

## MINUTES

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting: March 30, 2022

**Present:** Jerry Cerasale, Chair; Steve Cole, Vice-Chair; Mary Shaw, Clerk; Roy Merolli; George Deptula; Tom Gardner; Peter Wade; Rick Knight; Russ French; Art Autorino, Select Board Representative; Jacqui Beebe, Town Administrator; Rich Bienvenue, Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director; Paul Lagg, Community Development Director (4:16)

**Members Absent:** None

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Jerry Cerasale called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. This is a remote meeting via Zoom.

- **Approval of Minutes**
  - No action taken.
  
- **Discussion and votes on Town Warrant Articles**
  - Review and discussion on Article: Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget.
    - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote 9-0-0
  - Review and discussion on Article: 5-year Capital Plan.
    - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
  - Questions and discussion on the balance, and generation of Free Cash.
  - Review and discussion on Article: Capital Budget.
    - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Deptula. Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
  - Paul Lagg was present to provide an overview of proposed Zoning Bylaws and answer questions.
  - Review and discussion on Article: Zoning – Inclusionary Bylaw.
    - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
  - Review and discussion on Article: Zoning – Motel/Cottage Colony Conversion Bylaw.
    - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
  - Review and discussion on Article: Zoning – Open Space Residential Subdivision Bylaw.
    - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
  - Review and discussion on Article: Zoning – Two-Family Dwelling Bylaw.
    - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
  - Review and discussion on Article: Zoning – Duplex Dwelling Bylaw.
    - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
  - Review and discussion on Article: Zoning – Flood Plain Bylaw.
    - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
  - Review and discussion on Article: Zoning – Eastham Corridor Special District (ECSD) Use Regulations Bylaw.
    - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
  - Review and discussion on Article: Zoning – Accessory Outdoor Dining Area Bylaw.
    - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
  - Review and discussion on Article: Zoning – Street Sign Bylaw.
    - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote: 8-1-0 (Jerry Cerasale – No)



- Review and discussion on Article: Free Cash Appropriations.
  - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
- Review and discussion on Article: Authorize Purchase of Beach Plum Motel – 2555 State Highway.
  - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
- Review and discussion on Article: Authorize Special Legislation for Creation of an Eastham Community Fund.
  - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
- Review and discussion on Article: Eastham Wetlands Protection CH 155 S13-A.
  - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
- Review and discussion on Article: Eastham Wetlands Protection CH 155 S15.
  - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
- Review and discussion on Article: Fire-Monitored Fire Alarm Systems Bylaw.
  - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
- Review and discussion on Article: 2a – General Fund Operating Budget.
  - Update, discussion and review on proposed general override, revised presentation of budget table presented within Article 2a, and how to present to Town Meeting.
  - Discussion on property tax impact of proposed budget.
    - \$92 increase for the average valued (\$613,000) single-family home, a 1.88% increase.
    - \$65 increase for the median valued home (estimated at \$495,000).
    - Rich Bienvenue to verify and update estimates using the verified median valued home and include these amounts in the Warrant summaries for the final draft of the warrant.
  - Votes and discussion on each section of the Operating Budget.
    - Elected & General
    - Town Administration
    - Municipal Finance
    - Town Clerk & Elections
    - Community Development & Inspections
    - Public Safety
    - Educational Services
    - Public Works
    - Community Services
    - Unallocated Expenditures
    - Debt Service
  - Motion by Steve Cole to recommend approval of each budget section in Article 2a-Operating Budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

- **Discussion and vote on Finance Committee Letter for Town Warrant**

- Discussed and reviewed proposed letter drafted and previously provided to members.
- Drafting of letter to include property tax impact based on the median valued home.
- Discussed inclusion of comments on Article regarding Pilgrim Nuclear Plant within letter.
- Jerry Cerasale to finalize draft letter as discussed.
- Discussion regarding revoting of recommendation on Article: Holtec to Close Pilgrim Nuclear Plant.

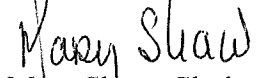


- Steve Cole motions for the Finance Committee reconsider its prior vote and to recommend approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ French. Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

- **New Business** - None

- **Adjourn** – Motion by Steve Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Gardner. Roll call vote 9-0-0, passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mary Shaw, Clerk

