

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: April 20, 2011

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Donna Bronk, Chairman
William R.C. White, Clerk
Richard Paulsen
David Trudell
Dominic Cammarano (Arrived at 6:48 P.M.)
Frank Heath
Sam Gray

Members Absent: Bonnie Cottuli
Marilyn Donahue

Also Present: Claire Smith, Town Moderator
Mark Andrews, Town Administrator
Richard Bowen, Town Counsel
Derek Sullivan, Financial Analyst

III. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. State Resolution.

Mr. Andrews noted that a resolution passed by the Senate provides \$12,225,154.00 for Chapter 70 funds and \$1,552,495.00 to unrestricted general government aid. It remains to be seen what the conference committee's recommendation is. He stated he will continue to closely follow this.

B. Accounting Support.

Discussion ensued re: the process for maintaining accounting support for Town operations in the absence of a Town Accountant. Discussion ensued re: the importance of reliable ongoing accounting support going forward. It was stated if necessary, the process to find a new Accountant could take up to six weeks & the pool of qualified personnel is not great.

C. DOR Letter.

Attorney Bowen discussed the letter received from DOR recommending the Town not spend pre-certified Free Cash until the of \$919,000 un-reconciled funds is resolved by the auditors. This process is expected to be completed in the next several weeks, well ahead of the Town Meeting in May.

D. Warrant Articles.

Mr. Andrews stated that based on the unsettled financial situation, all fiscal articles on the 2011 Spring Annual & Special Town Meeting Warrants will be postponed until the May 23, 2011 Town Meeting date.

E. Warrant Article Motions.

Motions for non-financial articles for the Annual & Special Town Meeting Warrants were distributed & discussed individually by Attorney Bowen. It was noted that some articles to be considered at the April 25, 2011 Town Meeting Warrant may be withdrawn in the meantime.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Assignment of article motions.

Ms. Bronk assigned the articles to committee members whom will be expected to read the motions as were distributed in the course of the meeting.

The following is the assignments:

Annual Town Meeting Articles

- 1- n/a
- 2- Mr. Heath
- 3- Mr. Gray
- 4- Mr. White
- 18 – Mr. Cammarano
- 19 – Mr. Paulsen
- 20 – Mr. Trudell
- 21 – Ms. Cottuli
- 22 – Ms. Donahue
- 29 – Mr. Heath
- 37 – Mr. Gray
- 38 – Petitioner
- 39 – Petitioner
- 40 – Petitioner
- 41 – Petitioner

Special Town Meeting Articles

- 1 – Mr. White
- 2 – Mr. Trudell
- 3 – Mr. Cammarano
- 4 – Mr. Paulsen
- 5 – Mr. Paulsen
- 6 – Ms. Cottuli
- 7 – Ms. Donahue
- 8-13 – Ms. Bronk

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made & seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso
Kelly Barrasso, Typist

Date signed: 5/4/11

Attest: William R.C. White (K2)
William R.C. White, Clerk
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date filed: 5/5/11

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: 5/5/11

