

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: October 26, 2015

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: David Heard, Chairman
Joan Fontes, Vice Chairman
Ellis Bailey, Clerk
Tom Worthen
Bernard Pigeon
Stuart Novick
Pat Rumney

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

IV. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Any fiscal matters.

There was no Town Administrator's Report.

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Approve & sign invoices:

1. Invoice #15-1277 from Gateway Printing in the amount of \$690.00 re: printing of the Warrant.
2. Invoice #26765 from Wareham Week in the amount of \$21.00 re: public hearing advertisement.

MOTION: Mr. Worthen moved to approve Invoice #15-1277 from Gateway Printing in the amount of \$690.00 & Invoice #26765 from Wareham Week in the amount of \$21.00.

Ms. Rumney seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

B. Town Meeting:

1. Review and/or reconsider any articles on the Warrant.

Present before the FinCom: David Pichette, Conservation Agent
Sandy Slavin, Conservation Commission member

Mr. Heard explained that the BOS have prepared an alternative motion for Further Study on Article 25 – Wetlands Bylaw which will ask Town Meeting to create a Wetland Bylaw Committee. Mr. Heard read the alternative motion into the record.

Mr. Bailey questioned if a FinCom member should be on this committee.

Present before the FinCom: Selectman Teitelbaum

Selectman Teitelbaum stated he had a discussion w/ Conservation Agent Mr. Pichette. He noted that Mr. Pichette was concerned that there would be no Town Wetland Bylaw if this article passed. He stated that the Conservation Commission is on board w/ this new recommendation (alternative motion).

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved the FinCom reconsider their vote on Article 25 of the 2015 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Pigeon seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Ms. Slavin asked the FinCom to reconsider their vote. She stated at the last meeting, the Conservation Commission voted Further Study on Article 25 & if the Conservation Chair agrees w/ the creation of a Wetland Bylaw Committee, she is in favor of Further Study. She stated there is a modified Bylaw, but it needs some work & she feels it is a tool to start with. The time limit for completion of the Bylaw review will be for the spring Town Meeting.

Mr. Pichette feels a Further Study motion is appropriate at this time.

Mr. Heard feels this will allow the current Wetland Bylaw to stay on the books in the meantime.

Ms. Slavin stated the original request was to totally wipe out the Wetland Bylaw. She discussed what precipitated this article at the last Town Meeting.

Mr. Worthen recommended a joint committee with other towns that would incorporate bylaws that other towns have. Mr. Pichette stated the goal is to customize the Bylaw to Wareham & incorporating other towns' bylaws would be difficult to accomplish.

Mr. Bailey again stated a FinCom member should be on this committee. Mr. Heard stated the Moderator will appoint a citizen at large & this could be a citizen from the FinCom.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Mr. Pigeon moved Further Study on Article 25 of the 2015 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Discussion ensued re: Article 13 – Westfield Property.

Present before the FinCom: Rich Bowen, Town Counsel

Mr. Bailey feels a time limit is needed for action on this article.

Attorney Bowen read a new motion for this article into the record. He explained the intent of the article. He stated some of the restrictions held on this property will stay in place through this motion. He discussed some of the restrictions that would change from old articles & language.

Mr. Bailey feels there isn't a need for more affordable housing & adding additional burdens to Town services. He doesn't feel this article goes far enough. He feels schools are over-burdened currently. He feels most voters would be in favor of senior housing instead.

Attorney Bowen discussed the BOS's role in this matter. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Heard stated he would be in favor of amending the motion & adding "approval of Town Meeting" to the motion. He stated this would make it so it would have to come back to Town Meeting. Attorney Bowen stated the wording could say "subject to Town Meeting ratification".

Mr. Worthen doesn't feel this article is ready "to go" yet.

MOTION: A motion was made & seconded for Favorable Action on Article 13 of the 2015 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

VOTE: (0-7-0)

Discussion ensued re: Article 18 – Code Enforcement Bylaw. Discussion ensued re: the motion & re-wording.

MOTION: Mr. Pigeon moved the FinCom reconsider their vote on Article 18 of the 2015 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved Favorable Action on Article 18 of the 2015 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Bailey seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Discussion again ensued re: Article 25.

MOTION: Mr. Pigeon moved the FinCom reconsider their vote on Article 25 of the 2015 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Pigeon moved Further Study on Article 25 of the 2015 Fall Town Meeting Warrant as changed this evening by the BOS. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

2. Review & discuss protocol/procedures for Town Meeting.
3. Any other Town Meeting matters.

VI. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 14, 2015

MOTION: Ms. Rumney moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 14, 2015. Mr. Worthen seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

It was stated that the next meeting will be held in mid-November, most likely November 18th.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made & seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 P.M.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso
Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

Date signed: 11/18/15

Attest: Ellis Bailey (KB)
Ellis Bailey, Clerk
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: 11/19/15