

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: June 24, 2015

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bonnie Cottuli, Chairman
Jeff Langan, Clerk (Arrived at 6:42 P.M.)
Ellis Bailey
Stuart Novick
Tom Worthen
Bernard Pigeon
Joan Fontes
Dominic Cammarano

Member Absent: David Heard

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Present before the FinCom: Rich Papano, Swifts Neck

Mr. Papano asked if he could speak during the portion of the agenda when the Open Space Committee will be present to discuss the Swifts Beach project.

Ms. Cottuli discussed the purpose of the FinCom's discussion w/ the Open Space Committee & the process the Open Space Committee is following to request Community Preservation funds. She noted that the process starts w/ the FinCom.

Mr. Papano stated he is opposed to any taxpayer funds being used for the proposed Swifts Beach project. He stated he has not been consulted or informed of this project directly. He stated there are a lot of problems at the Swifts Beach playground for example, unlawful acts. He doesn't feel any money should be granted until the whole project is vetted properly. He feels the project needs further in-depth review.

Present before the FinCom: Tom Pollari, Swifts Beach resident

Mr. Pollari stated he is opposed to a new playground being so close to the beach in Swifts Beach. He stated when the current playground is closed at 9:00 P.M., the playground becomes a nightmare for example, stoning & retaliation. He noted the Town did install lighting in the area to help w/ the situation.

NOTE: Mr. Langan arrived at this time.

Mr. Pollari stated the current playground is in disrepair. He stated if the playground were placed on the main thoroughfare, it would be different, but currently it is out of the way. He is not in favor of moving the playground closer to the beach.

Ms. Cottuli stated the Open Space Committee is not present at the meeting presently, but they were invited to attend.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Introduce new FinCom members: Mr. Pigeon & Mr. Novick

Ms. Cottuli introduced the new FinCom members.

B. Open Space Committee – Request to apply for Community Preservation Funds

No-one representing the Open Space Committee was present.

C. FinCom candidates

Ms. Cottuli stated she is not aware of any other FinCom candidates, but there will be three openings as of July 1, 2015.

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

A. Inter-departmental Transfers.

Mr. Sullivan explained that a reconciliation of the LIUNA account revealed that there was an underpayment of \$2,808.60. The transfer request is for \$3,000 from the Planning-Salaries account to the LIUNA account.

MOTION: Mr. Cammarano moved Favorable Action on the Inter-departmental transfer from Planning-Salaries to the LIUNA account in the amount of \$3,000. Mr. Bailey seconded.

Mr. Cammarano asked for an explanation of what LIUNA is. Mr. Sullivan discussed what LIUNA is (retirement).

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

B. Parking Meters.

Mr. Sullivan stated he is tracking parking meter revenue. He stated for this fiscal year, the Town is estimating revenue of \$147,000 vs. \$140,000 last year.

Mr. Sullivan discussed ticketing revenue. He stated the Town has utilized some of the parking revenue to hire a private street sweeper which is an allowable use of these funds.

C. Line painting.

Mr. Sullivan discussed line painting being done.

D. Audit.

Mr. Sullivan stated the auditors conducted a preliminary audit three weeks ago. He stated the auditors will be back in August.

Mr. Sullivan stated the Town is working w/ the State to be one of the first communities to set their tax rate before Thanksgiving this year.

Mr. Cammarano asked if staff will be patrolling the Shell Point area to check for resident parking stickers. Mr. Sullivan stated this will be done.

Mr. Sullivan discussed real-time data that monitors the parking meters & what revenue is being generated.

Mr. Cammarano asked if there are any plans for expanding the parking program. Mr. Sullivan discussed one area being looked at for expansion. He explained this will be reviewed by the Road Commissioners. He noted that one more kiosk may be added to Onset Pier.

E. EMS.

Mr. Sullivan stated EMS is tracking going over \$1.3 million which will bring it over the estimate for revenue.

Discussion ensued re: tracking EMS revenue & employee time. Mr. Sullivan stated the monthly reconciliations are working. Mr. Worthen feels it should be done weekly.

F. Fireworks.

Mr. Sullivan stated the fireworks are set for Saturday, July 4th. He stated volunteers & organizers will be cleaning up after the fireworks. He stated Municipal Maintenance staff will not be present.

NOTE: The meeting went back to item IV. Finance Committee Matters – D. Re-organization of the FinCom.

Discussion ensued re: whether to re-organize now or at the next FinCom meeting. Mr. Ellis would like to wait until Mr. Heard is present. Several other members concurred. Discussion continued.

MOTION: Mr. Ellis moved to wait to re-organize until the FinCom's first meeting of the new fiscal year & to have Mr. Heard chair the first meeting. Mr. Cammarano seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Mr. Worthen recognized Ms. Cottuli's & Mr. Cammarano's commitment to the FinCom over the past eight years. He presented them both w/ a token of the FinCom's thanks.

Present before the FinCom: Claire Smith, Town Moderator

Ms. Smith thanked Mr. Cammarano & Ms. Cottuli's efforts on the FinCom.

V. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Done.

VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VII. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 3, 2015

MOTION: Mr. Langan moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 3, 2015. Ms. Fontes seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME


The next meeting will be announced at a later date.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,


Kelly Barrassø, Transcriptionist

Date signed: 8/¹⁹~~20~~/15

Attest: Ellis Bailey (KB)

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Date copy sent to Town Clerk: 8/~~20~~/15