

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: March 18, 2015

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bonnie Cottuli, Chairman
Jeff Langan, Clerk
Ellis Bailey
Tom Worthen
David Heard
Joan Fontes
Marilyn Jordan
Dominic Cammarano (Arrived at 6:42 P.M.)

Member Absent: Donna Bronk

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

IV. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

There was no Town Administrator's Report.

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Review & vote on article for the 2015 Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant.

1. Article 20 – Petition – Adoption of MGL Chapter 148.26H

Present before the FinCom: Chief Robert McDuffy
Assistant Chief Patrick Haskell

Chief McDuffy gave an overview of the intent of this article. He discussed fire department statute Chapter 148.26H. He stated this statute would enable the Fire Dept. & the Building Inspector to make sure any boarding houses &/or lodging houses are safe. He stated he has spoken to the Onset Fire Chief & he is on board w/ moving forward w/ this statute as well.

Chief McDuffy noted that there are currently no boarding houses/lodging houses in either Wareham or Onset districts presently. He discussed the definition of a boarding house & a lodging house. He reiterated that as he understands, there are currently no licensed

boarding/lodging houses in Town presently. He noted that one illegal boarding/lodging house was found in Town last year.

Discussion ensued re: costs of putting in these types of fire suppression systems. Chief McDuffy stated each boarding/lodging house would be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Ms. Cottuli asked what happens if someone renovates a building into a bed & breakfast. Chief McDuffy stated it would depend on how many rooms there are & how the building falls into the building code. The whole picture would be looked at.

NOTE: Mr. Cammarano arrived at this time.

Chief McDuffy stated if the building exceeds the definition in the statute, it would need to comply w/ the regulation. He stated the Building Inspector would have a large role in reviewing the scope of a building.

Mr. Worthen stated that there will be many questions at Town Meeting that will need to be answered. Ms. Cottuli feels there is a lack of information. Chief McDuffy noted the Building Inspector needs to answer some of these questions re: building codes.

Chief McDuffy noted that hotels/motels fall under an exemption.

Ms. Cottuli stated she understands the safety issue, but there is also an economic factor as well for people living in these buildings & for the building owners. Chief McDuffy stated safety trumps everything, even money.

Mr. Cammarano spoke re: a Board of Health regulation preventing non-related amounts of people in an apartment house.

Chief McDuffy explained this is basically a sprinkler law. He noted that this article will also be placed on the Fire District's Annual Warrant.

Mr. Heard discussed the Board of Health regulations & inspections in place presently. He feels the wording of the article is vague re: the intent of the article. Chief McDuffy stated this is a statute. He discussed a scenario of how the process may play out. (Someone goes to the Building Inspector & tries to pull a permit. The Building Inspector would then inform the Fire Dept. on the intent for a boarding/lodging house). He stated this would also include a change of use (occupancy).

Chief McDuffy stated this statute has been enacted in 105 communities in MA.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on Article 20 of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Jordan seconded.

Several members expressed an interest re: the impact this article would have in Onset.

VOTE: (4-4-0)

Mr. Worthen, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Heard, & Mr. Langan opposed

Ms. Cottuli stated she will reach out to the Building Inspector & the Onset Fire Chief for their input. She stated there is still time to do this prior to Town Meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to reconsider the FinCom's vote on Article 20 of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Langan seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to rescind the FinCom's vote on Article 20 of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

B. Review 2015 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

The FinCom proceeded to review & discuss the articles included in the 2015 Special Town Meeting Warrant. (Attached as reference).

Article 11 – Community Preservation: Oakdale Playground

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved Favorable Action on Article 11 of the 2015 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Langan seconded.

VOTE: (7-0-1)

Ms. Fontes abstained

NOTE: Ms. Cottuli asked Mr. Cammarano if Upper Cape representatives will be present at the FinCom's 3/25/15 meeting to discuss Article 8 of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Cammarano stated they would be present. Ms. Cottuli stated the BOS are invited to attend this meeting as well.

Ms. Cottuli stated Ms. Bronk will be meeting w/ the School Committee & the Town Administrator for updates on the budget.

C. Set public hearing date for Annual & Special Town Meeting Warrants, including the budget.

1. Discussion: Holding moc-Town Meeting at same time as public hearing.

Ms. Cottuli stated she would like to discuss this w/ the Town Moderator. This item will be placed on next week's agenda.

D. Upcoming Town Meeting deadlines/dates:

1. April 8, 2015 – Last day for FinCom to vote on all articles in the Annual & Special Town Meeting Warrants.
2. April 10, 2015 – Last day to get all information/recommendations to Kelly for all articles in the Annual & Special Town Meeting Warrants.
3. April 13, 2015 – Warrant goes to printer in the A.M.
4. April 27, 2015 – Town Meeting.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

There were no liaison reports.

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Cottuli spoke re: Article 19 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant – Roof & Boiler for Decas School. She understands this item will most likely be a capital item. She stated it is for an engineering study & will go out to bid for capital. It will also go through the SBA process which has already been started. Discussion ensued re: borrowing for this.

Mr. Cammarano stated the budget for Upper Cape includes a chart that is very interesting. He stated for Wareham to send a student to Upper Cape, it costs approx. \$11,000. A student going to Wareham High School costs \$14,000. He finds this variance in numbers very telling. He stated in other towns, it costs the schools more to send students to Upper Cape vs. their own school system. Brief discussion ensued.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 4, 2015 & MARCH 11, 2015

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 4, 2015. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

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

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 11, 2015. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will be held on March 25, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

NOTE: Mr. Cammarano stated Candidate's Night will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at the Dudley VFW in Onset.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. Mr. Heard seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso
Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

Date signed: 3/25/15

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

Date copy sent to Wareham Town Clerk: 3/26/15

W A R R A N T
TOWN OF WAREHAM
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 27, 2015

WAREHAM HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
VIKING DRIVE
WAREHAM, MA 02571

7:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PLYMOUTH, S.S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF WAREHAM

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Wareham High School Auditorium, Viking Drive, Wareham, MA on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. to act on the following articles:

APRIL 27, 2015
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT (CONT'D.)

ARTICLE 1 – LINE ITEM TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer sums of money within the budget lines as voted in Article 6 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 2 – FY15 CAPITAL PLAN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds and authorize borrowing subject to MGL Chapter 44, Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling authority, for the purpose of capital improvement projects including replacement of vehicles and equipment and repairs to and improvements to town buildings, facilities and waterways, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 3 – HARBOR SERVICES PERMIT RECEIPTS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from the Harbor Services Permits Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Account, to be transferred to the Harbormaster's Maintenance and Improvements account or to take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Harbormaster

ARTICLE 4 – ACCEPT M.G.L. CHAPTER 60, SECTION 15B – AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX TITLE COLLECTION REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to accept an amendment to the general laws (Chapter 390 of the Acts of 2014), specifically Chapter 60, Section 15B, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 5 – HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the Health Insurance Trust Fund, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 6 – PLYMOUTH COUNTY OPEB TRUST

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to fund the Plymouth County OPEB Trust, or to take any action relative thereto.

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT (CONT'D.)

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 7 – POLICE UNION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Wareham Police Union, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 8 – LOTS & GRAVES ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 19 of the Spring 2014 Special Town Meeting so that the \$90,000 authorized is returned to the RRFA Sale of Lots and Graves Account, and further, vote to reduce the amount authorized in Article 14 of the Spring 2014 Annual Town Meeting from \$32,000 to \$12,000 so that \$20,000 is returned to the RRFA Sale of Lots and Graves Account, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 9 – AGAWAM CEMETERY

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$170,000 from the RRFA Sale of Lots and Graves Account for the purpose of purchasing a lot of land known as 4 & 6 Mac Phillip Way located in the Town of Wareham, as more particularly described in a filing in the Town Clerk's Office titled "Agawam Cemetery Expansion", for the purpose of expanding Agawam Cemetery, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 10 – ADDITIONAL LIQUOR LICENSE

To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature for special legislation for an additional year-round all alcoholic liquor license to be exercised only at 167 Onset Avenue, Onset, MA (Map 1, Lot A); such license will not count against the Town's liquor license quota, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 11 – OAKDALE PLAYGROUND

To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Community Preservation Unallocated Funds or any available monies in the Community Preservation Fund under Recreation, a grant to the Wareham Open Space Committee, the sum of \$45,000 to fund rehabilitation at Oakdale

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT (CONT'D.)

Playground, located at 23 Apple Street, Wareham, MA or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 12 – RESCIND PRIOR YEAR BOND AUTHORIZATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the following unissued balances of prior year bond authorizations, or to take any action relative thereto.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Original Authorization</u>	<u>Unissued Balance</u>	<u>Reason</u>
11/1/2012	3	Town Hall Security Upgrades	25,000	10,740	Unexpended Balance
11/1/2012	3	Three Town Vehicles	47,500	757	Unexpended Balance
11/1/2012	3	School Roof Repair	110,000	33,210	Unexpended Balance

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Treasurer

ARTICLE 13 – ALLEN STREET

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 14 of the 2008 Fall Town Meeting concerning 18-20 Allen Street, Assessors map 50F, lots 140 and 141, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 14 - GENERATOR

To see if the Town will vote to amend the action taken under Article 6 of the 2010 Fall Town Meeting by adding the words "and Police Station" following the words "Upgrade of Generator Multi-Service Building" or to take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 15 - AMENDMENT TO JUNK DEALER BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend Division II, Article II, Section 1 by deleting from the first sentence the word "five" and inserting in its place "twenty-five" or to take any other action relative thereto..

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Given under our hands this 17th day of March in the year 2015.