



FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The April 19, 2012 meeting of the Orleans Finance Committee was convened by Chairman Ms. Gwen Holden-Kelly at 7:00 p.m. in the Nauset Room of the Orleans' Town Hall. Present constituting a quorum were Members; Mr. Dale Fuller, Mr. Paul Rooker, Mr. Mark Carron, Mr. Larry Hayward, and Mr. John Hodgson. Members absent were; Mr. William Weil, Mr. Rick Sigel and Mr. Ed Barr.

Guests:

Mr. John Fuller, Selectmen liaison
Gary Furst, President OWA
Nello Trevisan, Treasurer
Jeffrey Eagles, Secretary
Ed Daly
Paul Ammann
Kevin Cassidy

Public Comment: 00:29 on Video Tape

Mr. Gary Clinton spoke regarding the importance of staying on top of the CWMP and cost to insure the proper review of costs between Centralized and Decentralized Waste Water Systems continues, earlier he distributed to the committee some cost comparisons of projected plans in 2008 dollars.

Orleans Water Alliance: 02:30 on Video Tape

Chairman Holden-Kelly turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman D. Fuller to introduce the guest speakers and moderate the discussion. Mr. Gary Furst, President of the Orleans Water Alliance (OWA) was introduced by the Vice Chairman.

President Furst presented the committee with a Power Point produced by the OWA and its subcommittee who worked on the Orleans Affordable Water Quality Improvement Plan. President Furst reviewed the plan as outlined; spelling out the reasons behind the plan and the areas the plan would address, as outlined, the plan calls for immediate action with an affordable, adaptive plan. Recapped, the plan calls for designing cluster systems for Down Town and the known hot spots (Arey's, Lonnie's and Meeting House Ponds). It also calls for systems which can be adapted to homeowners systems, as well as a town wide fertilizer policy, aggressive Storm water program and moorings replacement program to a more water friendly mooring. All do and must meet any MTDL's established for each body of water.

President Furst then turned the presentation over to Mr. Jeffery Eagles, Secretary of the OWA. Mr. Eagles presented the committee with needs to establish a tool for measurements of where we are and we are going – i.e., tracking results as plans are implemented. Mr. Eagles reviewed the current MTDL's and the need to reclassify some



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bodies of water. Mr. Eagles suggested that Orleans should join Eastham to reclassify Rock Harbor from swimming to a boat basin.

The presentation was followed by a Q&A period. Vice Chairman Fuller asked about moorings. Mr. Eagles presented a 4 slide presentation which showed how the redesigned moorings can help resolve the current conditions caused by chained moorings. Mr. Hodgson asked how the testing process should be implemented. Mr. Rooker asked if the team feels there is not a problem with the TMDL's. Then why would we need to have alternatives? Mr. Eagles responded that after retesting shows that the TMDL's are now met, there would be no need to install a system. But, if they show that there is a need to remediate then systems would be built to accomplish that. Mr. Hodgson asked about the benefits of dredging.

Mr. Eagles closed the session by informing the committee of a recent forum held in Falmouth and attendees included Cape Cod Commission, EPA, DEP and several firms. The forum was a 2 day event to discuss how the town of Falmouth can move forward with revisiting their CWMP.

Vice Chairman D. Fuller turned the meeting back to Chairman Holden-Kelly.

Handouts 54:00 on Video Tape

Chairman Holden-Kelly reviewed with the members all of the handouts which were attached to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes 55.57 on Video Tape

On a motion made by Mr. Carron, seconded by Mr. Hodgson, the minutes of the April 12th Finance Committee meeting were approved as amended 5-0-1 (Member Mr. Hayward abstained).

Warrant Articles 57:30 on Video Tape

Mr. D. Fuller updated the committee on some outstanding warrants needing action by the committee. Mr. Fuller outlined the Regional School Budget and E&D account. As of March they are projecting that an excess of \$542,000 was received from the State and was unanticipated. That amount added to the current E&D balance of \$591,000 leaves a balance in the E&D of just over \$1,000,000 after taking \$100,000 to lower the town's assessments. That total brings the E&D account to the benchmark the committee hopes to maintain the balance of the E&D account. Mr. Fuller also reported that \$1,800,000 in the Capital Plan now has a balance of \$750,000, of that total, \$350,000 are from FY12 dollars.

Chairman Holden-Kelly reported on some financial information she received from the Library and their expenditures.



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Chairman Holden-Kelly then reviewed the articles the committee might want to speak on. After much discussion the committee agreed to speak to articles 2,3,6,7,18,31,32,33,36 of the Annual warrant and articles 2 (parks transfer) and 3 in the Special warrant. The committee discussed Article 6 of the special warrant relating to the Laying out of Aspinet Road. As the Board of Selectman will continue to discuss what their recommendation will be at Town Meeting as there appears to be a number of questions still unanswered.

Other Business *83:00 on Video Tape*

Chairman Holden – Kelly advised the committee that she is hoping to make contact with Mr. John Jannell and have him before the committee next week to review the renewable energy articles and the Aspinet Road article. The Weston and Sampson Phase 3 will also be on next week's agenda.

Boards, Committee and Department Reports:

N/A

Adjournment: *95:50 on Video Tape*

There being no further business before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted


Mark Carron
Secretary

Next Meeting:

Thursday April 26, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Nauset Room at the Town Office Building.



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Follow-Up Items

- Discussion of adequacy of existing business management resources in Fire Department and consideration of possible FinCom recommendation to the Board of Selectmen on this issue
- Chief Quinn – report on Brewster’s use of a new ambulance using an existing box
- Better understanding of the flow of income generated by fees.
- Review merits of staying involved in the Old Kings Highway Historical District
- Financial concerns with vehicle and equipment replacement list
- Discussion of possible FinCom recommendation to the Board of Selectmen regarding filling position of Water Superintendent
- Turn back issue averages \$500,000
- Tour the Water Facility
- Administration Costs for the OES