 of the 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Scogin seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 20

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 20 of the 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Scogin seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 26

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 26 of the 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Scogin seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 27

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved Favorable Action on Article 27 of the 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Moran seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Articles 28, 29 & 30

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to refer Articles 28, 29 & 30 of the 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant to Town Meeting. Ms. Scogin seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

NOTE: Mr. Pigeon has requested information from the School Dept. on boilers to input into the FinCom's recommendation. He has not received said information at this time.

Mr. Smith spoke re: School Dept. transfers being made, for example, utilities. Brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Pigeon noted potential issues w/ revenues for the School Dept. next year. Brief discussion ensued.

C. Review of final financial report for FY2022.

Mr. Pigeon stated this information needs to be certified prior to being released.

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

E. Approval of meeting minutes: August 24, 2022, September 14, 2022, September 21, 2022, September 28, 2022 & October 5, 2022.

Mr. Pigeon noted the transcriptionist's contract is being renewed & after it is renewed, the transcription of minutes will resume.

F. Reminder of WPCF tour.

The tour will commence at 10:00 A.M. on October 15, 2022.

G. Reminder to provided written article recommendations.

Remaining recommendations were assigned to FinCom members.

IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Unanticipated Items)

Brief discussion ensued re: Town Meeting & the Warrant.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on October 15, 2022 at 10:00 P.M. at the WPCF.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Date signed: _____

Attest: _____

Bernie Pigeon, Chair
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy submitted to Town Clerk: _____

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