

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: June 26, 2013

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Donna Bronk, Chairman
David Trudell, Vice Chairman
Larry McDonald, Clerk
Marilyn Donahue
Bonnie Cottuli
Tom Worthen
Dominic Cammarano (Arrived at 6:50 P.M.)

Members Absent: Sam Gray

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Present before the FinCom: Bob White

Mr. White congratulated the FinCom on the work the committee has done this year. He stated he hopes to broaden the ability to air broadcasts of FinCom meetings & he hopes the FinCom may be able to meet in the BOS's meeting room where the video-cast capabilities are better.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Review of Special Town Meeting held on 6/18/13.

Ms. Bronk stated she heard some comments that there was too much chatter up on the stage. She also mentioned that several FinCom members received phone calls relative to the same. She stated she did not notice any "chatter."

Mr. Trudell stated when he watched Town Meeting on the local community channel, no chatter was fed through on the cable channel.

Mr. McDonald stated he received a phone call relative to how Town Meeting can be improved. He feels there are too many people up on the stage which makes for confusion. He suggested another improvement would be to have information out earlier & be more prepared. He feels the BOS belong in the audience, not on the stage because the BOS don't have a function at Town Meeting.

Ms. Donahue expressed concern re: the FinCom receiving motions 15 minutes prior to Town Meeting which she feels is an issue. She would also like to see the FinCom handle some of the smaller financial articles at Town Meeting vs. the Town Administrator handling them all. She stated there were some articles at Town Meeting that the FinCom could have competently dealt with.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano arrived at this time.

Mr. Trudell feels the BOS needs to be more selective with articles coming forward. Ms. Bronk stated that Selectman Teitelbaum acknowledged the BOS needs to be more involved w/ the budget and financials. Mr. Trudell questioned why there are "double digit" articles & the BOS don't vet all the articles. Mr. McDonald stated the process getting to Town Meeting has to improve. Brief discussion ensued re: getting more people/voters to attend Town Meeting.

Discussion ensued re: dealing the budget in April when the State figures come in after Town Meeting.

Brief discussion ensued re: the police budget & consistent budget deficits in this department.

Present before the FinCom: Selectman Alan Slavin, BOS Liaison

Selectman Slavin stated typically, there are 15-30+ articles that come before Town Meeting. He stated every citizen has the right to question an article, thus, this can take time. He noted the recent Special Town Meeting wasn't a "normal" Town Meeting. He discussed timelines for Town Meeting & changes that would have to be made under the Town Charter.

Selectman Slavin stated the BOS will be holding a meeting on July 2, 2013 to discuss the Town Meeting process & any proposed changes. The FinCom Chair & the School Committee Chair will be asked to attend this meeting. He stated the budgets for FY2014 & FY2015 will be discussed as well so everyone involved can move forward in dealing w/ these budgets.

B. Re-organization of the FinCom.

MOTION: Mr. Trudell moved to nominate Mr. McDonald as Chairman of the FinCom.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Trudell moved to nominate Ms. Donahue as Vice-Chair of the FinCom.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. McDonald moved to nominate Ms. Cottuli as Clerk of the FinCom.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

V. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Bronk introduces Joan Fontes as a new FinCom member.

Ms. Bronk stated a FinCom member is needed to sit on the WPCF Solar Committee. Mr. Cammarano offered to sit on this committee. He will contact Mr. Campinha, WPCF Superintendent.

Ms. Bronk also noted that a FinCom representative is needed to be on the Capital Planning Committee.

Ms. Cottuli stated she can no longer be the FinCom representative on the Community Events Committee. She suggested possibly having one of the new FinCom members be the representative for this committee.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

There were no liaison reports.

VII. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 12, 2013

MOTION: Ms. Donahue moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 12, 2013. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: (5-0-2)

Mr. Trudell & Ms. Cottuli abstained

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next meeting date & time will be determined at a later date.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Trudell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M. Ms. Donahue seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso

Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

Date signed: 7/24/13

Attest: Larry McDonald (KB)
Larry McDonald, Chairman
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: 7/25/13