

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: October 1, 2014

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bonnie Cottuli, Chairman
Donna Bronk, Vice Chairman
Jeff Langan, Clerk
Dominic Cammarano
Tom Worthen
Joan Fontes
Marilyn Jordan
David Heard (Arrived at 6:40 P.M.)

Member Absent: Jeff Tufts

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Selectman Alan Slavin, BOS Liaison

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

IV. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

There was no Town Administrator's Report.

V. BUSINESS

A. Review, discuss, & vote 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

NOTE: The meeting proceeded w/ item A.2. Articles 22-30 – Community Preservation Committee.

Present before the FinCom: Angela Dunham, CPC
Sandy Slavin, CPC
David Menard, Municipal Maintenance Director

Article 22 – CP – FY2014 Reserve Increase

Ms. Dunham explained the FY2014 estimated CPA revenue at the spring 2014 Town Meeting was \$754,000. The actual FY2014 CPA revenue is \$1,014,412.

Ms. Dunham stated Chapter 139, Sections 69-83 of the Acts of 2012, *An Act to Sustain Community Preservation*: added an additional \$25 million for the Statewide CPA Trust Fund in FY 2013; expanded flexibility for recreational projects; added an optional \$100,000 exemption for commercial & industrial property; made numerous other technical & clarifying amendments.

Ms. Dunham noted all this information is on the CP website.

Ms. Slavin spoke re: additional funds received from the State. She distributed information re: grants & funding sources. (Attached as reference).

Article 23 – CP – FY2015 Reserve Increase

NOTE: Mr. Heard arrived at this time.

Ms. Dunham explained that with the State approving an additional \$25 million in funding for Community Preservation Funds, it is expected that Wareham's share will be 70% of the Town's Community Preservation contribution. This request is to increase the 10% Reserve & 5% Administrative Fund, reflecting the additional \$174,000 expected this year, as required by law. The total 10% Reserve for each category will be \$98,600 & Administrative will be \$49,300.

Brief discussion ensued re: the increase in administrative costs & how by law, 5% can be put aside towards/for administrative. Ms. Dunham added whatever funds are not utilized, they are rolled back in.

Article 24 – CP – Old Methodist Meeting House Renovation

Ms. Dunham explained the Architectural & Structural Survey done in 2013 by Durland Van Voorhis Architects was used as the basis for this grant request.

Ms. Dunham explained the Old Methodist Meeting House is part of Wareham's history. The Methodist Episcopal Society erected this building in 1831-1832 on Tihonet Road. It was moved to the current site in 1835 & enlarged. It was used as a general store & a laundromat before being donated in 1974 to the Wareham Historical Society by Joseph & Georgia Chamberlain. It is currently a meeting house used by the community for various events & programs.

Ms. Dunham & Ms. Slavin stated they are both members of the Wareham Historical Society & cannot speak to this article.

Present before the FinCom: Joe Leggett, CPC

Mr. Leggett noted the study conducted on the building. He stated this request is part of the maintenance plan to upkeep historical buildings. The Historical Society owns the building. He discussed what the building is currently used for & how it can be rented for a fee for events for the general public.

Mr. Worthen stated for articles such as this one, there should be timelines as to when work will be completed. Mr. Leggett stated usually these projects have two years to be completed. Ms. Slavin stated if a project is not completed w/in two years, a request for an extension can be sought. Mr. Leggett stated the Wareham Historical Society will provide the maintenance.

Article 25 – CP – Agawam Village Rehabilitation of Unit 51 (Building 5)

Ms. Dunham explained the Wareham Housing Authority has a significant waiting list of residents in need of housing. Each new unit contributes to reducing that need. It is hoped that construction can be completed in the spring of 2015.

Present before the FinCom: Mr. Powlatis, Agawam Village BOD

Mr. Powlatis explained the purpose of this request is to create an additional unit of housing at Agawam Village. He stated the unit proposed was once a living space, but was converted into office space. The intent is to restore this unit back to a residential unit. The office will revert back to the Community Building on-site.

Brief discussion ensued re: potential revenue that may be generated from the unit. Mr. Powlatis stated this revenue will help w/ maintenance. He stated there are professional cost estimates & this project will go out to bid.

Ms. Dunham stated this article has been vetted through legal & it has been determined that it is a proper use of CP funds as are all the CP articles on this Warrant.

Article 26 – CP – American Legion Hall Restoration

Ms. Dunham explained the American Legion Hall was built in 1912 & was once used as a two-room school house. If possible, other sources of funding will be sought from various State & Federal grants. There are 80 members who deserve a safe, clean environment to meet.

Present before the FinCom: Mr. Powlatis

Mr. Powlatis discussed the location of the building. He explained the building is in a serious state of disrepair. He stated in 2009 & 2010, CP funds were utilized for the removal of bats & a new roof. He discussed the work needed on the building presently. He displayed pictures of the building in the past vs. the present.

Mr. Powlatis explained that the American Legion owns the building & there is a reverter that the building will go back to the Town if the American Legion leaves. He stated the building has a Historic Preservation Restriction on it.

Mr. Cammarano asked if this is a private club that collects dues & if it is a private club asking for CP funds. Mr. Powlatis stated the request is just for the outside of the building, not the inside. Ms. Bronk stated the members of the Legion have served the country well. She stated there is a large senior membership w/ some younger members trying to make changes. She stated if this project is eligible to receive CP funds, she is in favor.

Mr. Langan stated the Legion owns the building & they can sell it if the money goes to another Legion. He feels the issue is if the process says that the Legion can receive the money, but another club can't. He feels there is an issue w/ the Legion being in private ownership.

Mr. Powlatis stated there is a Right of Reverter for the building to go back to the Town if the Legion no longer utilizes the building.

Ms. Slavin stated anyone can apply for CP funds if it meets the criteria.

Mr. Powlatis stated they are looking at other funding options from grants, for example, having the Sheriff's Dept. help w/ the work on the outside.

Mr. Heard asked how the other Legions pay for the work on their halls. Mr. Powlatis stated they could use various ways, such as fundraising, dues, etc.

Article 27 – CP – Parker Mills Dam Restoration

Ms. Dunham explained the Parker Mills Pond Dam is classified as a High Hazard Potential (Class I) dam by the Office of Dam Safety at the Dept. of Conservation & Recreation. This classification means that its failure will likely impact one or more of the following: loss of life, serious damage to homes, industrial or commercial facilities, important public utilities, main highways or railroads. The State has awarded \$165,000 for this project.

Ms. Cottuli stated the Warrant states something different than what she is seeing the motion state now. She is not sure which one to utilize. Ms. Dunham stated the change came after consultation w/ legal.

Mr. Menard stated \$835,000 is part of a \$1 million grant from the Dept. of Energy Affairs. The State is willing to give \$165,000 for the project. He explained the road the dam is on has been blocked w/ concrete. A dive team inspected the dam & the dam has been classified as a Class I failure. He stated if the Town doesn't get the money for the (low interest loan grant), the grant will be taken away & the dam will be permanently closed. Ms. Dunham discussed what a Class I failure means. Mr. Menard submitted the inspection report for the FinCom to review.

Ms. Cottuli explained there is a partial grant of \$165,000 & the loan portion would be \$835,000 to be paid back to the State by a low interest loan at 2% for 20 years. Ms. Slavin noted that if approved, the payback would not start until FY2016.

Ms. Dunham stated the reason this falls under historic is the Tremont Nail building wall is part of the dam & the Tremont Nail building is historic property. She noted it is a sizable section of wall. Mr. Menard stated water is seeping through the wall at a good rate.

Mr. Worthen asked who built the dam & who benefits from the water. Mr. Menard stated cranberry growers benefit from the water & the County built the dam. Mr. Worthen asked if the dam went away, how would the cranberry growers be effected. Mr. Menard discussed the potential impacts. He stated there is also a fish lateral at the dam.

Mr. Cammarano asked if there is a study to get rid of the dam & the building. He feels the only people benefiting from the dam are the cranberry growers. He stated naturally, the dam wasn't there in the past. Mr. Menard stated there are no studies, but A.D. Makepeace owns the spillway & the fish run. He discussed the issue of diverting the water & the water cannot be diverted on Makepeace's property. He stated the water is flowing through the Town's culvert on Makepeace's property. He doesn't feel the water can be diverted. He stated the water isn't needed to go through the Tremont Nail building anymore. He stated the water used to run the mill & this could be eliminated.

Mr. Heard stated if the dam is repaired, what is the life expectancy of the dam. Mr. Menard stated possibly 50 years. He stated it depends how it is maintained.

Mr. Langan asked what else has been considered, such as Federal government projects taking down dams. He questioned if a grant from a program such as this would be a better deal. He spoke re: findings from the consultant study that was suggested in 2008 that notes discussions that were to be held w/ the cranberry growers to deal w/ the dam issue. He stated since the cranberry growers are the beneficiaries of the dam, he feels the Town is in way over its head w/ this issue.

Mr. Langan stated if a citizens' petition were put forward to get rid of the CPC, who would pay off this debt. Mr. Sullivan discussed what the process would be (the money would be taken out of resident taxes & continued to be paid until the end of the debt).

Mr. Sullivan explained that the Town is openly engaged w/ A.D. Makepeace currently & this may end up a legal issue.

Selectman Slavin clarified the Tremont Nail dam process. He discussed repairing rights of water. He stated other issues are homes that are considered waterfront & if the dam were removed, it would make these homes non-waterfront. He spoke re: a dam down the street that may be utilized to help w/ this issue. He stated the Town is working on all these issues. He noted the need for a 21E on the property to bring a developer in to take over the building. He noted that only a partial 21E has been done on the property.

Article 28 – CP – Tweedy & Barnes Preserve, Central Corridor Addition

Ms. Dunham explained the owner of the property will be the Wareham Land Trust & the holder of the CR will be the Conservation Commission. It is located at 230 Blackmore Pond Road. The

three goals of the project are: 1. Adding an important contiguous biomap & water protective acreage to our Tweedy & Barnes conservation property. 2. Adding to our property an old reservation & which will provide easy walking access to scenic views of the Sippican River. 3. Provide space for parking & trailhead signage for the project.

Present before the FinCom: Mr. Browning, Wareham Land Trust

Mr. Browning discussed the property & its features.

Brief discussion ensued. Mr. Browning noted that Mr. Nolan owns the property currently as well as the railroad bed.

Article 29 – CP – Playground Rehabilitation Fund

Ms. Dunham explained the deadline for submitting a CP grant for Fall Town Meeting is the first Tuesday in June. The Recreation Assessment will not be completed until the end of August. The deadline for articles submitted by a Town committee is August 15th, so spring Town Meeting would be the first period a grant could be acted upon for any specific playground. Passing this article will allow the rehabilitation process to begin when the report is completed.

Ms. Slavin stated there is a draft assessment & it is being reviewed. She stated it is being found that several playgrounds have safety issues. She stated passing this article now would allow for immediate removal of these hazards. She stated dealing w/ these hazards is the first priority & then the rehabilitation. Mr. Menard stated they are also looking at the consolidation of some playgrounds. He stated they are just waiting for the study to come out.

Article 30 – CP – Tremont Nail Company/Bryant Farm Debt Payment

Ms. Dunham explained the Tremont Nail bond was authorized on 4/27/04, Town Meeting article #26 for \$1,265,930. The Bryant Farm bond was authorized on 4/27/04, Town Meeting article #27 for \$95,622 (93% Tremont Nail, 7% Bryant Farm).

Ms. Dunham explained it is to the Town's financial advantage to pay down this bond debt & save in interest payments. The amount is made up of the following: Tremont Nail principal balance & interest to call is \$576,463.75. Bryant Farm principal balance & interest to call is \$40,811.25, as well as \$10,500 for administrative costs associated w/ calling the 2005 CPA bond.

Discussion ensued re: bonding. Ms. Slavin stated this is a component of the bond that could reduce what the Town owes.

Discussion ensued re: the motion for this article & the possible need for clarification at Town Meeting.

1. Article 21 – Community Events Committee

Present before the FinCom: Susan Ricci-Sohn, CEC Chairman

Ms. Ricci-Sohn distributed information on the Community Events Committee. (Attached as reference). She discussed the intent of the article. She distributed information on requests & rewards for events going back to 2010 & revenue generated from tourists. (Attached as reference).

Mr. Sullivan explained the big change will be the hotel/motel tax which is small currently. With the new hotel coming on-line, this will generate more tax. This is why the cap is proposed for \$60,000.

Ms. Bronk asked if the Town is proposing to repay the CEC for the kiosks. Mr. Sullivan stated right now, kiosk funds are being put aside for the Onset Pier, but he understands the CEC provided the seed money for the kiosks.

NOTE: The meeting proceeded w/ item IV. Town Administrator's Report.

A. August Expense Report

Mr. Sullivan distributed & discussed various items on the August Expense Report. (Attached as reference).

NOTE: Brief discussion ensued re: the number of Warrants to print & whether or not to print in-house or out.

B. Lighting

Mr. Sullivan updated the status of the lighting program/LED upgrades. He discussed the solar project & its limitations it has put on doing other things.

C. Next budget cycle

Mr. Sullivan discussed preparing for the next budget cycle, for example, all day departmental budget discussions.

2. Article 22-30 – Community Preservation Committee (DONE)

3. Any other articles.

Article 35 – Petition Article – CEDA to Convey Land (Bay Pointe)

Selectman Slavin explained this is a Citizens Petition article. The intent is to allow CEDA, if it chooses, to sell land at Bay Pointe w/ BOS approval. This would have to go before Town Meeting. He stated Bay Pointe is currently renting from CEDA. He stated most of the money from the rent comes back to the Town.

Brif discussion ensued.

Selectman Slavin explained that there is approx. 7.9 acres & approx. \$29,000 is generated every year in revenue. Mr. Sullivan added that the property has an assessed value of between \$350,000 to \$400,000.

Article 3 – Fund Ratified Union Contracts

It was stated this article may be pulled.

Article 4 – Transfer Funds to Fund Parking Kiosk Program

Ms. Cottuli stated the amount is \$138,000.

MOTION: Ms. Bronk moved Favorable Action on Article 4 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Langan seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 7 – Sewer System at Swifts Beach

Discussion ensued re: the potential \$20 million project w/ the potential of \$120 per EDU per year for sewer users. Discussion ensued re: the amount that will be included in the motion.

Mr. Sullivan stated he would support \$750,000 to come from Retained Earnings to start the engineering process. \$750,000 would be transferred from the WPCF Retained Earnings account for the engineering portion of the sewer system project at Swifts Beach. Ms. Cottuli stated this is what the FinCom will be voting on.

MOTION: Mr. Langan moved Favorable Action on Article 7 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Bronk seconded.

Mr. Heard asked to hold off on voting until specific wording is done.

Mr. Langan & Ms. Bronk withdrew their motions.

Article 8 – Amend Article 5 of the 4/23/07 Special Town Meeting

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 8 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Bronk seconded.

**VOTE: (7-1-0)
Ms. Jordan opposed**

Ms. Cottuli stated she asked the Town Clerk to provide the original motions for the original article for this property. She asked the Town Clerk if there were motions for the original 2003 & 2007 articles. She doesn't feel there is a change of use language. She asked what the motivation for this article is.

Selectman Slavin explained there is an issue of who should hold the Conservation Restriction on this property. He stated there is no change in the wording.

MOTION: Ms. Bronk moved Favorable Action on Article 9 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 10 – Amend Wareham Wetland Protective Bylaw Section XVII

Selectman Slavin stated the BOS was notified there is an ADA issue w/ the Wetland Bylaw. The Town doesn't want lawsuits re: ADA non-compliance.

MOTION: Ms. Bronk moved Favorable Action on Article 10 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 11 – Amend Sewer Commissioner Law & Town Charter

Selectman Slavin stated w/ the third version of the law, certain pieces were taken out. He explained it eliminated the Town Administrator from labor relations in the wording. There is a need to correct these issues.

Ms. Cottuli & Ms. Bronk stated they would like to see the differences between the wording in the versions.

Lengthy discussion ensued.

Ms. Jordan stated she is not comfortable voting on something she hasn't seen. The FinCom members concurred.

Article 12 – Reorganize Town Departments

MOTION: Mr. Langan moved No Action on Article 12 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Bronk seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 3 – Fund Ratified Union Contracts

MOTION: Mr. Langan moved No Action on Article 3 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 13 – Title V Septic Program Interest

MOTION: Ms. Bronk moved Favorable Action on Article 13 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 14 – Title V Septic Program

MOTION: Ms. Bronk moved Favorable Action on Article 14 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 17 – Repair of Municipal Street Lights & Period Lights

Discussion ensued re: how to proceed w/ articles requiring funding by Free Cash & not knowing what the Free Cash figure is.

MOTION: Ms. Bronk moved Favorable Action on Article 17 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded for discussion.

Ms. Bronk feels the FinCom is making a decision on money the Town doesn't have right now. She questioned if the FinCom should wait to vote to see what Free Cash looks like. Mr. Sullivan stated if Free Cash doesn't become available (re: articles dependent on Free Cash) & if Free Cash is not certified, the articles will get pulled. He suggested waiting on voting on these articles. Discussion ensued re: how to proceed.

Ms. Bronk & Mr. Cammarano withdrew their motions.

Article 20 – State Mandated Measure

MOTION: Mr. Langan moved to reconsider the FinCom's vote on Article 20 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: (7-1-0)

Ms. Bronk opposed

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved No Action on Article 20 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Langan seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 31 – Replace Inclined Wheelchair Lift at Minot Forest School

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to reconsider the FinCom's vote on Article 31 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Worthen seconded.

**VOTE: (7-1-0)
Ms. Bronk opposed**

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved No Action on Article 31 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

**VOTE: (7-1-0)
Ms. Bronk opposed**

Article 34 – Petition Article – Street Layout – Bachant Way & Lynne Road

MOTION: Ms. Bronk moved to reconsider the FinCom's vote on Article 34 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

**VOTE: (7-1-0)
Mr. Cammarano opposed**

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved No Action on Article 34 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Langan seconded.

**VOTE: (7-1-0)
Mr. Cammarano opposed**

Article 17 – Municipal Street Lights & Period Lights

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved No Action on Article 17 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 2 – Approve & Fund FY 2015 Capital Plan

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved No Action on Article 2 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Bronk seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 19 – Housing Inspection Program Revolving Fund

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 19 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Bronk seconded.

Discussion ensued re: the Revolving Fund & why the increase is being asked for.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 21 – Community Events Fund

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 21 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Bronk seconded.

Mr. Worthen feels \$60,000 could be better spent somewhere else.

**VOTE: (7-1-0)
Mr. Worthen opposed**

Article 22 – Community Preservation: FY2014 Reserve Increase

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 22 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Bronk seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 23 – Community Preservation: FY2015 Reserve Increase

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 23 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Bronk seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 24 – Community Preservation – Old Methodist Meeting House Restoration

MOTION: Ms. Bronk moved Favorable Action on Article 24 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 25 – Community Preservation: Agawam Village Rehab. Of Unit 51 (Building 5)

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 25 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Bronk seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 26 – Community Preservation – American Legion Hall Restoration

MOTION: Ms. Bronk moved Favorable Action on Article 26 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano seconded for discussion.

Mr. Cammarano stated the American Legion is a private enterprise & this article would help a private enterprise w/ Town money. He is not in favor of this article.

Ms. Cottuli stated the American Legion has received CP monies in the past & there is a historic preservation on the property.

Mr. Langan spoke re: the reverter clause on the property.

VOTE: (5-3-0)

Mr. Heard, Mr. Worthen, & Mr. Cammarano opposed

Article 27 – Community Preservation – Parker Mills Dam Restoration

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 27 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Worthen seconded for discussion.

Discussion ensued re: concerns.

Selectman Slavin discussed the grant & loan presented by the State for this restoration. He stated if the Town doesn't do something, the State will take away the grant. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Cammarano feels there are other options to look at which he feels hasn't been done.

Mr. Cammarano & Mr. Worthen withdrew their motions.

The FinCom concurred to vote on this article next week.

Article 28 – Community Preservation – Tweedy & Barnes Preserve, Central Corridor Addition

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 28 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 29 – Community Preservation – Playground Rehabilitation Fund

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 29 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Bronk seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Article 30 – Community Preservation – Tremont Nail Company/Bryant Farm Debt

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 30 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Bronk seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

4. Article recommendation assignments.

The FinCom proceeded to assign article recommendations.

B. Review Town Meeting calendar dates/deadlines.

- 1. Wednesday, October 8, 2014 – Last day for FinCom to vote on articles.**
- 2. Friday, October 10, 2014 – Last day to get all information for Warrant to Kelly.**
- 3. Thursday, October 16, 2014 – Public hearing on 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.**
- 4. Monday, October 27, 2014 – Town Meeting**

VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Cottuli stated she has not received a response from member Jeff Tufts relative to his intentions to participate on the FinCom. She stated she needs an answer one way or the other.

Present before the FinCom: Claire Smith, Town Moderator

Ms. Smith stated she has also reached out to Mr. Tufts & has heard nothing. She suggested sending a certified letter to Mr. Tufts so there is a record that a letter was sent. She stated there is a process to follow. Ms. Cottuli stated she will send Mr. Tufts a letter.

Selectman Slavin stated after Town Meeting is over, a discussion is needed to discuss voting on articles (Favorable Action, No Action, etc.). He feels there is confusion relative to voting.

VII. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 24, 2014. Mr. Langan seconded.

VOTE: (6-0-2)

Ms. Jordan & Mr. Worthen abstained

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on October 8, 2014.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Bronk moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 P.M. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso
Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

Date signed: 12/10/14

Attest: Jeff Langan

Jeff Langan, Clerk
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: 12/11/14

AT TRUE COPY

ATTEST

May Ann Scler
TOWN CLERK

FALL 2014 TOWN MEETING CPA GRANTS AND FUNDING SOURCE

	FY15 ESTIMATED REVENUE	UNALLOCATED FUNDS	HOUSING RESERVE	OPEN SPACE RESERVE	HISTORIC RESERVE	ADMIN
START BALANCE	\$425,251	\$1,598,079	\$454,603	\$219,800	\$219,800	\$40,600
INCREASE FY14 RESERVES		-\$78,000	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$26,000	
INCREASE FY15 RESERVES	-\$60,900		\$17,400	\$17,400	\$17,400	\$8,700
2005 BOND PREPAYMENT		-\$627,775				
WHS MEETING HOUSE					-\$98,000	
TWEEDY AND BARNES ADDITION				-\$158,000		
PLAYGROUND REHABILITATION FUND				-\$75,000		
AGAWAM VILLAGE UNIT			-\$70,000			
AMERICAN LEGION					-\$114,543	
PARKER MILLS POND DAM PROJECT		\$0				
END BALANCE	\$364,351	\$892,304	\$428,003	\$30,200	\$50,657	\$49,300

Event	Organization	2010 Awarded	Request 2011	2011 Awarded	Request 2012	2012 Awarded	Request 2013	2013 Awarded	Request 2014	2014 Awarded
Non-Profit										
	Cranberry Visitors Center	450.	450.	1000.	1000.	1000.	1000.	1000.	1000.	none
	Onset Wareham Fireworks	18,000.	18,000.	18,000.	18,000.	16,000.	16,000.	16,000.	16,000.	16,000.
	Police/Maint./EMT/HarborMaster	900.(B)	900.(B)	900.(B)	--	None	1787.33	1800.	2000.	none
	Fire Works Comm.									
	Wareham Historical Society, Inc.	--	600.	600.	550.	300.	550.	550.	450.	290.
	Onset Youth Center	1000.	No Req.	No Req.	No Req.	No Req.	No Req.	No Req.	No Req.	No Req.
	Onset Car Show	--	--	--	2950.	300.	No Req.	No Req.	No Req.	No Req.
	Onset Kayak Poker Run	570.	570.	570.	570.	300.	650.	650.	430.	230.
	Illumination Night	800.	800.	800.	1250.	1000.	1250.	1250.	1250.	810.
	Onset Blues Festival	6210.	6210.	6210.	7762.18	4000.	7782.	7500.	9917.	3500.
	Onset Hotel & Home Tour	1000.	1250.	1000.	570.	300.	1250.	Cancelled	810.	810.
	Christmas in the Parks	270.	No Req.	No Req.	185.	185.	185.	185.	185.	120.
	October Family Fun Day	185.	185.	185.	185.	185.	185.	185.	185.	120.
	Old Fashion Band	570.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Cape Verdian Festival	5300.	5300.	5300.	5300.	4000.	5300.	6000.	5300.	3500.
	Easter Egg Hunt	--	--	--	--	--	100.	100.	100.	65.
	Onset Jazz Festival	--	Cancelled	Cancelled	3000.	1000.	No Req.	No Req.	No Req.	No Req.
	Farmers Market	--	--	--	1250.	300.	No Req.	No Req.	1250.	810.
	Onset Movie Company	500.	600.	600.	600.	300.	Disbanded	-----	-----	-----
	Street Festival New	-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	1450.	940.
	Summer of Fun Music Series	1647.	1274.	1274.	1300.	500.	392.	500.	500.	325.
	Shakespeare in the Park	--	--	--	--	--	500.	500.	600.	390.
	Polar Train Ride/Swan Festival/Christmas Parade	4600.(est.)	4600.	4600.	No Req.	No Req.	--	--	--	--
	YMCA									
	5k Road Race YMCA	150.	100.	100.	80.	--	80.	80.	--	--
	Bird Island Challenge YMCA	100.	100.	100.	No Req.	No Req.	No Req.	No Req.	No Req.	No Req.
	Wareham Bicentennial	--	--	--	--	--	5000.	5000.	15,000.	2500.
	Wareham Garden Club	--	2200.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Wareham Police Parking System	--	--	--	35,000.	35,000.	--	21,000	--	--
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		42,252.	43359.	41,239.	79,552.18	64,670.	42,011.	62,300.	56,427.	30,410.

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND FOR THE
TOWN OF WAREHAM.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. There is hereby established in the town of Wareham a community events fund to receive revenue under section 3A of chapter 64G and revenue from parking meters in the town, as set forth in section two of this act; and said town may appropriate monies in said fund to sponsor and support community events, projects, activities, services, programs, and public improvements which are of mutual interest to the visitors to, and residents of, the Town.

SECTION 2. Seventy percent of the excise tax collected under section 3A of chapter 64G of the General Laws by the town of Wareham, and forty percent of the revenue deposited in the Wareham parking meter fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, shall be credited to the community events fund.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.



TOWN OF WAREHAM
54 MARION ROAD
WAREHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02571

TOWN CLERK

MAY 15, 2007

I hereby certify the following to be the vote on ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING convened and postponed on April 23, 2007; reconvened on April 30, 2007; reconvened on May 1, 2007; reconvened on May 7, 2007; reconvened voted on May 8, 2007; reconvened and adjourned on May 14, 2007:

ARTICLE: 28

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation relative to a Community Events Fund for the Town of Wareham, as set forth below; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND FOR THE TOWN OF WAREHAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

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SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

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MOTION: James Potter

I move favorable action on Article 28 as printed in the warrant.

AMENDED MOTION: Melodye Conway

I motion for further study.

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VOTE ON AMENDED

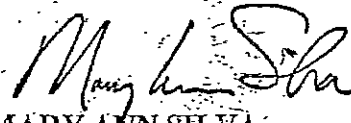
MOTION: MAJORITY - UNFAVORABLE - MOTION FAILS

VOTE ON MAIN

MOTION: MAJORITY - FAVORABLE ACTION

Selectman Sauvageau rose and made a motion for reconsideration of Article 28. The Moderator called for the vote. It was noted that reconsideration failed by a majority Vote.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:


MARY ANN SILVA
TOWN CLERK

Community Events Committee General Bylaw

Section 1. There is hereby established in the Town of Wareham a Community Events Committee, consisting of seven members. The composition of the Committee, the appointment authority and the term of office for the committee members shall be as follows:

One member appointed by the Wareham Community Economic and Development Authority, to serve for an initial term of two years, and, thereafter, for a term of three years;

One member appointed by the Wareham Finance Committee (non-voting member), to serve for an initial term of two years, and, thereafter, for a term of three years;

One member appointed by the Town Administrator (non-voting member), to serve for a term of three years;

One (1) member appointed by the Wareham Board of Selectmen, to serve for an initial term of one year, and, thereafter, for a term of three years;

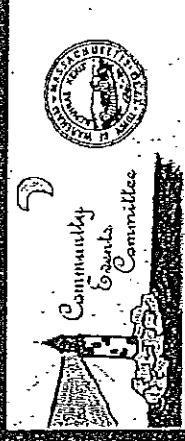
Three (3) citizens at-large appointed by the Board of Selectmen, one to serve for an initial term of one year, and, thereafter, for a term of three years, and two, each to serve for a term of three years.

Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting an appointing authority from appointing one of its own members. In the event that a vacancy shall occur on the Committee, the respective appointing authority shall make an appointment for the unexpired term. If any of the appointing authorities hereunder cease to exist, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint in place of such appointing authorities individuals qualified to serve on said Community Events Committee, as appointees at-large.

Section 2. The Community Events Committee mission is to sponsor and encourage community events, projects, activities, services, programs, and public improvements which are of mutual interest to the visitors and residents of the Town of Wareham and which strengthen the Town by fostering community involvement and spirit. .

Section 3. The Committee is hereby authorized to expend for the purposes set forth in this bylaw all moneys that are made available to it by appropriation, by gifts or grants, or by transfer of funds authorized by law. Any and all contracts for supplies, services, programs, and projects authorized hereunder shall be awarded and executed by the Town Administrator on the recommendation of the Community Events Committee, subject to compliance with applicable procurement laws of the Commonwealth.

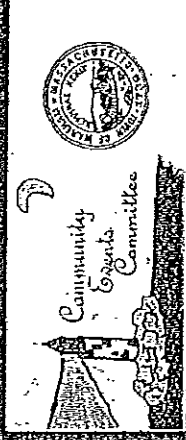
Community Events Committee – 7 Members



- (1) One member appointed by the Wareham Community Economic and Development Authority (CEDA)
- (1) One member appointed by the Wareham Finance Committee
- (1) One member as the Town Administrator and/or appointment
- (1) One member as the Wareham Board of Selectmen and/or appointment
- (3) Three citizens at-large appointed by the Board of Selectmen

Town Meeting approval, April 2007:

Community Events Committee General Bylaw



Section 2. The Community Events Committee mission is to sponsor and encourage community events, projects, activities, services, programs, and public improvements which are of mutual interest to the visitors and residents of the Town of Wareham and which strengthen the Town by fostering community involvement and spirit.

Section 3. The Committee is hereby authorized to expend for the purposes set forth in this bylaw all moneys that are made available to it by the community events fund, by gifts or grants, or by transfer of funds authorized by law. Any and all contracts for supplies, services, programs, and projects authorized hereunder shall be awarded and executed by the Town Administrator on the recommendation of the Community Events Committee, subject to compliance with applicable procurement laws of the Commonwealth.

or to do or act in any manner relative thereto

Town Meeting Approval, April 2007:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND FOR THE TOWN OF WAREHAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established in the town of Wareham a community events fund to receive revenue under section 3A of chapter 64G and revenue from parking meters in the town, as set forth in section two of this act; and said town may appropriate monies in said fund to sponsor and support community events, projects, activities, services, programs, and public improvements which are of mutual interest to the visitors to, and residents of, the Town.

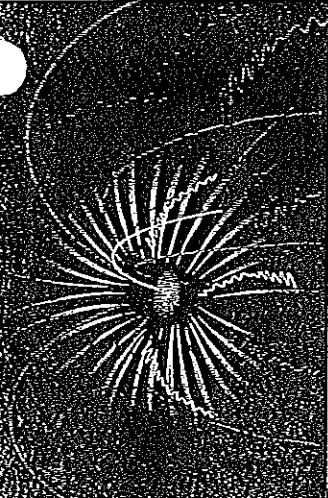
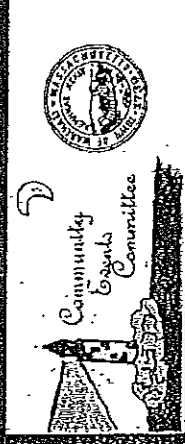
SECTION 2. Seventy percent of the excise tax collected under section 3A of chapter 64G of the General Laws by the town of Wareham, and forty percent of the revenue deposited in the Wareham parking meter fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, shall be credited to the community events fund.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Fund is comprised of:

70% Hotel/Motel Tax

40% Parking Meter Fund



Chapter 82

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year Two Thousand and Eight

AN ACT INCORPORATING A COMMUNITY FUND FOR THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established in the town of Middlebury a Community Fund to receive revenue under section 24 of chapter 81B of the General Laws and revenue from the parking meters in the town, as set forth in section 2 of this act, and said fund may appropriate monies in the fund to support and maintain community events, projects, activities, services, programs and public improvements which are of mutual interest to the citizens of, and residents of, the town.

SECTION 2. Twenty per cent of the excise collected under section 24 of chapter 81B of the General Laws by the town of Middlebury, and so per cent of the revenue deposited in the town's parking meter fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, shall be credited to the Community Fund.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House of Representatives, April 7, 2008.

Passed to be enacted.

Paul Morano, Speaker.

Passed to be enacted.

In Senate, April 8, 2008.

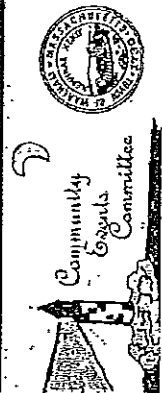
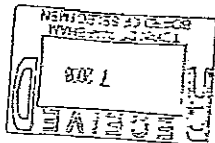
Anthony Kimball, President.

15 April, 2008.

Approved.

3 o'clock and 38 minutes, P.M.

[Signature]
Governor.



Community
Equity
Committee

House of Representatives, April 7, 2008.

Passed to be enacted.

Paul Morano, Speaker.

Passed to be enacted.

In Senate, April 8, 2008.

Anthony Kimball, President.

15 April, 2008.

Approved.

3 o'clock and 38 minutes, P.M.

[Signature]
Governor.

Revenue Generated to the Town of Wareham from Tourism

Funds awarded to non-profit organizations of Wareham are used for advertising. Receipts are turned in after the event reviewed by committee then funds are released. These advertising dollars in many cases are spent in Wareham businesses in the form of flyers, posters and banners and advertising in local media.

Meals Tax:

Town meeting approved the increase of the Meals Tax in the Town of Wareham several years ago to increase revenues. Keeping tourists coming means higher steady revenues for the town.

Rentals in Spring, Summer and Fall of homes, cottages, bed and breakfasts and Inns in Wareham are directly aimed toward a special event.

Results in:

Food from restaurants /Grocery stores (meals tax money for the town)

Small businesses, gift shops, gas stations, package stores, golf courses, theaters, water events, coffee shops, malls,

Well maintained properties means steady increase in Property Taxes to Wareham

Rental of motels and hotels increases the hotel/motel tax base.

Visitors tend to look around and see what a town has to offer and want to purchase a home.

This benefits the town in new blood, ideas, community involvement.

A positive outlook to Wareham's real estate creates a relaxed turnover of properties not a flat base and mass exodus

A change in town policy this year to charge vendors a \$25.00 fee at events on town property. (A ball park figure of two large events in Onset this summer would have generated close to \$4,000). These events were scheduled before the change in policy. Policy will take effect for these events in 2015.

Parking

CEC purchased two kiosks to help generate funds for the committee and town. 2015 season over \$130,000 this year have been collected. Plans for expansion are in the works.

For 2 or 3 years now the committee has been more than willing to reduce the percentages to help leave more money on town side of government.

Each time a service is removed from a tourist town, services are affected and in time the ones affected leave to go where they will be utilized. Then eventually the population leaves also. BASIC ECONOMICS.