

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: March 29, 2017

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Member Absent: Joan Fontes

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. 2017 Spring Town Meeting.

- 1. Review & vote on 2017 Spring Town Meeting Warrant articles.**
 - a. Article 9 – Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School Budget – Robert Dutch, Superintendent**

Present before the FinCom: Robert Dutch, Superintendent

Mr. Dutch proceeded to give a presentation on the Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School budget. (Attached as reference).

NOTE: Mr. Cammarano arrived at this time.

A lengthy question & answer session followed the presentation which addressed matters such as health insurance costs, assessments to towns, and satellite programs.

MOTION: Mr. Ellis moved Favorable Action on Article 9 of the 2017 Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: (7-0-1)
Mr. Cammarano abstained

NOTE: The meeting proceeded w/ item 2. Review & vote 2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 8 – CPC: Philip E. Lukey Community Park Rehab

Article 9 – CPC: Spillane Field Concession Stand/Ticket Booth/Sound System

Mr. Heard stated these articles have been placed in the Capital Plan.

MOTION: Mr. Pigeon moved Favorable Action on Article 8 of the 2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Pigeon moved Favorable Action on Article 9 of the 2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: (7-1-0)
Mr. Worthen opposed

Article 1 – Budget Transfers

Article 2 – Union Contracts

Mr. Heard stated Mr. Sullivan will provide the figures for these articles.

b. Any other 2017 Spring Town Meeting Warrant articles.

Article 19 – Unaccepted Way Revolving Fund

Article 20 – Unaccepted Way Bylaw Revision

Mr. Worthen stated these articles were not well received by the BOS. He suggested withdrawing the FinCom's votes on these articles until another presentation is made by the Road Commissioners to address concerns.

MOTION: Mr. Worthen moved the FinCom reconsider & withdraw the votes on Articles 19 & 20 of the 2017 Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Pigeon seconded.

FinCom members expressed their concerns re: some of the proposals in the Bylaw revision, such as charges to abutters, the billing process, & the fact that the workload for the Municipal Maintenance Dept. is three years behind (relative to roads).

Mr. Pigeon feels the BOS needs to resolve a lot of the issues before moving forward.

Present before the FinCom: Selectman Alan Slavin, BOS

Selectman Slavin stated the BOS is concerned re: if 5% is a legitimate number to accept, the snow plowing policy, & abutters paying up front for repairs.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Discussion ensued re: Article 19 & its process.

MOTION: Mr. Pigeon moved Further Study on Articles 19 & 20 of the 2017 Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

Mr. Ellis stated he would like to see a final version of the revisions before voting.

Discussion ensued re: voting Further Study vs. No Action & how to proceed.

NOTE: The motion & second was withdrawn.

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved No Action on Articles 19 & 20 of the 2017 Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Pigeon seconded.

**VOTE: (7-1-0)
Mr. Ellis opposed**

Article 14 – Amend Bylaws: Town Meeting Quorum

Selectman Slavin discussed the intent of the article.

Present before the FinCom: Claire Smith, Moderator

Ms. Smith discussed the procedure for opening Town Meeting in case of an emergency situation, such as weather related.

Brief discussion ensued re: other towns that have a zero quorum.

MOTION: Mr. Pigeon moved Favorable Action on Article 14 of the 2017 Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 12 – Clarify Charter re: Inclusion of Warrant Articles

Selectman Slavin discussed the intent of the article. Mr. Heard read the article into the record.

Discussion ensued re: what types of articles would be included.

MOTION: Mr. Pigeon moved Favorable Action on Article 12 of the 2017 Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 21 – Wareham Redevelopment Authority

Selectman Teitelbaum explained the article via telephone conference.

Brief discussion ensued re: land taking & eminent domain.

It was noted that the CEDA Board would be dissolved if this article is approved & implemented.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 21 of the 2017 Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Pigeon seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 6 – FY2018 Capital Budget

Mr. Heard stated there will be a meeting on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. between the BOS, FinCom, Town Administrator, & the School Committee to discuss the capital budget. He noted he & Mr. Pigeon will be attending.

3.Town Meeting deadlines.

- a. April 5, 2017 – Last day for FinCom to vote on all articles.**
- b. April 7, 2017 – Last day for all article recommendations & all Warrant information to be submitted to Kelly for Warrant.**
- c. April 10, 2017 – Warrant to printer.**
- d. April 24, 2017 – Town Meeting.**

V. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

There was no Town Administrator’s Report.

VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Heard discussed using standard FinCom recommendations for housekeeping articles.

VII. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 22, 2017

MOTION: Mr. Pigeon moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 22, 2017. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

**VOTE: (7-0-1)
Mr. Novick seconded**

NOTE: Discussion ensued re: which version of the budget should be used in the Warrant.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next meeting of the FinCom will be held on April 5, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made & seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

Date signed: _____

Attest: _____

Ellis Bailey, Clerk
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: _____