MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: October 25, 2010

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Donna Bronk, Chairman

Marilyn Donahue, Vice Chairman (Arrived at 6:15 P.M.)

William R.C. White, Clerk

Dick Paulsen Frank Heath Bonnie Cottuli

Dominic Cammarano

Members Absent:

David Trudell

Sam Gray

Also Present:

Mark Andrews, Town Administrator

Elizabeth Zaleski, Town Accountant

III. BUSINESS

A. Free Cash.

Mr. Andrews announced that Free Cash has been certified for FY2010. The amount is \$1.7 million.

B. Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

Article 13 – Community Preservation: Reserve Accounts

MOTION: Mr. Paulsen moved the Finance Committee reconsider its prior vote on Article 13 of the 2010 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. White seconded.

Discussion ensued. It was noted that Article 13 was inadvertently overlooked by the Finance Committee as needing to be reconsidered following the budget presentation by the Community Preservation Committee on October 20, 2010.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

NOTE:

Ms. Donahue arrived at this time.

MOTION: Mr. Paulsen moved Favorable Action on Article 13 of the 2010 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Donahue seconded.

Brief discussion ensued.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 2 - Amend FY2011 School Budget

MOTION: Ms. Donahue moved the Finance Committee reconsider its prior vote on Article 2 of the 2010 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Paulsen seconded.

Discussion ensued. From the information the Finance Committee received, it appears that an agreement has been reached w/ the School Dept. re: the level of funding to be provided to the School Dept. The amount of funding to be provided will be \$415,000 to be utilized in FY2011.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

MOTION: Ms. Cottuli moved Favorable Action on Article 2 of the 2010 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Paulsen seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

IV. <u>JOINT MEETING W/ FINANCE COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SELECTMEN</u>

The joint meeting of the Finance Committee & the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:34 P.M.

Selectmen Present:

Jane Donahue, Chairman

Walter Cruz, Clerk Brenda Eckstrom Cara Winslow Stephen Holmes

Also Present:

Richard Bowen, Town Counsel

Robert Slager, Publisher of the Wareham Observer

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Ms. Donahue, provided an update of the status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Board of Selectmen & the School Dept. While it was the intent of the Chairman of the Selectmen & the Town Administrator to have the MOU carry a term of two years, the School Dept. agreed to a one-year agreement.

Brief discussion ensued.

V. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

MOTION: A motion was made & seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Darrasso, Typist

Date signed: /2/8/10

Attest: William R.C. White, Clerk
William R.C. White, Clerk
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date filed: /2/9/10

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