

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: October 16, 2013

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Larry McDonald, Chairman
Marilyn Donahue, Vice Chairman
Bonnie Cottuli, Clerk
Tom Worthen
David Heard
Marilyn Jordan
Joan Fontes
Dominic Cammarano (Arrived at 6:55 P.M.)

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2013 FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to open the public hearing on the 2013 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Donahue seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

No-one came forward w/ questions or comments for the public hearing.

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to close the public hearing on the 2013 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Donahue seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

V. BUSINESS

A. 2013 Fall Town Meeting.

1. Town Meeting matters/preparation.

Mr. McDonald discussed how Town Meeting will be run re: motions for articles, the reading of recommendations, etc.

The FinCom members proceeded to review the Town Meeting Warrant articles

Mr. McDonald stated that several articles will be withdrawn & they may be put together on the consent agenda. He also noted that Articles 25 & 26 will be read by the proponents since they are petition articles.

Ms. Cottuli proceeded to read the motions for Articles 1-14 into the record. Mr. McDonald then read the recommendations for Articles 1-14 into the record.

Mr. McDonald stated that Article 14 will need to come before Article 3. Mr. Sullivan explained why.

Discussion ensued re: Articles 4 & 5 & if the explanations for these articles will be placed up on the screen.

NOTE: Mr. Cammarano arrived at this time.

Article 9 – Community Preservation – Returned Funds from Completed Projects

Present before the FinCom: Claire Smith, Town Moderator

Ms. Smith stated the words “or take any other action thereto” needs to be taken out of the motion. She also noted that the motions need to be read exactly as they are shown on the screen. Brief discussion ensued re: reading & the wording of the motions.

Article 10 – Community Preservation – Multi-Service Center Roof

Brief discussion ensued re: if the Historic Preservation restriction is to be removed from the article.

Article 11 – Parking Kiosk Program

Brief discussion ensued re: the language for this motion.

Article 13 – Wareham High School Roof Project Feasibility Study

Mr. McDonald stated as of right now, this article will be withdrawn. He stated the School Committee is meeting this evening to vote on this matter.

Ms. Cottuli proceeded to read the motions for Articles 15-24. Ms. Donahue read the recommendations for Articles 15-24.

Article 15 – Fund Ratified Union Contracts

Brief discussion ensued re: the motion language & what is written in the Warrant.

Article 19 – Accept Layout of Cranberry Lane

Brief discussion ensued.

Mr. McDonald stated according to Selectman Slavin, the criteria for this roadway acceptance has still not been met.

Article 21 – Amend Flood Plain Bylaw

Discussion ensued re: the impacts of this article.

Present before the FinCom: Claire Smith, Town Moderator

Ms. Smith stated there is a need to focus on what is before Town Meeting relative to the article. She stated there is a need to not go into other issues dealing w/ flood insurance. She stated the focus should be on the question before Town Meeting.

Mr. Cammarano understands there is a class action lawsuit being filed against FEMA because of the flood insurance issues. He is not sure if the FinCom should have voted on this article if this lawsuit is going on. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved the FinCom reconsider Article 21 of the 2013 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Worthen seconded.

VOTE: (4-4-0)

The motion failed.

Mr. Sullivan read into the record what would happen if the flood maps are not accepted. He stated he will look into how many towns have voted for and/or against accepting these maps.

Article 22 – Establish Zoning Bylaw – Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers
Article 23 – Sign Regulations

Discussion ensued re: re-voting these two articles after the public hearings are held on these articles on 10/21/13 (if necessary).

Article 24 – Amend Zoning Bylaw: Use Tables

Mr. Cammarano asked how the BOS voted on this article. He feels the FinCom voting Favorable Action on this article w/out having the BOS vote is not sending the right message. Discussion ensued.

Mr. McDonald stated the BOS's vote is their vote & the FinCom's vote is the FinCom's vote. Mr. Cammarano expressed concern re: this article being stated it is a "housekeeping" article, but the BOS did not vote on it.

Article 25 – Petition: Change Zoning Statutes to 2002 Statutes

Mr. Heard suggested changing some of the wording in the recommendation for this article re: the ZBA. Mr. McDonald stated the corrections Mr. Heard pointed out will be made.

- 2. Town Meeting dates to remember:**
 - a. Town Meeting: October 28, 2013**

3. Discuss & authorize payment of Invoice #I14048378 – W.B. Mason Co., Inc. - \$72.18

MOTION: Ms. Donahue moved to authorize the payment of Invoice #I14048378 to W.B. Mason Co., Inc. in the amount of \$72.18. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Cranberry Lane.

Mr. McDonald stated he received a letter indicating the correct area where Cranberry Lane is located.

B. FinCom member position.

Mr. McDonald stated he received another application for the open FinCom position. He stated the FinCom will meet w/ this applicant after Town Meeting.

C. Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony.

Mr. McDonald read the notice re: the volunteer appreciation ceremony into the record.

D. FinCom Information on *Wareham Week*.

Mr. McDonald stated that there is now a section in *Wareham Week* where FinCom meetings can now be posted.

Mr. McDonald stated a discussion is needed to discuss the parameters of FinCom members posting and responding on websites. He feels FinCom members should not engage people that make comments.

NOTE: Mr. Sullivan departed at this time.

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

There were no Liaison Reports.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: OCTOBER 9, 2013

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 9, 2013. Ms. Cottuli seconded.

VOTE: (7-0-1)
Ms. Donahue abstained

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on October 28, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in the High School cafeteria.

NOTE: Mr. Cammarano again expressed concern re: a housekeeping article not having a vote by the BOS. Brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Cammarano stated the way it appears in the Warrant, it looks like the FinCom is putting their "hands on the chopping block". He doesn't feel this is a housekeeping article (Article 24). Brief discussion ensued. Mr. McDonald feels it is a housekeeping article.

Mr. Cammarano expressed concern re: the word "amending".

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M. Ms. Donahue seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso
Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

Date signed: 11/8/13

Attest: Bonnie Cottuli (KB)
Bonnie Cottuli, Clerk
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: 11/8/13