

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: September 21, 2016

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: David Heard, Chairman
Ellis Bailey, Clerk
Dominic Cammarano
Joan Fontes
Stuart Novick
Patricia Rumney
Tom Worthen

Members Absent: Bernie Pigeon (Attending School Committee meeting)
Glenn Lawrence

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

IV. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

There was no Town Administrator's Report,

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Review & discuss 2016 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

1. Article 20 – Amendments to Zoning Bylaws – Ken Buckland, Town Planner

Mr. Buckland explained the process of reviewing the Zoning Bylaws began in May when David Moore, Building Inspector discussed issues he saw in the Bylaws. He stated several proposed changes have been brought forward in the article to address some of these issues.

Mr. Buckland proceeded to discuss the proposed amendments to the Bylaw.

Mr. Buckland noted that the Planning Board public hearing on these amendments will be held on October 11, 2016.

Discussion ensued re: enforcement of the amendment relative to containers & lengthy discussion ensued re: the various amendments.

Mr. Heard stated he understands the intent of the amendments, but he expressed concern re: implementation of some of the amendments.

B. Any other Town Meeting Warrant articles.

Present before the FinCom: Gary Buckminster, Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

Article 7 – Harbor Services Permit Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Account

Mr. Buckminster discussed the following projects being proposed. They are as follows:

- Repair & maintenance to markers, moorings, docks, pier and public access areas.
- Department equipment, maintenance & repairs, safety equipment.
- All-terrain vehicles.
- Mooring management software.
- Printing, mailing and supplies.
- Vehicle lease payment.
- Architecture & engineering, professional services – Onset Pier.
- Automatic defibrillators.
- Waterfront public access upgrades.

Article 8 – Waterways Account Transfer

Mr. Buckminster explained that approved funding will be used for engineer oversight of the Onset Boat Ramp project & provide a 10% contingency in the event of any unforeseen expenses during the rebuilding of the ramp. Any & all funds that are not expended at the completion of this project will be returned to the Waterways Account.

Mr. Buckminster noted a contractor has been selected & the hope is to break ground on the project November 1, 2016.

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved Favorable Action on Article 7 of the 2016 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

Discussion ensued re: the architecture, engineering and professional services for the Onset Pier Harbormaster Office.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 8 of the 2016 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Fontes seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 20 – Amendments to Zoning Bylaws

Mr. Heard suggested the FinCom not vote on this article until the Planning Board holds its public hearing on October 11, 2016.

Mr. Novick feels the financial impact of the amendments are hard to gauge. Brief discussion ensued.

The FinCom members concurred to defer voting on this article until after the Planning Board's public hearing.

Article 15 – Community Preservation: West Wareham Affordable Housing & Open Space

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 15 of the 2016 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 16 – Community Preservation: Great Neck Union Chapel Restoration

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 16 of the 2016 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Bailey seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 17 – Community Preservation: Lopes Field Play Area Engineering Plan

Mr. Heard discussed the design program to be used for the playground.

Mr. Worthen stated the project is estimated to cost approx. \$500,000. He would like to see other money on the table before the requested \$75,000 is spent on a design. He would rather spend \$75,000 on playground equipment.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 17 of the 2016 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Rumney seconded.

Lengthy discussion ensued re: the project, finances & Community Preservation funds.

VOTE: (6-1-0)

Mr. Worthen opposed

Article 26 – Petition: Town Bylaws – Temporary Repairs of Private Ways

MOTION: A motion was made & seconded for Favorable Action on Article 26 of the 2016 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Heard feels there is a financial impact to the Town if this article is approved. Lengthy discussion ensued re: this proposal.

Discussion ensued re: if this article is just asking for labor costs. Mr. Worthen stated there is a need to understand what the total cost is. He feels this article is incomplete & there is insufficient information.

VOTE: (0-6-1)
Ms. Rumney abstained

Article 23 – Street Layout: Cory Drive & Damien Drive

MOTION: Mr. Worthen moved Favorable Action on Article 23 of the 2016 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

VI. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 14, 2016. Ms. Fontes seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next meeting of the FinCom will be September 28, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 P.M. Mr. Cammarano 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: _____