

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: November 9, 2016

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: David Heard, Chairman
Ellis Bailey, Clerk
Dominic Cammarano
Stuart Novick
Tom Worthen
Glen Lawrence

Members Absent: Bernie Pigeon
Pat Rumney
Joan Fontes

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Discussion: Town Meeting review & suggested improvements.

Mr. Heard commended Claire Smith, Town Moderator for a job well done at the most recent Town Meeting.

Present before the FinCom: Claire Smith, Town Moderator

Ms. Smith stated she has received some feedback from Town Meeting. One of the comments was why does the FinCom have to re-read what is already in the Warrant, such as the FinCom recommendations. It is felt that by not re-reading what is already in the Warrant will save time.

Ms. Smith briefly discussed electronic voting, such as what is used in the Town of Wayland.

Brief discussion ensued re: reading of motions & quorums.

Mr. Worthen stated he would like to see more visuals to support articles, such as the roadway article that was discussed at this last Town Meeting. Brief discussion ensued.

B. Discussion w/ Open Space Committee & Minot Forest Committee re: proposed CPA grants for Lopes Playground & Hathaway Playground. (To be discussed later in the meeting).

V. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 9, 2016 & OCTOBER 24, 2016

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 9m 2016 & October 24, 2016. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Heard stated the School Department will be holding a public hearing on December 7, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. re: their budget.

Mr. Heard noted that the proponents of the dog park will be meeting on November 12, 2016.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be on December 7, 2016 to attend the School Departments public hearing.

NOTE: The meeting went back to item IV. Finance Committee Matters – B. Discussion w/ Open Space Committee & Minot Forest Committee.

Present before the FinCom: Sandy Slavin, Open Space Committee & Minot Forest Committee

Ms. Slavin explained that the BOS requires departments & committees get FinCom approval before Community Preservation (CP) grants are submitted.

Ms. Slavin discussed a trail along Minot Forest & its location. She spoke re: a proposal to add a small parking area for access to the trails. She noted it will be a 3-4 car parking lot. She spoke re: a trail just finished in Minot Forest which will require no maintenance. She stated the Minot Forest Committee is seeking (CP) funds for the parking lot.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved the FinCom grant approval for the Minot Forest Committee to submit a request for Community Preservation funds. Mr. Worthen seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Ms. Slavin explained the Open Space Committee is requesting updates to the existing Open Space Plan. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Slavin explained the advantages of having an updated Open Space Plan so that grants can be applied for & acquired.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved the FinCom grant approval for the Open Space Committee to submit a request for Community Preservation funds for updates to the Open Space Plan. Mr. Bailey seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Mr. Worthen feels it would be beneficial to have all the towns come together to have a regional plan for the region. Ms. Slavin stated the Master Plan will likely reference the Open Space Plan.

Present before the FinCom: Selectman Alan Slavin

Selectman Slavin stated the Open Space Plan is done by each town individually. Each individual town would need to apply for a grant. If it was a regional plan, it would not be considered.

Ms. Slavin explained the Open Space Committee is requesting a grant for the rebuilding of Lopes Field Playground.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved the FinCom grant approval for the Open Space Committee to submit a request for Community Preservation funds for Lopes Field Playground. Mr. Bailey seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Ms. Slavin explained the Open Space Committee is requesting a grant for an engineering plan for Hathaway Playground. She stated this is a small playground w/ a large field on it. The Open Space Committee has already removed many tires from this playground that were used as boundaries.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved the FinCom grant approval for the Open Space Committee to submit a request for Community Preservation funds for an engineering plan for Hathaway Playground. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Ms. Slavin stated there has been a request for a dog park build in case a plan comes forward after the dog park meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved the FinCom grant approval for the Open Space Committee to submit a request for Community Preservation funds for a dog park build. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Ms. Slavin submitted a list of outstanding projects that have been approved by the Community Preservation Committee. She briefly discussed some of the outstanding projects.

Brief discussion ensued re: timelines on project completions.

Discussion ensued re: State matches to CP funds & the monitoring of projects once money is expended.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 P.M. Mr. Bailey seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Date signed: 1/25/17

Attest: Ellis Bailey (KB)
Ellis Bailey, Clerk
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: 1/26/17