

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: May 23, 2011

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Donna Bronk, Chairman
Marilyn Donahue, Vice Chairman (Arrived at 6:10 P.M.)
William R.C. White, Clerk
Dominic Cammarano (Arrived at 6:58 P.M.)
Bonnie Cottuli (Arrived at 6:11 P.M.)
Sam Gray
Frank Heath
Richard Paulsen
David Trudell (Arrived at 6:12 P.M.)

III. BUSINESS

A. Discussion re: budget.

Present before the FinCom: Bill Heaney

Mr. Heaney appeared before the FinCom with a proposed amendment to the Town Administrator's budget. Permission was granted for Mr. Heaney to present his detailed budget which did not include a Health Insurance holiday. He balanced the budget through a series of cuts across the board, resulting in level funding with the FY2011 budget. Discussion ensued re: Mr. Heaney's proposal and no action was taken. (Copy of Mr. Heaney's proposed amendment is attached as reference).

Ms. Bronk polled the FinCom members to determine the presence of any signed agreement between the Town Administrator, School Committee, and the Board of Selectmen re: the one-time use of a Health Insurance holiday to close the gap between the School Department's budget request and the Town Administrator's proposed budget. The Town Administrator has proposed a Health Insurance holiday to balance his budget. Since the holiday option is controversial and regarded by some as a questionable action, the FinCom has repeatedly urged the Town Administrator to obtain an agreement w/ all parties, outlining the conditions under which the holiday will occur and that the use of the Health Insurance Trust Fund is a one-time stop gap. It became evident that no agreement was in place.

MOTION: A motion was made & seconded to postpone approval of the FY2012 budget until such time as a signed agreement is in place between the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, and the Town Administrator.

VOTE: Unanimous (9-0-0)

An amendment for postponement of Article 6 (budget) was prepared for the Chairman to present to Town Meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made & seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

VOTE: Unanimous (9-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso
Kelly Barrasso, Typist

Date signed: 6/1/11

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

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