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FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The May 6, 2010, meeting of the Orleans Finance Committee was convened by Chairman Walter Bennett at 7:00 p.m. in the Nauset Room of the Orleans Town Hall. Present constituting a quorum were Mr. Bennett, Edwin Barr, Mark Fiegel, Dale Fuller, John Hodgson, Gwen A. Holden Kelly, Paul Rooker, and Rick Sigel.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Ms. Holden Kelly, the minutes of the April 22, 2010, Finance Committee meeting were approved (7-0-1).

Guests

Mark Carron, Board of Selectmen liaison to the Finance Committee, was in attendance at the meeting.

Also present for the meeting were Ken McKusick, chairman of the Orleans Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, and Alan McClennen, Jr., chairman of the Orleans Open Space Committee.

Guest Presentations

Dr. McKusick and Mr. McClennen joined the Finance Committee for a discussion of **Article 27. Acquire Conservation and Watershed Preservation Restriction on Brewster Land**, of the Annual Town Meeting. Approval of that Article and Question 6 on the ballot for the May 18th election would authorize Orleans to participate with the Town of Brewster in the purchase of a 22.57 acre parcel of land -- the so-called Matthews Property which is located in Brewster, but sits in the surface area that contributes rainfall to the groundwater -- Zone 2 of contribution -- for Well No. 7 of the Orleans watershed. Under Orleans' agreement with Brewster, the two towns would split the \$750,000 cost of the purchase of that parcel, with Brewster to retain title for that land, and Orleans to hold the conservation restriction for that 22.57 parcel as well as for an additional 16 acres that Brewster currently owns or plans to purchase.

Dr. McKusick provided background on the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners continued support for that Article and urged the Finance Committee to reconsider its vote against that measure. Mr. Bennett said that owing to an outstanding question concerning the legality of one town's purchase and holding of a conservation restriction in another town, which issue currently is under investigation by Orleans Town Counsel Michael Ford, the Finance Committee will be revisiting that Article when it meeting on Monday, May 10th before the start of the Annual and Special Town meetings.

Mr. McClennen also provided background on, and responded to questions from Finance Committee members concerning, a proposed property purchase under **Article 8. Acquire Land Owned by Putnam Family, 50 Bridge Road, Orleans, MA**, on the Special Town Meeting warrant. If the Article is approved, Orleans voters would be asked under

Question 8 of the election ballot to approve the expenditure of \$360,000 for that purchase.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Consideration of Town Meeting Warrant Articles

The Finance Committee took up four Articles on the Special Town Meeting warrant on which it had withheld action pending receipt of updated and supplemental financial and other information. The following articles were reviewed, and the indicated actions taken:

- **Article 1.** *Pay Bills of Prior Years.* **Approved on a motion made by Mr. Fuller (8-0-0).**
- **Article 2.** *Transfer Article.* **Approved on a motion made by Ms. Holden Kelly (8-0-0).**
- **Article 3.** *Transfer Funds for Police Station HVAC Repairs.* **Approved on a motion made by Mr. Fiegel (8-0-0).**
- **Article 8:** *Acquire land owned by Putnam Family, 50 Bridge Rd.* **Failed on tie vote on a motion to approve offered by Mr. Fiegel (4-4-0).**

The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, May 10th, prior to the start of the Annual and Town Meeting, to take up the warrant Articles listed below for the indicated purposes:

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

- **Article 27.** *Acquire Conservation and Watershed Preservation Restriction on Brewster Land.* To revisit Finance Committee vote on this Article at Committee members' request and to take into consideration any information available on outstanding legal questions.
- **Article 29.** *Free Cash.* To act on this Article upon receipt of the dollar amount to be transferred from Free Cash.

Special Town Meeting Warrant

- **Article 1.** *Pay Bills of Prior Years.* To revisit this Article if there is any change in the funds to be authorized for payment of outstanding bills under this article.
- **Article 6.** *Authorize Selectmen to sign CVEC power supply agreement.* To review updated language concerning Board of Selectmen recommendation for action on this Article.
- **Article 7.** *Acquire land owned by G.R.B.S Corp. on Beach Rd. & Hubler Ln.* To act on this Article subject to availability of financial and other information concerning this proposed land purchase
- **Article 8.** *Acquire land owned by Putnam Family, 50 Bridge Rd.* To revisit Finance Committee vote on this Article.

Discussion of Proposed Application to National Academy of Science

On a motion made by Mr. Fuller, the Finance Committee approved, 8-0-0, a motion endorsing application to the National Academy of Science (NAS) to conduct a peer review of the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, School for Marine Science and Technology's (SMAST) Linked-Model and encouraging the Orleans Board of Selectmen to take appropriate steps to begin the process that would bring such an application before the NAS.

Mr. Bennett asked Ms. Holden Kelly to draft a letter for his signature advising the Board of Selectmen of the Committee's action on this matter.

Board of Selectmen Reports

Mr. Rooker reported on the May 5, 2010, meeting of the Orleans Board of Selectmen.

Department and Committee Liaison Reports

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None.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee members reported on meetings and activities of the following boards and committees:

- May 4, 2010, meeting of the Orleans Conservation Commission (Mr. Rooker);
- May 4, 2010, meeting of the Orleans Renewable Energy/Wind Committee (Mr. Rooker);
- May 5, 2010, , meeting of the Orleans Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners (Mr. Barr);
- May 6, 2010, meeting of the Orleans Board of Health (Mr. Fuller);
- May 6, , 2010, meeting of the Orleans Community Preservation Committee (Ms. Holden Kelly).

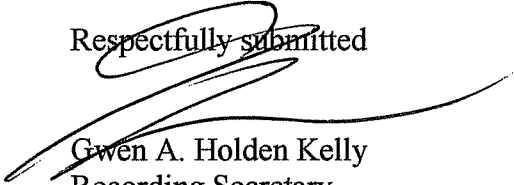
Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10th in the auditorium of the Orleans Middle School.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Sigel, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted


Gwen A. Holden Kelly
Recording Secretary