

### License Agreement

There was considerable discussion about the recommendation of a license agreement because it came to the Finance Committee's attention that there are a variety of issues with the neighbors that have not been worked out. It also was apparent that these issues have persisted since 2005. Gregory Lynam pointed out that Town Meeting is not the place to work out the details of this matter. George Jacobs said that this matter should be heard by the Select Board and if they wish to, they can sponsor the article and come back before the Finance Committee. Judge Jacobs suggested that we ask for the article to be withdrawn.

Additional arguments were put forth by the DaCosta's attorney, Eric Jaikes and by various neighbors. George Jacobs reiterated his view that the article be withdrawn and that some mediation take place.

### MOTION

Melissa Haskell moved that the Finance Committee not recommend the authorization of a license agreement for Lakeside Avenue. Gregory Lynam seconded the motion.  
*(Vote 6-0-3)*

Street Acceptances for Slocum Farm Drive, Mary Theresa Circle and Vista Circle, Articles 4,5, and 6.

Michael Gagne indicated that the DPW has approved Slocum Farm Drive, Mary Theresa Circle and Vista circle. The Planning Board meets early next week and is expected to approve these streets as well. Melissa Haskell asked if the residents of all three of these streets had to pick their mail up on Slocum Road and that she was concerned about the safety issues associated with them continuing to do that. Mr. Gagne said that the post office would not deliver the mail on these streets as long as they remained private. Ms. Haskell pointed out that she agreed with Mr. Lynam's concerns about new street acceptances, but felt that safety was the overriding issue.

### MOTION

Melissa Haskell moved that the Finance Committee recommend Articles 4,5 and 6 – the street acceptances for Slocum Farm Drive, Mary Theresa Circle and Vista Circle to Town Meeting contingent upon Planning Board approval prior to Town Meeting. Larry Fox seconded the motion.  
*(Vote 8-1-1)*

### Commercial Wind Turbine By-law

The general consensus of the Finance Committee was that they supported the intent of the Commercial Wind Turbine by-law, but had some significant concerns about the by-law in its present form. Of particular concern was that the by-law did not allow for unanticipated issues that might arise and did not allow the special permit granting authority to deal with those circumstances, particularly with regard to the effects on the existing neighbors. Despite efforts to come to some consensus with the Alternate Energy

Committee (the “AEC”), the AEC wished to present the original version of this by-law to Town Meeting.

Leonard Gonsalves moved that the Finance Committee recommend against this warrant article. Melissa Haskell seconded the motion.  
*(Vote 8-0-1)*

Mr. Gonsalves went on to say that consideration for the AEC and its work should be expressed, but there are areas of significant concern that preclude the Finance Committee recommending the warrant article for approval. Larry Fox pointed out that the article is well intentioned.

Discussion took place about whether or not to offer amendments that had been drafted with the help of Town Counsel. Gregory Lynam said that he thought we should only be voting on that which is presented to us and we do not make amendments. George Jacobs concurred, but wanted to indicate that we are not opposed to the by-law in principle.

The Do Not Recommend will include the following explanation: “We agree in principle with the purpose and intent of the proposed by-law but have concerns that there is insufficient discretion with the permit granting authority of the Select Board.”

#### MOTION

Shannon Jenkins moved that the above language be used on the “Warrant Articles Recommendations” provided to Town Meeting, as the explanation for our position. Larry Fox seconded the motion.  
*(Vote 6-2-1)*

Leonard Gonsalves moved that the Chairman be given some latitude to discuss this issue and reference that as a result of the Finance Committee’s concerns, alternative language has been drafted by Town Counsel’s office, if queried at Town Meeting.  
*(Vote 6-1-2)*

#### Quinn Windows

Consensus was reached with the schools to ask that this line item be withdrawn.

#### MOTION

Leonard Gonsalves moved and Shannon Jenkins seconded a motion that the Finance Committee not recommend on the Quinn windows.  
*(Vote 9-0-0)*

#### MOTION

Melissa Haskell moved that Article 21 be recommended with the amended amount of \$1,404,874. Leonard Gonsalves seconded the motion.  
*(Vote 9-0-0)*

Francis Pettengill expressed some concerns that had come up at the Budget and Revenue Task Force (the "Task Force") about the purchasing of a recycling truck because there are members of the Task Force that want to actively pursue privatization. Ed Iacaponi said that the DPW really needed the truck and even if trash pick up was privatized, it would take some time to implement. Leonard Gonsalves confirmed that the last recycling truck was leased and the lease payments were made by funds that the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse District had passed along to the Town as fund collected from recycling. Mr. Gonsalves supported Mr. Iacaponi's assertion that privatization was a ways off even if there was a desire to implement it. Shannon Jenkins, also a member of the Task Force, said that it was her understanding that recycling was up 33% and that it was her understanding that should trash collection be handled privately, the firm that took over collection would likely buy the truck from the Town. Further, she stated that if bids were solicited, the DPW might be a bidder and still need the truck.

Future meeting dates listed on the agenda were agreed to, but there was discussion about the meeting location. A suggestion was made that we meet at the Police Station.

Action Items were reviewed. Mr. Gonsalves asked that an explanation of recouping General Funds for the Rogers Street landing be part of a future agenda. Peter Friedman, the Chairperson, agreed and suggested it be part of the agenda for the first meeting in December.

Melissa Haskell said that she had been contacted by Sue Guiducci of the Agricultural Preservation Trust Fund Counsel and asked if the Finance Committee could appoint a representative to replace Patrick Roth. As no other members volunteered, Ms. Haskell said she was willing to serve if no one else wanted the position.

#### MOTION

Leonard Gonsalves moved that Melissa Haskell be appointed as the Finance Committee representative to the Agricultural Preservation Trust Fund Counsel. Stewart Washburn seconded the motion.

*(Vote 9-0-0)*

Mr. Iacaponi reminded the Finance Committee that there was a Reserve Fund Transfer request still pending that he would like to have addressed. Mr. Friedman agreed to put it on the November 1<sup>st</sup> agenda.

#### MOTION

Melissa Haskell made a motion to adjourn. Larry Fox seconded the motion.

*(Vote 9-0-0)*

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Haskell  
*Clerk*