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FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The April 26, 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. Rick Sigel, Mr. Larry Hayward, and Mr. John Hodgson. Members absent were; Mr. William Weil and Mr. Ed Barr.

Guests:

Mr. John Fuller, Selectmen liaison
John Jannell, Town of Orleans CVEC Representative

Public Comment: 00:00 on Video Tape

None

Solar Energy Warrant Articles: 00:50 on Video Tape

Chairman Holden-Kelly turned the meeting over to Mr. Rooker to introduce John Jannell and facilitate this discussion. Mr. Rooker reviewed for the committee where we are in the process. Mr. Jannell then reviewed the process leading up to the warrant articles. Mr. Jannell outlined the sites which were selected by CEVC – consisting of 3.2 acres in the water shed and 3.2 acres at the land fill (to be placed over the cap). He further explained we would buy the power at .065 per kilowatt. The proforma was received on April 4, 2012. One site would generate a savings of \$42,000. The agreements are intergovernmental agreements which for Orleans require a town meeting vote as called for under the Charter.

Mr. Rooker asked what the status of the project approvals by the other CEVC towns. Mr. Jannell was not aware of the status of those votes. Mr. Rooker also asked about the maintenance charges (.01 per kilowatt hour). That fee is built into the .065 per kilowatt hour. This fee would help defray the cost for CEVC.

Chairman Holden-Kelly inquired about the buyers obligations in the agreement? Mr. Jannell is not sure if they have covered that portion of the agreement at this time. Mr. Carron asked Mr. Jannell what concerns he has about these projects. Mr. Jannell responded timing. Meaning, we would have to act fact after town meeting. Mr. Rooker asked what the issues are if a town backs out.

Chairman Holden-Kelly asked what would be the benefit of proceeding on our own to get comparison figures. How much of the town's energy would be met if both projects were approved? That would enable us to produce 1.2 million and 1.4 million kilowatt annually.



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Handouts 29:50 on Video Tape

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

Approval of Minutes 30:25 on Video Tape

On a motion made by Mr. Carron, seconded by Mr. Hodgson, the minutes of the April 19th Finance Committee meeting were approved as amended 6-0-1 (Member Mr. Sigel abstained).

Warrant Articles 31:50 on Video Tape

Chairman Holden-Kelly reviewed the articles the Board of Selectman will be taking up next week and suggested that we hold our votes until after that meeting. The committee then discussed whether to take a vote on the Energy articles. Mr. Rooker explained to the committee that in New Mexico (where he owns property), the state could not afford solar power, so he asked what does that mean for Orleans? Mr. Rooker feels that because of all the financial benefits, now is the time to move on these articles before the funding assistance dries up.

Mr. Hodgson asked what will happen in 20 years when the agreements mature. Mr. Rooker indicated that there are some benefits for Orleans in the first 20 years, but doesn't have an answer to after the 20 years. Mr. Rooker questioned whether CEVC can manage the projects? Mr. Rooker stated in his opinion, if we can get in under this cap, we win! Mr. Rooker added that the town will need to manage this and be sure the budgets are managed correctly for electricity line items.

Mr. Sigel commented that he doesn't see any real push or organized effort by CEVC – so is timing a concern if we delayed the vote? Mr. Hodgson asked what makes the committee think they can get a better deal on our own? Mr. Rooker responded that they have had side conversations with firms plus looked at Mashpee that has a town program. Mr. Sigel asked if both articles go hand and hand? Mr. Rooker indicated, given the time lag, the committee would have enough time to seek a comparable proposal for the Water Shed project while the town moves forward with the land fill CEVC project.

On a motion made by Mr. Carron, seconded by Mr. Hayward, to approve Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting to Authorize RFP for Solar Energy Projects was approved 7-0-0.

On a motion made by Mr. Hayward, seconded by Mr. Hodgson, to approve Article 36 of the Annual Town Meeting to Authorize Intergovernmental Agreements, Renewable Energy Projects was approved 7-0-0.



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Weston & Sampson Phase 3 discussion: 76:50 on Video Tape

Mr. D. Fuller began the discussion on the Weston & Sampson by stating it was a well done presentation. Mr. Hayward indicated he found the presentation very informative. Mr. Hodgson asked if the design of the Small Pipe laid out over the CWMP Big Pipe design, or did they design the Small Pipe from a fresh start?

Mr. Carron suggested that now was the time to begin to develop questions to send along to the Town Administrator, to insure the questions are addressed sometime during their final two phases. After some discussion, the Chairman asked members to send along to her any questions members have. These questions will then be collated and presented back to the committee for discussion and review at a future meeting.

Other Business: 100:09 on Video Tape

Chairman Holden-Kelly suggested that the committee consider adding Aspinet Road on the list of articles that the committee would plan to speak on at Town Meeting. The Chairman also asked Mr. Carron if he would speak to Article 7, Fund Community Preservation Act Program Budget – relating to the \$600,000 Affordable Housing grant. The Chairman also asked Mr. Rooker if he would speak to the two solar articles at both the Special and Annual Town Meeting.

Boards, Committee and Department Reports: 104:00 on Video Tape

Mr. Sigel reported that the Hinckley Affordable Housing project is ready for Marketing. Namskaket road is on hold due to the historic home, but construction can move forward on the 5 affordable homes being built by Habitat.

Mr. Hodgson stated that the Playground funding is up to \$80,000.

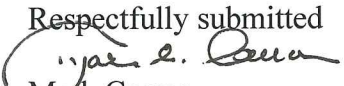
Mr. D. Fuller indicated he had a copy of the Board of Health listing of new fees if any members wished to review.

Mr. D. Fuller indicated that because of the absence of the Superintendent and Business Manager several items on the Regional agenda did not get covered.

Adjournment: 112:20 on Video Tape

There being no further business before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted


Mark Carron
Secretary



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Next Meeting:

Thursday May 3, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Nauset Room at the Town Office Building.

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