

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes (Approved 5/15)

Monday April 22, 2019 held at 1st Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

Members Present: Dorsey (via teleconference), Fletcher, Sullivan, McNerney, Rosenberg, Titcomb, Hilario

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Ronald Mendes (minutes taker & Asst Town Administrator); Peter Spellios (Chair, Board of Selectmen); Michael McClung (Town Moderator)

Called to order 7:02pm

Mr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the meeting minutes from March 28, April 1, April 4 and April 16.

Mr. Dorsey asked if there are any members of the public that would wish to make comments. There being none, Mr. Dorsey moved on with the agenda.

Mr. Dorsey suggested reviewing the warrant articles in order to make recommendations on any further warrant articles.

There was then a brief discussion on Article 22, the acceptance on the local statute on nonresident & foster care tuition. The committee feels it doesn't have enough information to vote on this article tonight.

There was a question regarding Article 21 on Adoption of Local Options and there isn't enough information currently to make a recommendation. Ms. Fletcher asked for information on Article 23, the update to revolving fund spending limits, and just received that information this afternoon.

There was also a brief review of the capital article (Article 25) and the committee needs more information on what beaches are proposed for improvement. The committee feels that it needs some more information specifically on what work is proposed to be done on the beaches proposed for FY2020 (which is all beaches except Phillips).

Upon Motion duly made and seconded, it was voted recommend Article 3.

There are no other articles (except the budget itself) that the Committee needs to review for recommendations.

There was then some discussion about information shared at the recent tri-chair meeting, including having the committee going into executive session to discuss how negotiations with the teachers' union are going. There was also discussion at tri-chair about facilities and the need to come up with fresh ideas about maintenance-related responsibilities. Mr. Dorsey indicated that he also wished to have Mr. Fitzgerald come to a committee meeting to also discuss salaries, specifically including the expansion of the Community Development Department. Mr. Dorsey also explained that tri-chair is not a formal committee, therefore there are no minutes taken. Tri-chair is intended to be more of an informal sharing of information between the three chairs and both the Town & School Administration.

The next agenda item is to discuss the draft letter for the town meeting warrant that Ms. Sullivan drafted. Ms. Sullivan explained that all the thoughts from the prior meeting were included in the letter.

Ms. McNerney suggested that the discussion about the levy limit should specifically refer to the lower levy limit rather than simply saying "levy limit."

There was also then a detailed discussion, line by line, of the draft letter to be included with the warrant to ensure that numbers were correct, to crystallize the views of committee members, and to catch any syntax issues in the draft letter.

There was some discussion about how the budget will appear on the warrant booklet and it was decided that if recommendations are not voted by the time the warrant is printed that the Town Administrator's recommendations appear in the Finance Committee Recommended column with a plan to amend on the floor of town meeting if necessary.

Meeting Adjourned 8:57 pm.