

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: July 15, 2015

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: David Heard, Chairman Pro Tem
Ellis Bailey
Bernard Pigeon
Joan Fontes
Stewart Novick
Tom Worthen

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No-one came forward for Citizens Participation.

NOTE: MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to proceed w/ item V. Finance Committee Matters – A. Re-organization of the Board. Mr. Novick seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

MOTION: Ms. Fontes moved to nominate Mr. Heard as Chair of the FinCom. Mr. Worthen seconded.

MOTION: Mr. Heard moved to nominate Ms. Fontes as Vice Chair of the FinCom. Mr. Novick seconded.

MOTION: Ms. Fontes moved to nominate Mr. Ellis as Clerk of the FinCom. Mr. Novick seconded.

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved that the FinCom accept the slated nominations. Mr. Ellis seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0-0)

IV. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. FY 2016 Local Aid Assessment.

Mr. Sullivan distributed & briefly discussed the FY 2016 local aid assessment. (Attached as reference).

B. Parking kiosk revenue.

Mr. Sullivan stated that revenue generated thus far from the parking kiosks is approx. \$61,606.00. He stated the revenue is trending higher than last year at this time by approx. \$10,000.00.

C. FY 2015 books.

Mr. Sullivan stated that the Town's FY 2015 books have been closed. He stated that by mid-August final numbers/figures should be in.

Mr. Sullivan noted that the increase in kiosk revenue may be due to an earlier start this year. He discussed looking at trending weekly & monthly.

Mr. Worthen asked about a re-evaluation that he heard was going on. Mr. Sullivan stated the re-evaluation was last year. He stated a ten-year measure & list is coming up. He stated the Town has two more years left of the ten-year measure.

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Re-organization of the Board.

Done.

B. October Town Meeting preliminary dates/timelines.

The FinCom reviewed the schedule of Town Meeting dates & deadlines.

Mr. Ellis stated he would like the FinCom to be more pro-active this year at Town Meeting.

Mr. Heard feels it is imperative to become more involved. He feels it is important to provide an independent review & voice to Town Meeting.

Mr. Pigeon stated the FinCom is the agent for Town Meeting to inform the voters.

Mr. Ellis suggested requesting budgets earlier. Mr. Heard stated putting together a budget is a long process. Mr. Pigeon suggested department heads come before the FinCom to review budgets & have the FinCom be satisfied w/ the answers. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Worthen feels the FinCom members should go into the different departments to see the day-to-day operations & speak w/ the department heads directly in their environments. Ms. Fontes & Mr. Pigeon concurred.

Mr. Novick asked when the department heads put together their budgets, is there a protocol to follow. Mr. Heard stated there is not.

Mr. Pigeon stated he doesn't see in (previous budgets) a transfer of monies at Town Meeting re: being the contractor for the two districts re: services rendered (tax bills). He feels there should be a process for this.

NOTE: Mr. Worthen departed at this time.

C. Member openings on the FinCom.

Mr. Heard stated the FinCom is looking for members to join the FinCom. He expressed the importance of the FinCom. He stated anyone interested in joining should fill out an application.

VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next FinCom meeting will commence on August 19, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Pigeon suggested a 7:00 P.M. start to meetings vs. 6:30 P.M. Mr. Heard stated this matter can be re-visited in the future.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Novick moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 P.M. Ms. Fontes seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso
Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

Date signed: 8/19/15

Attest: Ellis Bailey (KB)
Ellis Bailey, Clerk
WAREHAM FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

FY2016 Local Aid Estimates

	FY2015 Cherry Sheet Estimate	FY16 Budgeted	Wareham FY2016 Conference Committee	Budgeted vs Conference Committee
Education:				
Chapter 70	12,488,232	12,544,532	12,558,607	14,075
School Transportation	0	0	0	0
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	193,337	66,697	144,974	78,277
Smart Growth School Reimbursement	0	0	0	0
Offset Receipts:				
School Choice Receiving Tuition (not Budgeted goes directly to Schools)	0	0	0	0
Sub-total, All Education Items:	12,681,569	12,611,229	12,703,581	92,352
General Government:				
Unrestricted Gen Gov't Aid	1,760,560	1,823,940	1,823,940	0
Local Sh of Racing Taxes	0	0	0	0
Regional Public Libraries	0	0	0	0
Urban Revitalization	0	0	0	0
Veterans Benefits	223,421	282,365	282,365	0
State Owned Land	38,085	38,085	38,085	0
Exemp: VBS and Elderly	130,497	129,310	129,310	0
Offset Receipts:				
Public Libraries	25,610	24,966	25,482	516
Sub-Total, All General Government	2,178,173	2,298,666	2,299,182	516
Total Estimated Receipts	15,062,918	15,044,335	15,229,491	92,868

Conference Com. Increase	\$ 92,868.00
Conference Committee Assessment (Increase)	\$ (128,895.00)
Net New Aid	\$ (36,027.00)

Although the School Lunch program and School Choice Receiving continues to be funded, we have removed the estimate from the cherry sheet as this program is an education offset that has no impact on the tax rate setting process.

FY2016 Local Aid Assessments

	FY2015 Cherry Sheet Estimate	FY16 Budgeted	Wareham FY2016 Conference Committee	Budgeted vs Conference Committee
County Assessments:				
County Tax	72,101	69,967	69,967	0
Suffolk County Retirement	0	0	0	0
Essex County Reg Comm Center	0	0	0	0
Sub-Total, County Assessments:	72,101	69,967	69,967	0
State Assessments and Charges:				
Retired Employees Health Insurance	0	0	0	0
Retired Teachers Health Insurance	1,326,205	1,403,552	1,403,552	0
Mosquito Control Projects	86,975	86,762	86,762	0
Air Pollution Districts	7,279	7,110	7,110	0
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	0	0	0	0
Old Colony Planning Council	0	0	0	0
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	43,520	43,520	43,520	0
Sub-Total, State Assessments:	1,463,979	1,540,944	1,540,944	0
Transportation Authorities:				
MBTA	0	0	0	0
Boston Metro. Transit District	0	0	0	0
Regional Transit	189,891	194,638	194,638	0
Sub-Total, Transp Authorities:	189,891	194,638	194,638	0
Annual Charges Against Receipts:				
Multi-Year Repayment Program	0	0	0	0
Special Education	7,426	42,866	42,866	0
STRAP Repayments	0	0	0	0
Sub-Total, Annual Charges:	7,426	42,866	42,866	0
Tuition Assessments:				
School Choice Sending Tuition	667,839	919,200	1,004,176	84,976
Charter School Sending Tuition	595,862	627,644	671,563	43,919
Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments:	1,263,701	1,546,844	1,675,739	128,895
Total Estimated Charges:	2,997,098	3,395,259	3,524,154	128,895