

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: March 13, 2019

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bernie Pigeon, Chairman
 David Heard, Vice Chairman
 Dominic Cammarano
 Joan Fontes
 Gerald Stefanski
 Pat Rumney
 Glenn Lawrence

Member Absent: Stuart Novick

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

IV. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 6, 2019

**MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 6, 2019.
Mr. Heard seconded.**

VOTE: (5-0-2)

Ms. Fontes & Mr. Lawrence abstained

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. 2019 Spring Town Meeting:

1. Review & vote 2019 Spring Town Meeting Warrant articles.

Article 21 – Petition: Grant Easement

Present before the FinCom: Brian Grady, G.A.F. Engineering, Inc.

Mr. Grady stated he is representing the petitioner. He distributed the easement plan to FinCom members.

Mr. Grady stated the property in question currently has no sewer connection. Due to a disagreement w/ an abutter, the sewer service was disconnected. The issue is in court currently. The petitioner would like to make a sewer connection across the street at the Tremont Nail force main. The easement is necessary to accomplish the connection to the force main.

Discussion ensued re: current conditions at the property, the intent/proposal to connect to the Town's sewer system & liability issues w/ the easement if any.

Mr. Heard stated there is a need to consider that this is a 2-inch force main & if there is any future development at Tremont Nail, this proposal may impact the capacity for Tremont Nail. He feels this proposal may restrict development at Tremont Nail.

Present before the FinCom: Ken Buckland, Town Planner

Mr. Buckland stated he understands the intent of the article to obtain an easement. He stated a pump chamber would be needed. He stated there are several options for Tremont Nail usage & he doesn't know what the water/sewer usage would be. He doesn't believe the easement/sewer connection will hinder the capacity at Tremont Nail.

Article 11 – Amend Zoning Bylaw: Front Yard Storage

Present before the FinCom: Ken Buckland, Town Planner

Mr. Buckland stated the Planning Board held a workshop on this article. The Planning Board has stated they will support the article as written in the Warrant.

Mr. Cammarano questioned how this change will be enforced. Mr. Buckland stated this article will improve property values of neighbors.

Article 12 – Amend Zoning Bylaw: Temporary Signs

Mr. Buckland discussed the amendment to the Zoning Bylaw re: temporary signage.

Article 6 – FY20 Capital Plan

Mr. Heard explained there are two items currently in the Capital Plan. They are as follows:

1. Re-locate the sewer plant outfall to the canal. The Town's cost share for an engineering study is \$82,000. This will increase the capacity of the sewer plant.
2. Roofing projects at the WPCF with a cost of \$215,000. This money would come out of the WPCF reserves.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 6 of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant subject to documentation being received by the FinCom. Mr. Stefanski seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 8 – EMS Budget

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 8 of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Rumney seconded.

NOTE: Mr. Heard read the revenue forecast for the EMS Dept. into the record & which was received at the all day budget meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 10 – WPCF Enterprise Fund

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved Favorable Action on Article 10 of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Stefanski seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 11 – Amend Zoning Bylaw: Front Yard Storage

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved Favorable Action on Article 11 of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 12 – Amend Zoning Bylaw: Temporary Signs

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved Favorable Action on Article 12 of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 14 – Delete Charter Review Committee

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 14 of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (0-7-0)

Article 15 – Town Meeting Process

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 15 of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 18 – CPC: FY20 Community Preservation Fund Reserves

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 18 of the Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 19 – CPC: Anderson Field Track Resurfacing, Storage & Fence Project

Mr. Heard suggested postponing voting on this article right now. He is meeting w/ a designee of the School Committee tomorrow at the track to walk through the property.

Article 21 – Petition: Grant Easement

Mr. Heard recommended postponing voting on this article right now until the BOS votes since they have more input than the FinCom. Some FinCom members expressed concern re: liability relative to this article.

Article 22 – Petition: Commercial Aquaculture Regulation

Mr. Pigeon stated the petitioner will not be back in Town until prior to Town Meeting. He noted the Harbormaster has language pertaining to aquaculture already. Mr. Heard stated he would like the Harbormaster to provide more information.

Article 23 – Petition: Charter Change – Inclusion of Town Meeting Warrants

Mr. Stefanski stated it seemed that the petitioner was confused w/ the Bylaw & in turn, he is confused.

Mr. Pigeon stated he is more comfortable w/ having a Community Preservation article going through the BOS first. Mr. Stefanski concurred. Mr. Heard concurs that checks & balances prior to Town Meeting are important.

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved Favorable Action on Article 23 of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (0-7-0)

2.FinCom recommendations for Town Meeting Warrant articles.

Brief discussion ensued re: articles that are boilerplate & don't need new recommendations. FinCom members concurred to review the articles & choose which ones they want to write a recommendation for.

Mr. Heard discussed the possibility (with Zoning/Planning articles) of highlighting the original Bylaw & then highlighting the changes so people can find it easier to understand.

B. Any other Finance Committee matters.

Mr. Pigeon spoke re: FinCom member terms presently. He has invited Tom Worthen to come back to the FinCom to fill out Ellis Bailey's term.

Mr. Pigeon stated he has invited the School Committee to the FinCom's meeting on April 3, 2019 to discuss a detailed report on the feasibility study finances.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on March 20, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 P.M. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

Date signed: _____

Attest: _____

Bernie Pigeon, Chairman
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: _____