

*FINANCE COMMITTEE'S
Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 14, 2016*

Attendance: *Chairman, Marzie Galazka , Vice Chair , Tim Dorsey, Members, Cinder McNerney, William Jones, MaryEllen Fletcher, Mary Titcomb, Jill G. Sullivan, Gail Rosenberg and Joan Hilario.*

Dave Castellarin, Town Accountant, Gino Cresta Jr, Interim Town Administrator also present.

Board of Selectman in attendance: Chairman Naomi Dreeben, Vice Chair, Laura Spathanas, Selectman Don Hause, Patrick Jones and Peter Spellios.

Members of the Capital Improvement in attendance: Chairman Dan Eccles, Members Kelly Begin, Richard Raymond, Leah Ryan.

Open Discussion on Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting 11/14/2016-Beach Access in Town/ Reimbursement grant.

Chairman Dreeben asked for reconsideration from the Finance Committee on Article 4.

The following was spoken of:

- *Long Term Financial impact to the Town.*
- *Grant Funding for the design only of the project was questioned.*

Chairman Dreeben of the Board of Selectman spoke on a three stage process.

Chairman Marzie Galazka commented there is no plan to implement the design for this project.

Chairman Marzie Galazka commented is this project something we want to fund if the Town does not have a Capital Plan.

Chairman Marzie Galazka commented that Gino Cresta, Interim Town Administrator and Town Accountant, Dave Castellarin and Selectman Dreeben did not support this grant at the last joint meeting of the Finance Committee and Capital Improvement Committee.

Chairman Marzie Galazka questioned if this is a project the Finance Committee wants to support at this time with the funding being a five year time frame.

Interim Town Administrator, Gino Cresta Jr spoke on the Town now having the funding for the project, but the man power is now a concern.

Selectmen Member Peter Spellios spoke on 25% match he believes can be met using employee service hours. Pete Kane, Town Planner not present had stated he believes he can get \$25K for the project

Finance Member William Jones spoke on his concerns of spending money on grants that are not part of a prioritized planned effort to benefit the Town.

Finance Member Jill Sullivan stated she believes it is not a bad thing that not everyone agrees on everything.

Finance Member Jill Sullivan suggested on how to speak on Article 4 at the Town Meeting.

Finance Member Mary Ellen Fletcher spoke of beach access vs. highest risk area-Phillips Beach.

Finance Member Mary Ellen Fletcher questioned what will actually be designed from the phase 1 of the Coastal Zone Management study. The study list multiple areas and the request does not identify which area of the design, the study is very clear that the most vulnerable area for flooding is Phillips Park.

Finance Member Mary Ellen Fletcher commented if the Town does not use the grant now, it would be able after calling the office of the Coastal Zone Management and spoke to the administration the Town would be able to re-apply in the future.

Chairman of the Capital Improvement Committee Dan Eccles feels his Board still does not support Article 4.

Member of the Capital Improvement Committee Leahy Ryan commented regarding Article 4 and believes it is not about the money at this time but questions the process in which funding has been requested.

No change in action was taken by the Capital Improvements Committee.

No change in action was taken by the Finance Committee.

Adjournment:

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Finance Member Mary Titcomb to adjourn meeting at 6:50PM seconded by Finance Member Cinder McNerney

Attest:

*Maureen Shultz
Administrative Assistant*