

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: February 18, 2015

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bonnie Cottuli, Chairman
Donna Bronk, Vice Chairman
Jeff Langan, Clerk
Dominic Cammarano
Ellis Bailey
Tom Worthen
David Heard
Joan Fontes

Member Absent: Marilyn Jordan

Also Present: Selectman Alan Slavin, BOS Liaison
Claire Smith, Town Moderator

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

NOTE: The meeting proceeded w/ item V. Finance Committee Matters – B. Upcoming Town Meeting deadlines/dates:

1. February 18, 2015 – FinCom to receive draft Annual Warrant.
2. February 19, 2015 – All-day departmental budget meeting.
3. March 12, 2015 – Last day to submit articles for Special Town Meeting Warrant.
4. March 17, 2015 – BOS to close Special Town Meeting Warrant.
5. March 18, 2015 – FinCom to receive draft Special Town Meeting Warrant.

A. Review 2015 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant.

The FinCom reviewed the 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The FinCom discussed the following articles:

Article 7 – Acceptance of Property Release for Merchants Way Train Station

Ms. Smith explained the deed & interest listed in the deed.

Selectman Slavin explained what was in the original deed/contract re: Merchant's Way & the property in question.

Article 8 – Upper Cape Cod Vocational Technical School

Mr. Worthen feels Upper Cape's budget is around \$2.9 million. Brief discussion ensued re: having Upper Cape representatives come in & make a presentation relative to their budget.

Article 13 – New Fees for Weighing & Measuring Devices

Selectman Slavin stated the Director of Inspectional Services looked at fees & found that more was being paid in salaries vs. what was being taken in. Thus, these fees are being adjusted.

Article 14 – Manufactured Homes

Selectman Slavin discussed the history of trying to get the 1,100 manufactured homes in Town under the affordable housing list. He stated Representative Gifford has been working on this for years trying to get it through the Legislature.

Selectman Slavin stated this is a route to do this & it can be done by Home Rule Charter. He noted the Town of Carver is interested in this as well because they have 900 manufactured homes. He discussed the advantages to the Town in doing this. Brief discussion ensued.

Article 19 – Roof & Boiler for Decas School

Ms. Cottuli stated this is a feasibility study.

Article 20 – Adoption of MGL Chapter 148:26H

Ms. Cottuli stated this is a Citizens Petition article. She discussed what MGL Chapter 148:26H is.

Mr. Cammarano questioned how many boarding houses/lodging houses there are in Town. Ms. Cottuli stated there are long-term large expenses for businesses whom have to install these systems. Mr. Langan questioned what other communities have adopted this.

Ms. Smith explained that this article is being sponsored by both the Wareham & Onset Fire Districts. She read the explanation submitted w/ the article into the record.

Article 21 – Street Layout

Selectman Slavin stated everything is in place now re: this petition article. He stated this has always been a Citizens Petition. The intent is to have Bachant Way & Lynne Road accepted by the Town.

IV. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Any budgetary matters.

Ms. Cottuli stated the FinCom received their budget books this evening.

Brief discussion ensued re: documentation in the budget books entitled "Long-term Net Debt Outstanding as of 7/1/15.

B. Any other fiscal matters.

There were no more fiscal matters discussed.

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

Done.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

There were no Liaison Reports.

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 21, 2015

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 21, 2015.
Mr. Langan seconded.

VOTE: (5-0-3)

Mr. Heard, Ms. Fontes, & Ms. Bronk abstained

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The FinCom will meet on 2/19/15 for the all-day departmental budget meeting.

The next meeting after that will be held on 2/25/15.

NOTE: Mr. Langan discussed a spreadsheet of town comparisons he put together by statistics which shows various categories, demographics, etc. He discussed this spreadsheet at length.

Mr. Heard feels this information provides a perspective of where the Town is vs. other communities. Ms. Cottuli stated the Town's real estate spreads from low to high which sets the formula off for the Town. Mr. Cammarano feels each town is different & he has issues w/ the

comparisons. Mr. Langan stated the State looks at these statistics that impact the Town & these statistics impact the Town's formula. Further discussion ensued.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Bronk moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso
Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

Date signed: 2/25/15

Attest: Jeff Langan (CKB)
Jeff Langan, Clerk
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

A TRUE COPY
ATTEST

May Ann Silve
TOWN CLERK

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: 2/26/15