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Finance Committee
 Public Meeting
 Public Hearing
 Conference Room F
 Monday, April 25, 2016
 7:00 P.M.
 Minutes

Public Meeting

The public meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chairman Joel Schwendemann at 7:00 P.M.

Public Hearing

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee open its public hearing.

Seconded: Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:02 P.M.

Finance Committee

Present: Joel Schwendemann, Jennifer Dorazio(7:03 P.M.), Roger Currier, Don Davison, Lisa Brovelli Kelley(8:00 P.M.- left. Returned at : 8:14 P.M.), Heather McCue(8:28 P.M.)

Ed Prisby, Sue Robbins.

Absent: No one is absent.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant articles

Article 11

Mr. Ken Sherman from the Trust of the Sailors and Soldiers Memorial is present to review Article 11.

- Any Town who accepts State monies for Sailors and Soldiers Memorials is required to set up a Trust
- There are 7 recognized Memorials in Town that are in need of repair and a good wash.
- \$2,500.00 is the requested amount for FY17.
- Fundraising can be a venue to receive funds

Lisa Brovelli Kelley stated that the work is necessary. The Memorial Wall in the Municipal Center is visited often by many.

Joe Laydon, Town Planner is present from Planning Board to review the following articles

Annual Article 35

CPC Open Space Plan

- There is a need for a valid open space plan that will list project priorities, location and plan to apply for grants and funding from the State.

- These plans do require a balancing act when financial, economic and conservation is involved.
- A plan provided policy direction

Discussion topics

How would this plan have impacted the Super Park?

What did the plan from 2007 do for the Town?

Annual Article 37

CPC Riverwalk Feasibility Study

- Planning has been working with the developer to create a community facility when the Fisherville site develops to identify the walkway/bikeway to include the people(community).

Article 39

Create new use table categories

Utilizing usable table categories- a lot of industrial uses- control of noise for example.

Article 40

Neighborhood business districts- special permit-offers flexibility Other eating and drinking establishments

Article 41

Amends Zoning By-Laws

- This article provides definitions.

Article 42

Amendment to the Grafton Zoning By-Laws

- A lengthy report will be prepared by Planning clarifying the amendment on Town Meeting floor.

Roger Currier reminded Finance Committee that to follow procedure, the Committee must vote on the article as written.

Article 43

Amend the water supply overlay protection district

- This Well provides high volume withdraw rate.
- the whole system will be strengthened.

Article 44

Amendment to the Grafton Zoning By-Laws

- Provides Definition of frontage – and rear corner lot

Article 45

Petition State Legislature for an easement along Institute Roa

- This article will allow legislatures to layout the right of way along Institute

Article 46

Amendment to the Grafton Zoning by-Laws

- Allows Flexibility to the Fisherville 40 R zoning area

Article 47

Village Mixed use district amendments

- Standards to provide guidance

Article 48

Lot perimeter amendments

- Lot perimeter- flexible developments- exceptions to rule.

Board of Sewer Commissioner Dave Therrien and Superintendent of Sewers Paul Cournoyer are present to review the following articles from the Annual Town Meeting warrant:

Article 15

Wastewater Treatment facility upgrade

This article provides a routine transfer of funds to the Plant upgrade/expansion account.

Article 16

Wastewater Treatment facility upgrade

This article provides a cost recoup process for the Sewer Department by providing a new truck to transport sludge 4 times a day.

John Bechard and Dennis Flynn from the DPW Facility Building Committee are present to further discuss :

Annual Article 9

(see handouts)

- Joel Schwendemann prefaced the discussion with John and Dennis by reviewing the conversation that Finance Committee had following John Bechard's presentation on Thursday, April 14 2016.
- Sue Robbins provided questions and concerns that Finance Committee had to the DPW Facility Building Committee.
- Reviewed the question and answer sheet. (see sheet)
- Discussed the general idea of the cost expectations in comparison to the current budget/existing building.
- DPW Committee's presentation at Town Meeting will be filtered.
Non-value comparison sheet discussed. (wasted labor).
Figures are from Dave Crouse, Highway Supervise, based on current equipment.
Sanding and pre treat of the roads are completed by town equipment and town staff.
Snow storms are handled by contractors in addition to Town staff and town equipment.

Ed Prisby:

Where does the DPW see itself in 10 years?

Are we getting to that point to take on the service of the road construction/repair?

John Bechard:

I would have to defer to the Town Administrator to answer these questions.

I see it as a benefit for the DPW staff to take on future projects.

Dennis Flynn stated the following:

Operational issues are what the administration should be addressing.

All questions and concerns about this project are on the operational side

There has been discussion among the DPW Committee if this project ready to go to the Town or not?

No questions have been raised during the discussions with the Board of Selectmen

Due diligence to the project has not been achieved. It should come from the BOS and Administration.

Roger Currier:

believes that they are questions about the DPW project as a result of the building of the new schools and buildings and the lack of definition of the increase of costs to the Town.

Joel Schwendemann:

believes that the questions are outside the scope of questions for the building committee.

Finance Committee is a little bit in shock mode about the debt exclusion.

Dennis Flynn:

Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen should be discussing the use of a debt exclusion and its pros and cons.

Touch a Truck Day

A reminder that Touch a truck day is this Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the DPW barn- this will give the Townspeople a chance to see the facility and demonstrate the need.

Agenda

A quick review of the agenda :

Warrant articles: continue discussion and voting

State of the Town- input is needed for Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Close the public hearing

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee close its public hearing.

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kellley. All in favor. Motion carries.

The public hearing of the Finance Committee adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

Procedural discussion

Joel Schwendemann brought up the following:

- Final numbers on many of the warrant articles are still being discussed and historical numbers have not been decided.
- Suggesting to the Committee to add “Not to exceed a dollar amount” where necessary.

Roger Currier

why don't we have the numbers?

Lisa Brovelli Kelley

Suggested that Finance Committee change procedures after town meeting.

Sue Robbins

Concerns over not knowing the funding source as well as the final figure

Joel Schwendemann

Stated that he will drop his thought and continue with the historical concept.

Don Davison

In the past, Finance Committee has been very careful about supporting the article concept but would note the lack of funding source.

Joel Schwendeman

reiterated that he will drop his thought on the process but does not see the value of the figures.

Review of the warrants

Each article was reviewed to assure that the process of voting and preparing recommendations has been achieved.

The following action was taken on April 25, 2016

All blurbs were reviewed

Voting took place on the following articles

Special Articles: 4

Annual, 6,7,8,15,16,21,25,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48.

The following action needs to be taken on April 27, 2016:

Voting needed on 4/27/2016

Special Articles: May be reconsidered 4

Annual Articles: 5, 9,10,23,27

Blurb Review:

Special Article 4 (Don)

Annual

Article 5

Article 6 use the word following or listed

Article 7 (Ed)

Article 8 (Ed)

Article 9

Article 10

Article 15 (Susan/Heather)

Article 17 add as written?

Article 18 add as written?

Article 20 review editing(Susan)

Article 23 need blurb

Article 27 need blurb

Articles 39-48 add as written to each?

Special Town Meeting Warrant

Article 1

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Roger Currier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 1 as written.

Seconded: Heather McCue. All in favor. Motion carries

Blurb: Susan

Article 1

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 1 as written.

This is a housekeeping article to amend Article 2 Section 15 of the Grafton General By- laws.

Article 2

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 2 as written.

Seconded: Roger Currier. All in favor. Motion carries

Blurb: Susan

Article 2

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 2 as written.

These transfers result in no additional spending and adjust the FY16 budget to reflect updated estimates and spending within the departments noted. Finance Committee believes that these transfers appropriately reflect changing circumstances.

Article 3

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 3 as written.

Seconded: Roger Currier. All in favor. Motion carries

Blurb: Susan

Article 3

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 3 as written.
This article accepts the funds from the Transportation Bond Bill.

Article 4

Voted: 4/25/2016

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 4 as written.

Seconded: Roger Currier.

Aye	Naye
Jennifer Dorazio	Joel Schwendemann
Roger Currier	
Don Davison	
Lisa Brovelli Kelley	
Heather McCue	
Ed Prisby	
Sue Robbins	

Motion carries.

4/25/16 Don Davison will write the blurb to oppose passage

Article 4

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 4.
Finance Committee knows there is a Snow and Ice deficit, but we do not know how much it is, nor what funds are to be used to pay it. Until these factors are known we cannot support this article.

Blurb: Susan(Do Not Use as a result of 4/25/2016 voting))

Article 4 (as of 4/18/16 there is not a firm number for this article- per Doug)

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 4 as written.
Finance Committee supports Article 4 to balance the FY16 Snow and Ice Account.

Article 5

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Roger Currier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 5 as written.

Seconded: Heather McCue. All in favor. Motion carries

Blurb: Susan

Article 5

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 5 as written.
This action requires a nine-tenths vote at Town Meeting.

Article 6

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Roger Currier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 6 as written.

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 6

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 6 as written.

This article funds the State mandated cyclical revaluation of real and personal property by the Assessor's office.

Article 7

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Roger Currier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 7 as written.

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 7

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 7 as written.

This article satisfies the Community Preservation Act requirement to reserve 10% of Community Preservations Act funds for Affordable Housing purposes. It is the result of a larger than expected State match.

Article 8

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Heather McCue moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 8 as written.

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 8

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 8 as written.

This article satisfies the Community Preservation Act requirement to reserve 10% of Community Preservations Act funds for Open Space Preservation purposes. It is the result of a larger than expected State match.

Article 9

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 9 as written.

Seconded: Roger Currier. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 9

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 9 as written,

This article satisfies the Community Preservation Act requirement to reserve 10% of Community Preservations Act funds for Historic Preservation purposes. It is the result of a larger than expected State match.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Article 1

Voted 4/14/2016

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 1 as written.

Second: Heather McCue. All in favor. Motion carries

Blurb: Susan

Article 1

Finance Committee recommends acceptance of the printed annual and any other reports.

Article 2

Voted 4/14/2016

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 2 as written.

Second: Heather McCue. All in favor. Motion carries

Blurb: Susan

Article 2

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 2.

Article 3

Voted 4/14/2016

Motion: Roger Carrier moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 3 as written.

Second: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 3

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 3 in the amount of \$689,507.00.

This article provides the Town's share of the net operating cost of the Blackstone Valley Regional School District for FY17 and reflects a slight decrease in enrollment of Grafton students.

Article 4

Voted 4/14/2016

Motion: Roger Carrier moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 4 as written.

Second: Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 4

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 4 in the amount of \$54,837.00.

This appropriation will fund the principal and interest cost for the FY17 Blackstone Valley Regional School District capital expansion project.

Article 5

Vote date: 4/27/2016

4/25/2016 Action: discussion relative to adding "in the amount of" and listing funding sources.

Joel will rewrite the blurb

Motion

Second

Blurb: Joel Schwendemann

Article 5

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 5 in the amount of \$53,183,597.00. This article funds the operating budget of the various town departments through anticipated operating revenue such as property taxes, local receipts and state aid. It represents a \$2,165,987.00 or 4.2% increase over the FY2016 budget. The budget proposed in this Article is the result of significant effort and review among the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Department Heads and Committees. This process has produced a responsible budget that fully supports all town departments and services.

In accordance with the Town Charter and the charge of the Finance Committee, the FY17 budget was reviewed and vetted through a series of Public Hearings. The FY17 budget reflects only a relatively small increase in spending based on the FY16 budget.

May 2015 Budget

Article 5

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 5 in the amount of \$50,804,305.00. Article 5 funds the operating budget of the various town departments through anticipated operating revenue such as property taxes, local receipts, and state aid. It represents a \$1,834,985.00 or 3.5% increase over the FY2015 budget. The budget proposed in this Article is the result of significant effort and review among the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Department Heads and Committees. This process has produced a responsible budget that fully supports all town departments and services.

Article 6**Voted: 4/25/2016**

Motion: Roger Currier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 6 as written.

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kelley.

Aye	Naye
Jennifer Dorazio	Joel Schwendemann
Roger Currier	
Don Davison	
Lisa Brovelli Kelley	
Heather McCue	
Ed Prisby	
Sue Robbins	

Motion carries.

Blurb: Lisa Brovelli Kelley

Article 6

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 6 as written.

Finance Committee approves appropriating funds from Free Cash and transfers from other noted sources to fund the following Capital Projects.

Article 7

Voted: 4/25/2016

Motion: Heather McCue moved that the Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 7 as written.

Seconded: Roger Currier.

Discussion topics:

Funding source

Grant funding requirement not met

All in favor. Motion carries.

An Edited blurb will be written by Ed Prisby

(Do Not Use)Blurb: Skip Currier

Article 7

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 7.

Finance Committee does not support this article for several reasons; while the truck is some 40 years old and was acquired for little money and a lot of hard work primarily by the members of Station Three of the Fire Department, little information has been provided to the finance committee about the need for this truck nor the number of times it is actually used both in and out of town and we do not support the financing of purchases of items like this with a debt exclusion – they belong on the capital budget.

Article 8

Voted: 4/25/2016

Motion: Roger Currier moved that the Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 8 as written.

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kelley

Discussion topics:

Debt exclusion as funding issue

Brief history of the all wheel drive vehicles inventory

Vehicle replacement plan

Critical need and use of the Stabilization Fund

Aye

Naye

Joel Schwendemann

Don Davison

Jennifer Dorazio

Roger Currier

Lisa Brovelli Kelley

Heather McCue

Ed Prisby

Sue Robbins

Motion carries.

Article 8

An Edited blurb will be written by Ed Prisby

(Do not Use)Blurb: Skip Currier

Article 8**Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 8.**

Finance Committee does not support the passage this article for several reasons; little information has been provided to the Finance Committee about the need for this truck, we currently do not own an all wheel drive pumper, although we do own three all wheel drive forest fire units and we do not support the financing of purchases of items like this with a debt exclusion – they belong on the capital budget.

Article 9

Vote date: 4/27/2016

4/25/2016 Action

Review of the project with John Bechard and Dennis Flynn

Handouts given that provided additional information including some cost projections to run the future facility

4/14/2016 Action

Discussion

Topics: Spearheaded by Lisa Brovelli Kelley

- Safety stand point and the need to keep employees safe

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (**OSHA**) is a federal organization (part of the Department of Labor) that ensures safe and healthy working conditions for Americans by enforcing standards and providing workplace safety training

- Cost of the new facility
- Adequate building vs. more than adequate building
- Better facility will affect future equipment replacement costs
- Costs to run the new facility

Motion

Second

Blurb: Joel

Article 9 recommends blurb

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 9.

The current DPW building is more than 70 years old and realistically is at least 20 years past its useful life. It is not sized to house today's equipment nor is it designed to meet the current and future requirements of the town's vehicle fleet. The DPW Building Committee has engaged the services of a reputable design firm with extensive experience in building these types of facilities across Massachusetts. This firm has designed the new facility based on a detailed assessment of the Town's needs over the next 30-50 years. Delaying replacement of the facility is not practical from a functional standpoint nor is it fiscally responsible as building costs will only continue to rise.

Annual Article 9 continued**Or Article 9 opposes blurb**

The Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 9.

The Committee feels that the additional debt created by this building project is not in the best interest of the Town and the taxpayers. The Finance Committee understands the need for an enhanced DPW facility but does not support the scope of the project as currently designed.

Article 10

Vote date: 4/27/2016

Motion

Second

Blurb: Joel

Article 10 recommends blurb

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 10.

The excess funds from the Central Fire Station project would be applied to a similar project that addresses a need of the Town.

Article 10 opposes blurb

The Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 10.

The Committee does not support the scope of the DPW Building Project as currently designed.

Article 11

Voted 4/14/2016

Motion: Roger Currier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 11 as written.

Second: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Jennifer Dorazio

Article 11

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 11 as written.

This article will provide operational funding for the maintenance of Town veteran memorials and other Trust projects.

Article 12

Voted 4/14/2016

Motion: Heather McCue moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 12 as written.

Second: Roger Currier. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 12

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 12 as written.

It is important that the Town protect the wages of our Call Fire Department fire fighters in case of injury while in service to the Town.

Article 13

Voted 4/14/2016

Motion: Roger Currier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 13 as written.

Second: Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 13

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 13.

This article allows the Treasurer/Collector to conduct routine Town business.

Article 14**Voted: 4/14/2016**

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 14 as written.

Second: Roger Currier. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 14

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 14 in the amount of \$45,000.00.

This article allows funds to be added to the Unemployment Compensation Account.

Article 15**Voted: 4/25/2016**

Motion: Roger Currier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 15 as written.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Heather McCue

Article 15

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 15 as written.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility is currently undergoing a major upgrade. These funds will be used to pay a portion of the project that will offset the costs associated with this project. Town meeting vote is required to transfer the money between accounts.

Article 16**Voted: 4/25/2016**

Motion: Heather McCue moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 16 as written.

Seconded: Roger Currier. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Heather McCue

Article 16

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 16 as written.

These funds will be used to purchase a new sludge truck. Currently the Town contracts these services out. The contract is up for re-negotiation this year and it has been determined that it is cheaper to buy the truck and transport the sludge ourselves than have the material transported out by a third party. Town meeting vote is required to transfer the money between accounts.

Article 17**Voted 4/14/2016**

Motion: Roger Currier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 17 as written.

Second: Heather McCue . All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 17

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 17.

This article is an annual authorization to request FY17 WRTA funding of transportation services.

Article 18**Voted: 4/14/2016**

Motion: Roger Currier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 18 as written.

Second: Ed Prisby. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Roger Currier

Article 18

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 18.

Currently the storage space in the town's vault and storage areas are filling up, this purchase would increase the amount of storage in the vault by 57 % and 87 % for the other storage space in use. This will improve the town's ability to effectively store and retrieve required documents.

Article 19

Vote date: 4/14/2016

Motion: Roger Currier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 19 as written.

Second: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 19

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 19 as written

This article provides additions to the Town's hydrants list from the Grafton Water District.

Article 20

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Roger Currier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 20 as written.

Second: Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Roger Currier

Article 20

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 20.

Passage of this article will allow the police department to function more efficiently in the hiring and promoting of its police officers. Finance Committee concurs with the recommendation of our Chief of Police and local Police Union.

Article 21

4/14/2016 Discussion

No additional action taken. The amount needs to be confirmed.

Voted: 4/25/2016

Motion: Roger Currier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 21 as written.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 21

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 21 in the amount of \$500,310.00.

This article allows the Town to receive Chapter 90 funds as a reimbursement for projects accepted by the provisions of the Transportation Bond Bill. The spending of these funds is under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 22

Voted 4/14/2016

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 22 as written.

Second: Jennifer Dorazio. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 22

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 22 as written.
This article allows the Board of Selectmen to conduct routine Town business.

Article 23

Vote date: 4/27/2016

4/25/2016 Action:

Review of Article 23. Use of Town Funds, Support in Grafton
Straw poll among Finance Committee members- basically 50-50

Motion

Second

Blurb: ?

Article 24

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Roger Currier moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 24 as written.

Second: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 24

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 24.

Finance Committee understands that there are may be one surplus item to sell at this time.
(Wood Chipper)

Article 25

Voted: 4/25/16

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 25 as written.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries

Blurb: Susan

Article 25

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 25 as written.

This article establishes a standard revolving account in order to receive PEG Access and Cable related funds.

Article 26

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 26 as written.

Second: Roger Currier. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 26

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 26.

This is the annual reauthorization of revolving accounts.

Article 27

4/14/2016

Discussion: the TIF Committee will be meeting next week to discuss this particular agreement.
Finance Committee would like to know the details of the agreement.

4/25/2016

Action discussion – ask Assistant Town Administrator for the results of the TIF Board meeting last week.

Vote date: 4/27/2016

Motion

Second

Blurb: Susan

Article 27

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 27.

Finance Committee concurs with the Board of Selectmen's decision to enter into a Tax Increment Agreement in order to develop 103 Worcester Street

Article 28

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Heather McCue moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 28 as written.

Seconded: Roger Carrier. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 28

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 28 as written.

This article is a required transfer of funds from Community Preservation Committee (CPC) revenues into an Operating budget account. This is necessary for the CPC to conduct routine business in FY17.

Article 29

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 29 as written.

Seconded: Roger Carrier. All in favor. Motion carries

Blurb: Susan

Article 29

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 29 as written.

This article authorizes the CPC to make the FY17 principle and interest payment on the bond issued for the Pell Farm property.

Article 30

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Heather McCue moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 30 as written.

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 30

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 30 as written.

This article authorizes the CPC to make the FY17 principle and interest payment on the \$1.1 million bond issued for the renovation of the Grafton Town House

Article 31**Voted: 4/14/2016**

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 31 as written.

Seconded: Roger Currier. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 31

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 31 as written.

The funds to support Grafton Affordable Housing Trust activities have been provided by transfers from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve over several years.

Article 32**Voted: 4/14/2016**

Motion: Roger Currier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 32 as written.

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 32

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 32 as written.

This article provides historical preservation funds for the purpose of restoring the Cisco Homestead.

Article 33**Voted: 4/14/2016**

Motion: Roger Currier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 33 as written.

Seconded: Heather McCue. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 33

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 33 as written.

This article extends the time allotted for the Textile and Shoe Conservation Project to be completed.

Article 34**Voted: 4/14/2016**

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 34 as written.

Seconded: Roger Currier. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 34

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 34 as written.

This article allows Silver Lake Beach improvements funded by CPC funds.

Article 35**Voted: 4/14/2016**

Town Planner Joe Laydon reviewed on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:15 P.M.

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 35 as written.

Seconded: Roger Currier. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan(needs more info in the blurb)

4/25/2016 More information was added

Article 35

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 35 as written.

This article provides a valid plan that allows the Town to apply for grants and State funding.

Article 36

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 36 as written.

Seconded: Heather McCue. Motion carries with one(1) abstention from Roger Carrier

Blurb: Susan(Needs more wording)

4/25/2016 The last sentence was deleted.

Article 36

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 36 as written.

This article provides the funds needed to preserve the Stone Arch Bridge area from CPC funds.

Article 37

4/25/2016: Town Planner Joe Laydon reviewed on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:15 P.M.

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Roger Carrier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 37 as written.

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 37

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 37 as written

This article provides CPC funds for a feasibility study to review a River Walk area at the Fisherville Mill site.

Article 38

Vote date: 4/25/2016

Motion: Roger Carrier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 38 as written.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

Discussion

The hours have been capped at 1,000 hours.

Confirmation that this is less than \$10.00 per hour

The Senior Program is always in demand.

Blurb: Lisa Brovelli Kelley

Article 38

Finance Committee approves passage of Article 38.

This article ensures that seniors in the work off tax program will earn a discount on their property tax bill.

Article 39

Voted: 4/25/2016

Town Planner Joe Laydon reviewed on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:15 P.M.

Motion: Roger Carrier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 39 as written.

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Sue Robbins

Article 39

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 39.

This article adds three new uses to the use table.

Article 40

Voted: 4/25/2016

Town Planner Joe Laydon reviewed on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:15 P.M.

Motion: Roger Carrier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 40 as written.

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Sue Robbins

Article 40

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 40.

The article allows Other Eating and Drinking Establishments in two zoning districts by Special Permit.

Article 41

Voted: 4/25/2016

Town Planner Joe Laydon reviewed on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:15 P.M.

Motion: Roger Carrier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 41 as written.

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Sue Robbins

Article 41

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 41.

This article allows brewpubs, microbreweries, and similar uses in certain Zoning Districts.

Article 42

Voted: 4/25/2016

Town Planner Joe Laydon reviewed on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:15 P.M.

Motion: Roger Carrier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 42 as written.

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kelley.

Discussion: Planning Board will provide a lengthy presentation on Article 42 at Town Meeting. Planning Board will likely be amending this article.

Blurb: Sue Robbins

Article 42

Finance committee recommends passage of Article 42.

This article requires that all future medical marijuana establishments are subject to review by the Planning Board, including a public hearing process.

Article 43

Voted: 4/25/2016

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Motion: Roger Carrier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 43 as written.

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Sue Robbins

Article 43

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 43.

This article expands the Water Supply Protection Overlay District to include all of the Zone II of the Trinity Avenue well.

Article 44

Voted: 4/25/2016

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Motion: Roger Carrier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 44 as written.

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Sue Robbins

Article 44

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 44.

This article clarifies the definition of lot frontage, and defines the rear yard for a corner lot in order to clarify setback requirements.

Article 45

Voted: 4/25/2016

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Motion: Roger Carrier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 45 as written.

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Sue Robbins

Article 45

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 45.

This article is required in order to set the boundaries of Institute Road as a public way.

Article 46

Voted: 4/25/2016

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Motion: Roger Carrier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 46 as written.

Seconded Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Sue Robbins

Article 46

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 46.

This article provides more flexibility for development within the Fisherville Smart Growth District.

Article 47

Voted: 4/25/2016

Town Planner Joe Laydon reviewed on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:15 P.M.

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 47 as written.

Seconded: Heather McCue. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Sue Robbins

Article 47

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 47.

This article improves the review process, adds an affordability requirement and increases flexibility for development within the Village Mixed Use District.

Article 48

Voted: 4/25/2016

Town Planner Joe Laydon reviewed on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:15 P.M.

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 48 as written.

Seconded: Heather McCue.

Discussion topics

Developer and design

All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Sue Robbins

Article 48

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 48 as written.

This article allows access along the edge of a lot, which otherwise must be vegetated.

Article 49

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 49 as written.

Seconded: Roger Currier. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan

Article 49

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 49 as written.

This is a housekeeping article that allows the Town Clerk to make clerical changes where allowed by State Law.

Article 50

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Roger Currier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 50 as written

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Ed Prisby

Article 50

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 50 as written.

The article provides relief to residents over 70 from fee payment for dog licenses. The financial impact of the policy change will be negligible.

Article 51

Voted: 4/14/2016

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 51 as written.

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Ed Prisby

Article 51

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 51 as written.

The article will amend Article 16 of the General By-Laws relating to Dogs Running at Large to comport with recent changes to state law.

Information requested

A list of questions and requested information will be submitted to the Assistant Town Administrator, Doug Willardson. The request is to have the information to Finance Committee for its public meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2016. (see attached worksheet)

Don Davison requested the following information from the Sewer Department:

Will there be a new hire needed to drive the sludge truck 4 times a day?

Adjournment

Motion: Ed Prisby moved that the Finance Committee close its public meeting.

Seconded: Heather McCue. All in favor. Motion carries.

The public meeting of the Finance Committee adjourned at 10:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Fiacco



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PLEASE SIGN IN

Monday, April 25, 2016

Public Hearing

Sign in Sheet

Name

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Warrant article that you are interested in:

Bill Gray	115 North Hill	
Ken Sherman	89 Adams Road	
Joe Lupton		zoning articles
Tom BECHARAD		3 Conantyside Rd
Dennis Flynn		102 Upton St.
Paul Conroy		20 Meadowbrook Rd
Dave Herron		Morris Rd