

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: November 18, 2015

### I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M.

### II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: David Heard, Chairman  
Ellis Bailey, Clerk  
Pat Rumney  
Tom Worthen  
Bernard Pigeon

Members Absent: Joan Fontes  
Stuart Novick

### 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.

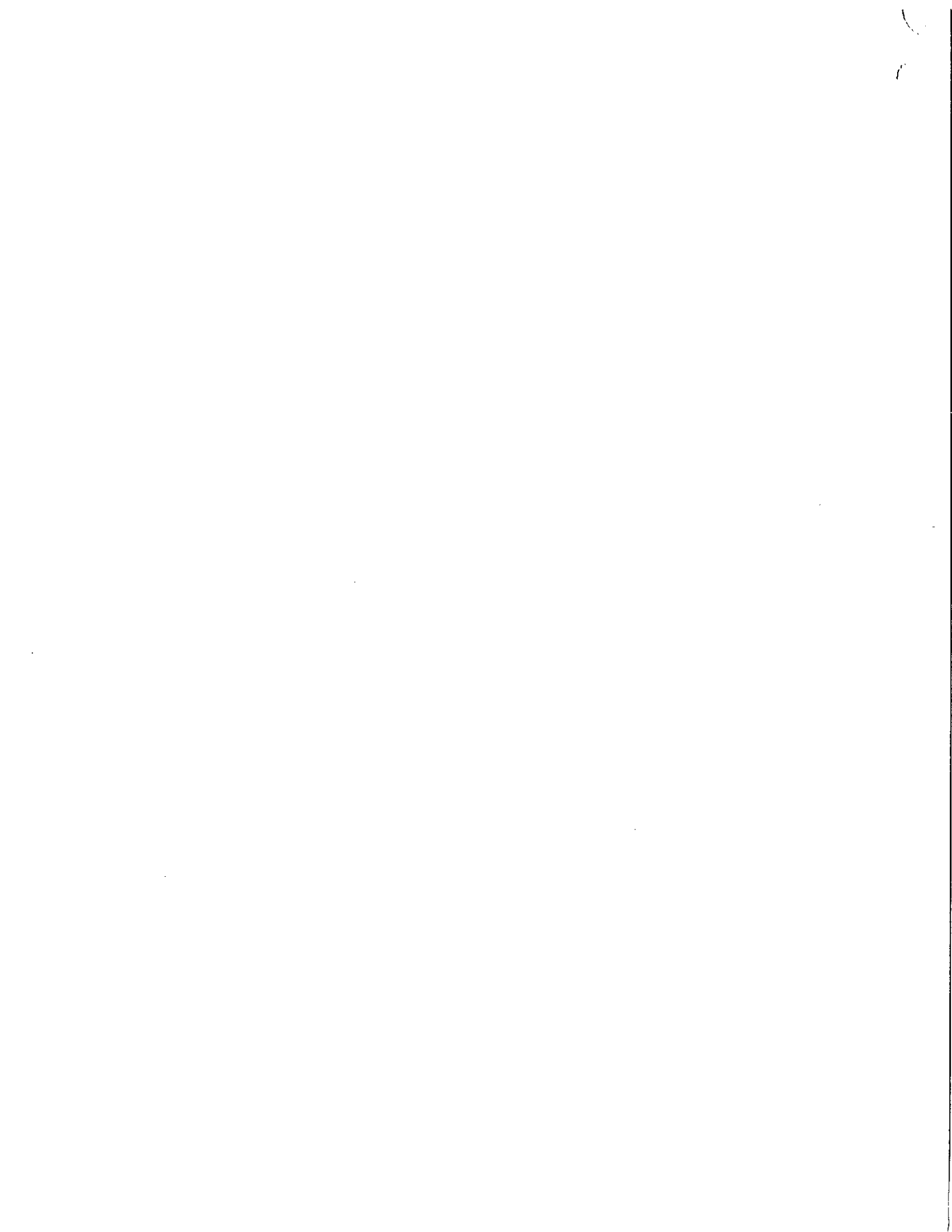
### V. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

#### **A. Discussion re: Town Meeting: 1. Review of Town Meeting.**

Mr. Heard discussed the results of the Fall Town Meeting & the process.

Mr. Pigeon feels there was insufficient information for many articles. He discussed the Fall Town Meeting & Charter requirements. He suggested calling a Special Town Meeting when necessary vs. the Charter & Bylaws stating there has to be a Fall Town Meeting. He feels this would give the BOS more flexibility & more time for preparation. He stated, for example, the Westfield property article should not have been on the Warrant because the BOS was not prepared. Brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Bailey stated the FinCom had several blank votes on articles in the Warrant that possibly could have been voted upon.



Mr. Worthen feels everyone involved looked “chincy” relative to the recycling article & he feels there should have been an iron-clad explanation as to why this article could not be funded.

Ms. Rumney explained the Charter states the Town has to meet two times per year (two Town Meetings). Thus, if Mr. Pigeon’s suggestion is to be adopted, there would have to be a Charter change. Mr. Pigeon stated he understands what the Charter states, but this recent Fall Town Meeting had time constraints which reinforces his suggestion of one Town Meeting in the spring & calling a Special Town Meeting when needed.

Ms. Rumney stated she spoke to Claire Smith, Town Moderator re: the way things went at this Town Meeting & her concerns. Ms. Smith told her (Ms. Rumney) that she has told the Town Administrator, the School Dept., the BOS, & the FinCom that there will be a meeting to discuss the Town Meeting process. Mr. Heard stated there is a meeting tomorrow to discuss Town Meeting protocol & process. He stated the important thing coming out of this is everyone can do better.

Mr. Heard stated the joint meetings held w/ the BOS to discuss the articles was very helpful. Mr. Pigeon stated a suggestion should be made that at these meetings when the article comes in, all information should be provided.

**2. Any other Town Meeting matters.**

There was no discussion.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: OCTOBER 26, 2015**

**MOTION: Mr. Worthen moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 26, 2015. Mr. Bailey seconded.**

**VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)**

**VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

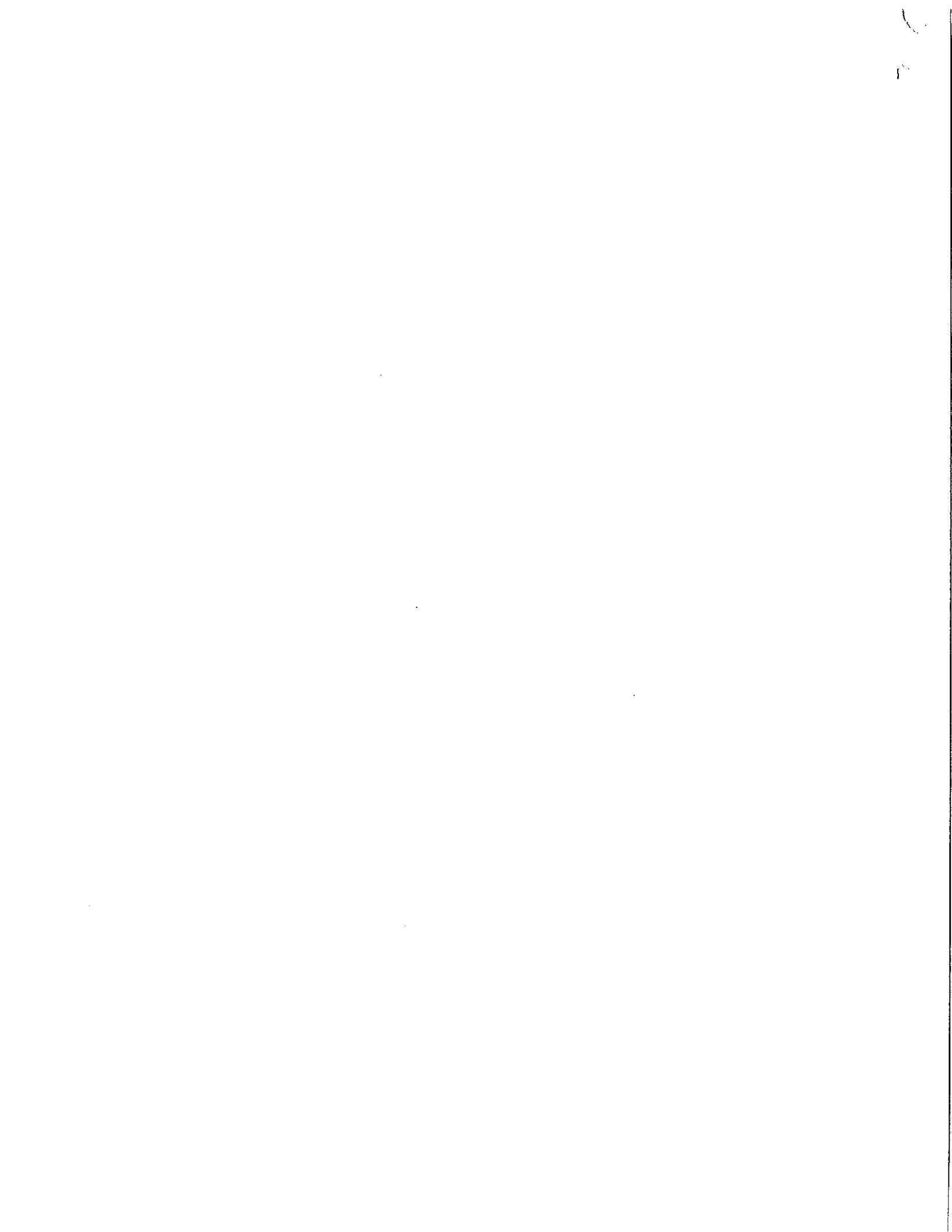
Mr. Worthen suggested the Cemetery Commission come before the FinCom to discuss their budget & budget items.

Mr. Bailey feels the FinCom has the right to audit & review the books. Mr. Worthen stated he will contact the commission.

Mr. Worthen stated the Collins Center Report is designed to help w/ scorekeeping for departments. He described the publication & what it can help with. He suggested Town entities go to the center in Boston & see what it is all about.

Mr. Worthen stated the School Department budget review presentation is tomorrow.

Mr. Worthen discussed the VizGov.com website which provides software that reviews where money goes through the whole budget. He stated if there is an interest, the Town of Somerset



recently implemented the software & they could be contacted. Mr. Heard suggested representatives of VizGov come before the FinCom & make a presentation. Mr. Worthen stated the cost of loading the software would be approx. \$100 per hour. He again suggested speaking w/ the Town of Somerset re: costs & operations.

Mr. Pigeon requested that the Town Administrator, when he does the revenue forecasts, that he include revenue from the two Fire Districts as well. He would like to see it separated out (the fees the Fire Districts give the Town).

Mr. Heard addressed the letter sent to the FinCom from Ms. Fontes dated November 10, 2015 re: her resignation as Vice Chair of the FinCom. He stated it is unclear if she is resigning as just Vice Chair or resigning from the FinCom completely. He stated this matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME**

The next FinCom meeting will be held on December 9, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Mr. Pigeon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 P.M. Ms. Rumney seconded.**

**VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)**

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso  
Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

Date signed: 1/13/16

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

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: 1/14/16

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