

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: March 22, 2018

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bernie Pigeon, Chairman
David Heard, Vice Chairman (Arrived at 6:45 P.M.)
Ellis Bailey, Clerk
Stuart Novick
Glenn Lawrence
Gerald Stefanski
Dominic Cammarano

Members Absent: Pat Rumney
Joan Fontes

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Review 2018 Annual & Special Town Meeting articles:

1. Special TM: Cemetery Rules & Regulations

Present before the FinCom: Kathy Bird, Cemetery Commissioner
Jack Silva, Cemetery Commissioner

Ms. Bird stated at the last Town Meeting, there were some concerns re: language included in the rules & regulations. The Commission went back & removed verbiage concerning the Town Administrator that seemed contentious.

Ms. Bird explained the current rules & regulations are 40 years old. She stated the old rules & regulations do not address leaving family lots to heirs, for example. The proposed new rules & regulations need to be passed to be in compliance w/ MA State laws.

Ms. Bird noted by removing the verbiage re: the Town Administrator, the verbiage does designate (by Bylaw) power to the BOS. She also noted these new rules & regulations have no financial impact to the Town.

Brief discussion ensued re: perpetual care & powers of the BOS.

2. Article 9 – Upper Cape Reg. Tech. School Budget

This article will be discussed at the next meeting.

3. Article 7 – FY19 School Dept. Budget

Present before the FinCom: Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Superintendent
Michael McMillan, Financial Director

Ms. Shaver-Hood stated they are working from the first budget they proposed from the School Committee & they are making changes to that budget.

Ms. Shaver-Hood & Mr. McMillan proceeded to make a presentation on the school budget & proposed changes. (Attached as reference). Mr. McMillan noted the School Committee will be voting on the proposed revised budget next week.

After the presentation, discussion ensued re: if there is a contingency plan if a new school does not come to fruition.

Discussion ensued re: a proposed plan to charge fees to ride buses for grades 7-12.

Lengthy discussion ensued re: some Finance Committee members believing that the plan presented is not sustainable.

Discussion ensued re: a Prop. 2 ½ Override & school choice.

Mr. Heard feels the Town will have to absorb some incremental costs w/ the proposed plan of closing a school, such as moving costs, portables, etc.

4. Any other articles.

B. Vote on 2018 Annual & Special Town Meeting articles.

Annual Town Meeting Articles:

Article 3 – Compensation of Certain Appointed Officials

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved Favorable Action on Article 3 of the 2018 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 7 – FY19 Budget

Mr. Heard stated he would like to hear from the Town Administrator re: the revised school budget.

Article 11 – CPC: FY19 Community Preservation Fund Reserves

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved Favorable Action on Article 11 of the 2018 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 12 – CPC: Wareham Wesley United Methodist Church Exterior Restoration

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved to table Article 12 of the 2018 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 14 – Amend Bylaw: FinCom Terms

Brief discussion ensued. Mr. Cammarano doesn't feel term length means anything. He feels the Appointing Authority has the ability to not vote someone on a board, committee or commission. Mr. Heard concurred. Mr. Stefanski concurs w/ the article for the ability to get new blood, new thoughts, etc. on the FinCom after nine years.

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved to withdraw Article 14 of the 2018 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 15 – Petition Article #1: Discontinue Portion of Cedar Island Road

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved Favorable Action on Article 15 of the 2018 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

**VOTE: (6-0-1)
Mr. Heard abstained**

Discussion ensued re: if the petitioners discussed this w/ the Planning Dept.

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved to withdraw the motion. Mr. Cammarano seconded to withdraw the second.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 17 – Petition: Commercial Aquaculture Regulation

Mr. Pigeon stated he has not heard a response from the petitioner as of yet.

Article 18 – Petition: Fund Director of Council on Aging

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved to not recommend Article 18 of the 2018 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles:

Article 5 – CPC: Return Unused Funds from Completed Project

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved Favorable Action on Article 5 of the 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 6 – CPC: Return Unused Funds from Project Never Implemented

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved Favorable Action on Article 6 of the 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 7 – CPC: Stoney Run Main Street Preserve

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved Favorable Action on Article 7 of the 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Stefanski seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 8 – CPC: Restoration of Tremont Nail Freight Building

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved Favorable Action on Article 8 of the 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Stefanski seconded.

VOTE: (4-3-0)

Mr. Bailey, Mr. Cammarano, & Mr. Lawrance opposed

Article 11 – Cemetery Rules & Regulations

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved Favorable Action on Article 11 of the 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 20 – Amend Community Events Committee Bylaw

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved Favorable Action on Article 20 of the 2018 Special TM Warrant. Mr. Stefanski seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

C. Review Town Meeting deadlines.

- 1. Wednesday, March 28, 2018 – Last day for FinCom to vote on articles.**
- 2. Monday, April 2, 2018 – Warrant to Printer.**
- 3. Monday, April 23, 2018 – Town Meeting**

V. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Novick stated after Town Meeting, the FinCom needs to sit w/ the School Committee re: a Prop. 2 ½ Override discussion. Lengthy discussion ensued.

VI. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 15, 2018

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 15, 2018. Mr. Novick seconded.

**VOTE: (6-0-1)
Mr. Heard abstained**

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next meeting will be held on March 28, 2018.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. Mr. Stefanski seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

Date signed: _____

Attest: _____
Ellis Bailey, Clerk
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: _____