

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: August 22, 2018

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
Ellis Bailey, Clerk
Glenn Lawrence
Stuart Novick
Gerald Stefanski

Members Absent: Pat Rumney
Joan Fontes
Dominic Cammarano

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Minot Forest School update.

Present before the FinCom: Project Manager

The OPM (Owner's Project Manager) explained the Minot Forest School project. The expected project cost, based on an escalated projected cost per square foot, is approx. \$90 million. Reimbursement is ~75% of allowed costs. The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) currently limits building costs to \$333 p/sq. ft. & site expenses to 8% of building costs.

B. School budget update.

Present before the FinCom: Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Superintendent of Schools
Susan Owen, School Business Manager
Joyce Bacchiocchi, School Committee Chair

Ms. Shaver-Hood highlighted several budget items, such as the following:

- Savings of approx. \$2.1 million from closing Minot Forest School & less 31 staff.
- \$65,000 for moving costs.
- Free full breakfast & lunch for all students. There used to be half-time lunch staff, now there is full-time lunch staff.
- Minot Forest will be partially laid up to reduce costs.

NOTE: Present before the FinCom: Claire Smith, Town Moderator

Ms. Smith spoke re: the schedule for Town Meeting preparation.

Ms. Smith spoke re: electronic voting.

C. Tremont Nail update.

It was stated that Selectman Teitelbaum is speaking about environmental issues at the Tremont Nail site. The estimate for the environmental clean-up is \$1.4 million in which the Town is responsible for. Environmental studies were not done in 2004.

The Community Preservation Committee will fund the cost w/ a ten year bond which will cost \$174,000 per year.

It was stated the Town will be going after the prior owners of the site re: this issue.

D. Wareham, Marion & Carver Refuse District update.

It was stated that there are no other entities that don't have audits. It is expected that dump stickers will go to \$300.00 per year.

E. Review & vote invoice #112835 in the amount of \$280.00 for Association of Town Finance Committees dues.

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to approve invoice #112835 in the amount of \$280.00 for the Association of Town Finance Committees dues. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

F. Review 2018 Fall Town Meeting deadlines.

The FinCom members reviewed the 2018 Fall Town Meeting deadlines.

V. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 6, 2018

MOTION: Mr. Stefanski moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 6, 2018. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: (5-0-1)

Mr. Lawrence abstained

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

It was reported that sewer rates will be going up.

It was reported that plans are in the works for a solar project for Squirrel Island & Swift Island Road.

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next meeting date is scheduled for September 12, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso, Typist (Per notes of Mr. Bailey)

Date signed: _____

Attest: _____
Ellis Bailey, Clerk
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: _____