



Town of Wayland Massachusetts

Finance Committee

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Bob Lentz
Sam Peper
Rich Stack

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes April 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM in the Wayland Town Building.

Attendance: J. Bladon, P. Grasso, D. Gutschenritter, C. Karlson, S. Peper, R. Stack (joined the meeting at 7:20 pm)

Absent: B. Lentz

Also Present: Finance Director/Town Accountant, M. DiPietro

Public Comment: Linda Segal spoke to the article supported by 30Rec and raised several issues. She encouraged more disclosure; the more voters understand the better. She expressed a view that the scope of the environmental analysis performed was for passive recreation use, not the active recreation use proposed under this article. Additional discussion ensued.

Steve Goldstein spoke to this article as well. He responded to the issues raised by pointing out that many of the documents referenced were posted on the 30Rec website. He stressed that the article allows but does not require the appropriate boards to act if they believe it is in the best interest of the Town.

John Bladon spoke to the article. If this article passes, any proposal for the use of the property would have to go through all of the relevant Town boards and allow for multiple opportunities for the residents to be involved in the process.

Betty Salzberg expressed a view that the voters have a chance to opine on what they would to see done with the property.

Discussion of the following Annual Town Meeting articles ensued:

- a. Article # 27 – Transfer and Lease the Recreation Portion of the Loker Conservation and Recreation Area. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 5-1.
- b. Article # 21 – Amend and Expand Refuse Disposal District. Paul Grasso presented the article, laying out the land and its intended uses. Discussion ensued. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 6-0.
- c. Article # 24 – Transfer of Parcel on Stonebridge Road for Affordable Housing. Sarkis Sarkisian presented the article and answered questions about how the lot was laid out and the access to the portion of the property upon which the housing is to be built. Discussion ensued. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 6-0.
- d. Article # 32 – Acceptance of Alice Drive, Hidden Springs and Lee Road as Town Ways. Dave Gutschenritter presented the article and noted that the Planning Board had not yet opined on Lee Road and that the Board of Public Works had not reviewed any of the three roads. No action taken, waiting for the respective boards to act.
- e. Article # 11 – Personnel Bylaws and Wage and Classification Plan. Dave Gutschenritter presented this article, commenting that it was a standard article. Discussion ensued. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 6-0.

- f. Article # 13 – Compensation for Town Clerk. Dave Gutschenritter presented this article, commenting that it was a standard article. Discussion ensued. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 6-0.
- g. Article # 31 – Lease DPW Land for Private Construction of a Community Pool. Dave Gutschenritter presented this article, commenting that its purpose is to correct an oversight to an article passed at the 2008 ATM. The piece of property in question in this article should have been included in the 2008 article but was not. Discussion ensued. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 5-0.
- h. Article # 29 – Create Town Meeting Debate Website. Rich Stack presented this article, commenting that it was one of several articles focusing on ways to improve Annual Town Meeting. Discussion ensued. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 0-6.
- i. Article # 20 – Electronic Voting at Town Meeting. Rich Stack presented this article, commenting that it was one of several articles focusing on ways to improve Annual Town Meeting. Discussion ensued. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 0-6. The Committee recognized that some changes in voting will likely take place over, but that this particular proposal was too costly and not fully developed yet.
- j. Article # 22 – Change the format of Town Meeting. Rich Stack presented this article, commenting that it was one of several articles focusing on ways to improve Annual Town Meeting. Discussion ensued. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 2-4.
- k. Article # 8 – Sell or Trade Vehicles and Equipment. Sam Peper presented this article, commenting that it was a standard article. Discussion ensued. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 6-0.
- l. Article # 9 – Accept Gifts of Land. Sam Peper presented this article, commenting that the Town was unaware of any gifts of

land this year. Discussion ensued. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 6-0.

Sam reviewed the remaining articles require Committee attention and reviewed the Annual letter to the Town from the Finance Committee. Discussion ensued.

Paul Grasso asked that the Article 22 be reopened for discussion. Motion was moved and seconded and the Committee voted 6-0 to reopen discussion of Article 22. After a brief discussion, the Finance Committee voted 3-3 to recommend approval.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Gutschenritter