

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: May 2, 2012

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Frank Heath, Chairman
David Trudell, Vice Chairman
Bonnie Cottuli
Donna Bronk
Larry McDonald
Dominic Cammarano (Arrived at 6:45 P.M.)

Members Absent: Dick Paulsen
Sam Gray

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Financial Analyst

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Present before the FinCom: David Walton

Mr. Walton stated he attended many meetings prior of many boards, committees, etc. prior to Town Meeting. He feels the FinCom handled the four nights of Town Meeting very well. He feels this is the finest FinCom the Town has had in a long time.

NOTE: The meeting proceeded w/ item V. Special Town Meeting Matters.

Mr. Heath noted that on April 20, 2012, he as Chair was served w/ a copy of the 2012 Special Spring Town Meeting Warrant.

B. Article Recommendations.

Articles 5-15 – Collective Bargaining Agreements

Mr. Heath noted that Articles 5-15 are holds for collective bargaining agreements. He read the Special Warrant articles (which are all the same except for the unions noted) into the record.

MOTION: Mr. Trudell moved to take Articles 5-15 of the 2012 Spring Special Town Meeting Warrant as a consent for voting purposes. Mr. McDonald seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Ms. Bronk asked when these contracts were negotiated. Mr. Heath stated these contracts have not been negotiated as of yet. He noted these articles are place holders in case any of these contracts are settled. Mr. Sullivan noted these contracts deal w/ fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

NOTE: Mr. Cammarano arrived at this time.

MOTION: Ms. Bronk moved Favorable Action on Articles 5-15 of the 2012 Spring Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. McDonald seconded.

Mr. Trudell stated the BOS have abstained from voting on Articles 5-15. Mr. Heath stated this is because there is no information available.

Ms. Cottuli asked whey there are placeholder articles when money has already been put aside for these contracts.

Present before the FinCom: Claire Smith, Town Moderator

Ms. Smith stated these articles deal w/ the current year (2012) & money would come out of the budget if settled by May 21, 2012.

Mr. Heath again stated there is no information available re: these articles.

VOTE: (0-0-6)

Article 1 – Confirm Award re: Police Union Contract

Present before the FinCom: Chief Stanley, Chief of Police

MOTION: Mr. Trudell moved Favorable Action on Article 1 of the 2012 Spring Special Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Cottuli seconded.

Mr. McDonald asked if the dollar figures be included in the Warrant for this article. Mr. Sullivan stated they will be. He stated the figure they are looking at is approx. \$210,000. He stated this money would come out of Free Cash. He noted there is approx. \$306,000 in Free Cash presently.

Mr. Trudell asked if this figure is for just FY2012 or for prior years as well. Mr. Sullivan stated it includes prior years & equates to five years worth of prior years.

Mr. Trudell asked if the other articles will affect Free Cash. Mr. Sullivan stated Article 4 may affect Free Cash & Article 4 equates to approx. \$5,500 - \$5,600.

Ms. Cottuli asked if this is coming out of FY2012. Mr. Heath stated yes.

Chief Stanley stated the contract includes an arbitration decision that goes back to 2007. Mr. Sullivan briefly discussed the arbitration decision.

Mr. Sullivan noted that w/ the increased co-pays (relative to agreements in contracts), it will save the Town approx. \$100,000 per year based on what the health care advisor has stated.

Mr. Heath read the percentage increases for the Police Dept. into the record.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Article 3 – Police Vehicle Purchase & Vehicle Equipment

Mr. Heath read the Warrant article into the record.

MOTION: Mr. Trudell moved Favorable Action on Article 3 of the 2012 Spring Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

Chief Stanley explained how an officer was in the old vehicle, someone had a seizure & hit the old vehicle. An attempt was made to get this vehicle fixed, but it was a total loss. The insurance company has offered \$9,000 for the vehicle. This vehicle needs to be replaced desperately. He noted the many functions this vehicle performs. He deems this an emergency situation.

Mr. Trudell asked for the specifications of the vehicle being request. Chief Stanley provided the specifications.

Mr. Cammarano asked if the lights, radio, etc. were salvageable from the old vehicle. Chief Stanley stated no & that they were too old.

Brief discussion ensued re: leasing the vehicle. Mr. Sullivan feels leasing the vehicle is the way to go. He stated the whole amount would be financed. Mr. McDonald stated another option to purchase the vehicle would be to look at Free Cash. Ms. Bronk stated she would rather the vehicle be out-right purchased. Mr. Trudell would rather take the money (\$19,900) out of Free Cash because the \$9,000 from the insurance company will be going into the General Fund. Mr. Heath asked if the \$9,000 from the insurance company has to go through the General Fund. Mr. Sullivan stated the insurance money has already been received & has been placed in an insurance line item. It can be utilized right away, thus the total being requested is \$19,900. Mr. Heath questioned if the \$9,000 insurance money authorized to be spent on the vehicle. Mr. Heath suggested another option. He stated if the total cost to replace the vehicle is \$28,900, this money could be taken out of the Reserve Fund & let the insurance money go through the General Fund. He stated the Warrant article dealing w/ \$55,000 being returned to the Reserve Fund (Article 2) would come after Town Meeting. Discussion ensued re: how to proceed w/ Mr. Heath's suggestion.

Discussion ensued re: motion to be made to exclude the last sentence in the article & take out the language re: the insurance settlement.

NOTE: Mr. Trudell & Mr. Cammarano withdrew their motions.

MOTION: Ms. Cottuli moved Favorable Action on Article 3 of the 2012 Spring Special Town Meeting Warrant as amended. Mr. Trudell seconded.

Brief discussion ensued re: if the insurance settlement received should be noted in the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Article 2 – Fiscal 2012 Transfers

Mr. Heath stated these are the same transfers that were in the original Spring Warrant.

Mr. Sullivan stated two changes will be requested to these transfers. He stated the Municipal Maintenance transfer is no longer needed because they will be getting FEMA reimbursement. He also noted more money is needed for Workman's Compensation. A total of \$33,444 is needed. He stated the total of the revisions is \$19,000 less than the original transfer requests.

MOTION: Mr. McDonald moved Favorable Action on Article 2 of the 2012 Spring Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Article 4 – Collective Bargaining Agreement: Wareham Library Employees

Mr. Heath read the Warrant article into the record.

MOTION: A motion was made & seconded for Favorable Action on Article 4 of the 2012 Spring Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Sullivan stated this agreement is between the Town & the Library union. He discussed a summary of the agreement. He stated the cost of this agreement totals \$5,333.42. The agreement is through 5/12. He stated this agreement was not arbitrated. Mr. Heath read the increases from 2007 through 6/30/11.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Article 16 – Petition: Accept Gift or Right of Way – 4 Seth F. Tobey Road & 2419 Cranberry Highway

Mr. Heath read the Warrant article into the record.

MOTION: Mr. McDonald moved Favorable Action on Article 16 of the 2012 Spring Special Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Cottuli seconded.

Mr. Heath understands this deals w/ the potential Wal-Mart store.

Present before the FinCom: Claire Smith, Town Moderator

Ms. Smith explained what the intent of the article is relative to the roadway.

VOTE: (5-0-1)
Mr. Cammarano abstained

Article 17 – Petition: Registered Voter Requirement

Mr. Heath read the Warrant article into the record.

MOTION: Mr. Trudell moved Favorable Action on Article 17 of the 2012 Spring Special Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Bronk seconded.

Mr. McDonald feels this is a residency issue. He understands the thought process & the concept, but he is not sure if this article is going to address the issue. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Cottuli feels these type of articles are trying to side-step the Charter (review process).

Ms. Bronk feels this is a step in the right direction. Ms. Cottuli questioned where would this matter fit, if approved, for example, where in the Charter would this fit, where in the Bylaws, etc.

Present before the FinCom: Claire Smith, Town Moderator

Ms. Smith stated it may be put in the Charter. She stated she will be looking into this matter.

Mr. Trudell stated he doesn't see the relevance of this article because when going through the election process, this information comes out. He doesn't feel the FinCom should be making this kind of decision for the community. Ms. Bronk disagreed w/ Mr. Trudell. She feels the article will curb any circumvention of residency. Discussion continued.

Mr. Heath stated the Charter was written in the 1970's, but values have changed & the Charter never envisioned the things that have changed. He stated when values change, changes need to be made. He is in agreement w/ the article.

Mr. McDonald feels this is a political article. He suggested the FinCom abstain from voting on this article because he doesn't feel it has any financial impact. Mr. Heath disagreed & stated this article does have a financial impact because elected positions are linked w/ financial issues of the Town.

VOTE: (4-2-0)
Mr. Trudell & Mr. Cammarano opposed

IV. SPRING TOWN MEETING MATTERS

There was no discussion.

V. SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MATTERS

A. Schedule, including public hearing.

This item was not discussed.

B. Article recommendations.
(DONE)

VI. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Interview candidate(s).

Mr. Heath stated a FinCom member has resigned & four applications have been submitted. He attempted to contact each applicant. He stated the only individual who responded was Mr. Worthen.

Present before the FinCom: Mr. Worthen

Mr. Worthen stated he interviewed w/ the FinCom prior. He is interested in joining the FinCom to gain more understanding of how the Town is spending money & the value of the Town's money.

NOTE: Mr. Sullivan departed at this time.

Mr. Heath stated this is a two year vacancy.

Ms. Bronk stated she has no reservations re: Mr. Worthen based on his prior interview w/ the FinCom. Mr. McDonald stated he has no reservations re: Mr. Worthen & he understands Mr. Worthen wanting to learn because that is what he (Mr. McDonald) wanted to do. Ms. Cottuli stated she is highly impressed w/ Mr. Worthen's credentials.

- B. Review prior applicants. (DONE)**
- C. Recommendation to Appointing Authority for two year vacancy.**

It was the consensus of the FinCom to recommend Mr. Worthen to the Appointing Authority.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 4, 2012 & APRIL 11, 2012

The FinCom concurred to approve these meeting minutes at the next meeting.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next meeting will be held on May 9, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. McDonald moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M. Mr. Trudell seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso
Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

Date signed: 5/9/12

Attest: Frank Heath
Frank Heath, Chairman
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: 5/10/12