

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bernie Pigeon, Chair
David Heard, Vice Chair
Pat Rumney
Dominic Cammarano
Gerald Stefanski

Members Absent: Glenn Lawrence
Joan Fontes

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

IV. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: NOVEMBER 7, 2018 & DECEMBER 19, 2018

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 7, 2018. Mr. Stefanski seconded.

VOTE: (3-0-2)

Mr. Cammarano & Ms. Rumney abstained

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 19, 2018. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: (4-0-1)

Mr. Stefanski abstained

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. 2019 Spring Town Meeting:

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

Present before the FinCom: Sandy Slavin, Community Preservation Committee Co-Chair
Brian Litchfield, Community Preservation Committee Co-Chair

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

Ms. Slavin stated she is representing this article as a private citizen.

Ms. Slavin explained the intent of the article is to make a Charter change to have CP project articles automatically be placed on the Warrant. She noted that several CP articles have been denied placement on the Warrant by the BOS in the past. She doesn't understand how a majority of the BOS (three Selectmen) can determine what CP articles go in the Warrant or not. She stated the townspeople pay the CP funds & they should have the opportunity to see the proposed CP articles. She noted a lot of work goes into a CP application. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Heard stated he would prefer the articles go through the BOS first due to the amount of CP money being requested/spent.

Mr. Cammarano understands Ms. Slavin's position whereas the BOS is shutting down a CP article before it has gone to Town Meeting for voters to see.

Ms. Rumney concurred w/ Ms. Slavin's position & she doesn't feel it is fair for a majority of the BOS to rule out a CP article.

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

NOTE: Mr. Stefanski asked for more time to review the information presented.

Mr. Heard & Mr. Cammarano withdrew their motions.

Article 18 – CPC: FY20 Community Preservation Fund Reserves

Ms. Slavin stated there is an estimated \$1 million for the FY20 CP Fund reserves. She noted \$10,000 will be placed in each of the three CP area reserves & \$50,000 for administrative costs.

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

Mr. Litchfield briefly discussed the request for the track resurfacing, storage & fencing. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Stefanski stated he would like to see balances in each of the CP reserve categories & anticipated draw-downs in each category going forward in the fiscal year.

Present before the FinCom: Selectman Alan Slavin, Chair

Article 14 – Delete Charter Review Committee

Selectman Slavin stated he abstained from voting on this article.

Mr. Cammarano & Mr. Stefanski feel there is no benefit of not having a Charter Review Committee. Discussion ensued.

Article 15 – Town Meeting Process

Selectman Slavin stated there have been discussions re: Town Meeting & election deadlines. With this article, it would allow an additional three to four weeks to be added to the process & it would move the election date up/forward.

Article 17 – Littleton Drive Parcel

Selectman Slavin stated the BOS is holding off on voting on this article because more information is needed.

Article 21 – Petition: Grant Easement

Selectman Slavin stated the BOS needs more information on this article. He stated there are concerns re: liabilities. He stated there may be a sit-down w/ the owner to discuss the issue. He gave a brief history of what is there presently. Discussion ensued.

2. Review 2019 Special Town Meeting deadlines.

B. Discussion: Protocols for Decas Elementary at Minot Forest.

Mr. Pigeon stated he will write a letter to present to the School Committee & Chair of the Decas School at Minot Forest Committee re: financials dealing w/ the new school.

C. Discussion: Change of Finance Committee member terms.

MOTION: Mr. Stefanski moved that an article for the Change of Finance Committee member terms be placed on the 2019 Spring Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

D. Any other Finance Committee matters.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Unanticipated Items)

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on March 13, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. Mr. Stefanski seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

Date signed: _____

Attest: _____
Bernie Pigeon, Chair
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: _____