

**Minutes
Finance Committee
Public Hearing
October 3, 2013
Approved**

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Call to Order

Chairman Peter McManus called the Public Hearing to order at 7:02pm. Present were, Members: Richard Rollins and Richard Eckel.
Associate:

Reserve Fund Transfer Requests:

None at this time

Correspondence

None at this time

Review of Articles

Article – 1- Town Building water system upgrade

Peter explained that the original request was a reserve fund transfer. Had it been approved the Reserve Fund would have been nearly depleted. He requested that they request the funds at Town Meeting.

Article – 2- Planning Board Engineering/Consulting for Lower Village Traffic Planning

Karen Kelleher explained that there are differences from spring Town Meeting. They have another estimate. They would like to change the \$150k to \$125k which includes a contingency. \$125k for the full Lower Village plans. The vision will be on record. They are looking to be eligible for Mass Works programs grants. The original funds were \$108m Other towns have received between \$1m - \$100m for construction. January they open for bids, September they get the plans, December we get the answer. We want to have a cohesive plan. When things happen we would like to have the funds. The long term plan is over time pieces will be done. Everything listed was at 100% (curb cuts, sidewalks, etc.) We are working on zoning issues for Town Meeting

Article – 3- Cemetery Land Purchase

This is one parcel split into three. There is no number yet because the parcel was split Monday night.

Article – 4- Cemetery Site Improvements

No Comments

Article – 5- Regional Transportation Agreement

The Council on Aging is against this. Selectmen will vote on it at their next meeting.

Article – 6- Regional Transportation Agreement

The land is not buildable

Article – 7- Amend Animal Control Bylaw

This will match the Town with the State bylaws

Article – 8- Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers

Karen Keller commented that she didn't think it was a concern. If there are no bylaws the state can put it anywhere they want to. Future bylaws will give the town a choice of where they put them. Someone inquired about it to the Town Administrator. Skinners have a proposal in Bolton. The planning board is concerned about where they should be located. The Board of Health needs to adjust their policies.

Article – 9 – Zoning Bylaws Amended (Section 8.9.4
Basic housekeeping on wording.

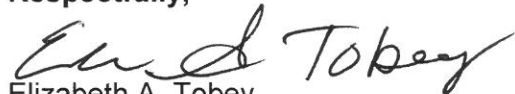
Article – 10 – Acceptance of Sidewalk Easement from GenRad, LLC
Refers to a special permit for a commercial solar installation on Delany St. requiring a sidewalk easement.

Article – 11- Acceptance of Sidewalk Easement from Stow Villages, LLC
Sidewalk is built. Needs easement acceptance.

Other Business
None at this time

Adjournment
A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Eckel at 7:37pm. Rick Rollins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, (McManus, Rollins and Eckel).

Respectfully,



Elizabeth A. Tobey,
Administrative Assistant