



Town of Swampscott
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 13th, 2022 - 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dorsey (Chair), Naomi Dreeben, Eric Hartmann, Joan Hilario, Matthew Kirschner, Cinder McNerney, Suraj Krishnamurthi, Erik Schneider

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT

Michael McClung, Town Moderator; Peter Spellios, Select Board member, MaryEllen Fletcher, Select Board member; Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator; Amy Sarro, Director of Admin. & Finance; Trang Vu, Assistant Town Accountant.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

Public Comments

None.

Discussion of Special town meeting articles

Tim Dorsey summarized some main changes of the special town meeting warrant, article #1:

- Language was modified: It broke the language into clearer properties. The Archer properties are solely addressing to “open space” with conservation usage with the respect to the Hawthorne properties.
- They took out the old phrase and replaced with the current use, which includes the Hawthorne restaurant and parking is permitted, effective through the end of 2023. Any other use, before or after that time, would have to be voted by town meeting, based on options that are developed through a public process.
- There is a provision that approved in the future by town meeting after public process, provided that such future purpose sales in all cases that are access to the portion of the properties adjacent to the coastline.
- More clarifications include the funding (including legal fee), designed cost for the potential future use within the coordinated 5M.

Cinder McNerney suggested correcting the wording “adjacent to **the** coastline” as opposed to “adjacent to coastline”.

Town Moderator Mr. McClung mentioned he would distribute the exact language to the town meeting members.

Cinder McNerney questioned whether Tim Dorsey would discuss on other properties at the town meeting.

Tim Dorsey would talk about the investment as a whole, also certain uncertainty and risks as discussed among committee members. There would be more focus on the process regarding the Hawthorne.

The members agreed on the language usage of “area adjacent to the coastline” includes the public access to the coastline.

On **MOTION** (Cinder McNerney) and **SECOND** (Joan Hilario) that the committee **APPROVED** the warrant as it was written and **APPROVED** the bonding associated with \$8,975,000 by **ROLL CALL**.
ROLL CALL: Eric Hartmann (YES), Naomi Dreeben (YES), Matthew Kirschner (YES), Suraj Krishnamurthi (YES), Erik Schneider (YES), Timothy Dorsey (YES)

Old and new business

The committee discussed the plan to have some candidates for Chair and Vice Chair moving forward. Chair Dorsey will step back from the Chair of the Finance Committee, as a whole

The committee thanked Tim Dorsey for his great work and contribution to the Finance Committee.

On **MOTION** (Eric Hartmann), and **SECONDED** (Cinder McNerney), it was **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:21PM by **ROLL CALL**.

ROLL CALL: Naomi Dreeben (YES), Matthew Kirschner (YES), Joan Hilario (YES), Suraj Krishnamurthi (YES), Erik Schneider (YES), Tim Dorsey (YES).

True Attest,
Trang Vu

Assistant Town Accountant

Approved by vote of the finance committee xx/xx/xxxx