

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

**Date of Meeting: November 16, 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 Worthen  
Joseph Smith  
Tom Hannon  
Gerald Stefanski  
Julie Moran

Member Absent: Dominic Cammarano

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

#### **A. Review of Fall Town Meeting of October 24, 2022.**

Brief discussion ensued re: concern relative to the deletion of an article dealing w/ the Redevelopment Authority & issue of transparency.

Discussion ensued re: take-aways from the MA meeting of Finance Committees.

Brief discussion ensued re: shortage in staffing in Town departments. Brief discussion ensued re: privatizing of certain services, such as EMS services.

Brief discussion ensued re: the WPCF articles brought forward at Town Meeting & suggestions of how to better impart information to the citizens of the Town.

#### **B. Preparation for joint School Committee public hearing December 1, 2022.**

Discussion ensued re: FinCom impressions of the School Dept. budget workshop held recently as well as grant funding the School Dept. receives.

Brief discussion ensued again re: how the FinCom can better impart information to citizens & not just relying on the printed Warrant.

**C. Discussion of certification from DOR for fiscal year FY22.**

Mr. Pigeon noted delays in the certification.

**D. General discussion of FY24 w/ Town Administrator. (Not handled).**

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

**MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 24, 2022. Ms. Scogin seconded.**

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

**MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 14, 2022. Ms. Scogin seconded.**

**VOTE: (7-0-1)  
Ms. Moran abstained**

**MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 21, 2022. Ms. Scogin seconded.**

**VOTE: (7-0-1)  
Ms. Moran abstained**

**MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 28, 2022 as corrected. Ms. Scogin seconded.**

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

**MOTION: Ms. Scogin moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 5, 2022. Mr. Rose seconded.**

**VOTE: (5-0-2)  
Mr. Hannon & Mr. Smith abstained**

**MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 24, 2022. Ms. Scogin seconded.**

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

Brief discussion ensued re: attachments/handouts being made part of the minutes/record.

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

**MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to approve invoice for transcription services dated October 4, 2022 in the amount of \$281.25. Ms. Scogin seconded.**

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

**MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to approve invoice from Staples in the amount of \$2,821.25 for the printing of the Warrant booklets. Ms. Scogin seconded.**

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

Brief discussion ensued re: the budget process for the School Dept.

Brief discussion ensued re: delays in certifying Town financial reports & lack of staffing.

**V. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME**

The next FinCom meeting will be held on December 1, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Agenda is a required public hearing for FY24 School Dept. budget proposed by the School Committee. This is a joint meeting of the School Committee, Board of Selectmen & the Finance Committee as required by Charter.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Ms. Scogin seconded.**

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

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Bernie Pigeon, Chair

WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy submitted to Town Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

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