

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: October 27, 2014

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bonnie Cottuli, Chairman
Donna Bronk, Vice Chairman
Jeff Langan, Clerk
Joan Fontes
Marilyn Jordan
David Heard
Tom Worthen

Member Absent: Dominic Cammarano

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Review & discuss 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant **1. Article reconsiderations & votes.**

Article 2 – Approve & Fund FY2015 Capital Plan

Ms. Cottuli stated that due to a change in the Capital Plan, the FinCom's vote on Article 2 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant needs to be reconsidered.

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to reconsider Article 2 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Bronk seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Ms. Cottuli stated originally, the FinCom voted No Action on this article, but now the FinCom knows the number/figure. The figure is \$180,000 to fund Article 2.

MOTION: Mr. Langan moved Favorable Action on Article 2 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 3 – Fund Ratified Union Contracts

Ms. Cottuli explained that since Free Cash has been certified, this article will require \$78,500 to be transferred from Free Cash to fund several union contracts.

MOTION: Ms. Bronk moved to reconsider Article 3 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Langan seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Mr. Worthen asked if the FinCom knows anything about the contracts. Ms. Cottuli stated the FinCom can't do anything to change the contracts, but the FinCom can request the contracts. Mr. Worthen feels from a financial point of view, it would make sense for the FinCom to review the contracts for the citizens. Ms. Bronk stated the FinCom is not part of negotiating contracts. Ms. Cottuli stated she understands the contracts were ratified. Ms. Jordan stated if the contracts were ratified, then the FinCom should have these contracts prior to the FinCom voting.

Discussion ensued re: what the percentage increase in the contracts is & how this figure is divided up.

Present before the FinCom: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

Mr. Sullivan explained retro funding for certain contracts & percentages given. He noted that healthcare splits for employees have gone to 32%. He stated he can provide copies of the ratified contracts to the FinCom. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Mr. Langan moved Favorable Action on Article 3 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Bronk seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Article 20 – State Mandated Measure

MOTION: Mr. Langan moved to reconsider Article 20 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

Ms. Cottuli explained the FinCom voted No Action on this article due to the lack of funding. There is now Free Cash available to fund this article.

MOTION: Ms. Bronk moved Favorable Action on Article 20 of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Langan seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

2. Any other Town Meeting matters.

Ms. Cottuli asked why the figure for Article 6 was rounded up to \$750,000. Mr. Sullivan explained.

Ms. Cottuli feels it is important to know where the \$1.9 million in Free Cash comes from. Mr. Sullivan explained where this money comes from, including other unexpected income.

V. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A. Invoice from Gateway Printing in the amount of \$730.00 re: the printing of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

MOTION: Mr. Langan moved to approve payment to Gateway Printing in the amount of \$730.00 for the printing of the 2014 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Bronk seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

B. Reserve Fund Transfer Request

The FinCom reviewed Reserve Fund Transfer request #01-15. The requested amount is \$7,700 for the library. The purpose of the request is for a window restoration project. The request is extraordinary or unforeseen because there was a change order for unforeseen circumstances during the project. This is the cost for fixing the rot discovered during the project of replacing doors & windows at the library.

Mr. Sullivan explained further that an article had passed at a previous Town Meeting to replace doors & windows at the library. Every bid that came in, came in more than the minimum. The scope of the project was changed & the last bid was reviewed & it came in under the minimum. He stated rot was then found & can be fixed for \$7,700.00. He added that the library roof will have to be replaced w/in the next five years.

MOTION: Ms. Bronk moved to approve Reserve Fund Transfer request #01-15 in the amount of \$7,700.00. Mr. Worthen seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

C. Town Meeting

Mr. Sullivan explained that once there is a quorum at Town Meeting for financial articles, Town Meeting will be asked to bring Articles 1 & 16 to be taken up first so that the tax rate can be set in case there isn't a quorum the second night of Town Meeting if needed.

Discussion ensued re: reading the motions & recommendations.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

Ms. Cottuli stated she is looking at a joint meeting between the FinCom, BOS, & School Committee. She will inform the FinCom when a date for this meeting is set.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Langan moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 P.M. Ms. Bronk seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0-0)

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

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May Ann Schriber
TOWN CLERK