



Town of Swampscott
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 8th, 2022 - 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric Hartmann

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT

Michael McClung, Town Moderator; Peter Spellos, Select Board member, MaryEllen Fletcher, Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator; Amy Sarro, Director of Admin. & Finance; Patrick Luddy, Treasurer/Collector; Trang Vu, Assistant Town Accountant.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

Public Comments

None.

Approval of Minutes

None.

Discussion of Special town meeting articles

Article #1: Acquisition of land

Tim Dorsey summarized what discussed last meeting in which there will be some proposed language changes to the motion.

Sean Fitzgerald confirmed to Naomi Dreeben's question that those changes would be extended to all three properties or just for the Humphrey St property in the amendment.

Tim Dorsey mentioned to schedule a meeting next Monday to vote on Article 1 as the motion language has not been confirmed.

Erick Schneider asked how the leaseback to the restaurant works in terms of lease term, funding sources for future construction, etc.

Town Administrator confirmed that it's 1-year commitment then during negotiation, the owner will slowly close the business. The Town needs to discuss more and make decision in the event the restaurant want to extend the lease term. He also mentioned to the opportunity that Town of Swampscott will have its own municipal park in the future.

Erik Schneider and Tim Dorsey brought up a public concern about the parking for Humphrey St property if Town meeting votes to acquire it.

Town Administrator commented that he expects to have a conversation with property's owner ensure the town has some access to parking.

Article #3: Appropriation for recommended Capital projects

Erik Schneider had questions on who eligible for the Telehealth, town veterans, their families, senior citizens in town, etc.

Town Administrator hoped that the service could be inclusive to all citizens in need since Swampscott citizens share some demographic at times.

Sean Fitzgerald responded to Cinder McNerney question that the \$25,000 is spent for Telehealth computers, some furniture and equipment.

Tim Dorsey recalled the vote from CIC that \$50,000 is taken away from "Street paving (non-Chapter 90)" to fund the new two added projects (\$25,000 each).

On **MOTION** (Joan Hilario) and **SECONDED** (Cinder McNerney), it was **VOTED** to **APPROVE** Article 3, amend \$50,000 from line item "Street paving (non-Chapter 90)" to fund line item "METCO room" (\$25,000) & "VFW Telehealth" (\$25,000) by **ROLL CALL**.

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

Article #2: Amendment to the Zoning bylaw and Zoning map

Naomi Dreeben commented that this property is currently zoned as 40R which is a mixed use. She would like to clarify if the committee votes on this article, it will make the property all residential.

Tim Dorsey mentioned to the \$279,000 amount which is being proposed to be put into the affordable trust to address the fact that the affordable housing percentage going from 25 to 18.

Naomi Dreeben addressed the Cinder McNerney's concern relating to monies balance in Affordable Housing Trust fund. The fund is used to create more affordable housing units in town without having enormous buildings that don't fit well into our town's available space or geography. She also mentioned to how transparent they are by having public meetings, posted meeting minutes, one member of the trust is Selectboard member.

On **MOTION** (Cinder McNerney) and **SECONDED** (Naomi Dreeben), it was **VOTED** to approve Article #2: Amendment of the zoning bylaw and zoning map by **ROLL CALL**.

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

Tim Dorsey asked if there is any discussion about Land Use Summit from Selectboard and how Finance Committee can get involved to get that moving forward.

Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald commented that the Town have been reaching out to MAPC to have them facilitate land use board summit and hope to discuss more about the plan during the summer.

The Committee agreed to have Tim Dorsey present Article #1 & #2, Cinder McNerney present Article #3 at Special town meeting.

Old and new business

None.

On **MOTION** (Joan Hilario) and **SECONDED** (Naomi Dreeben), it was **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. **ROLL CALL:** Cinder McNerney (YES), Matthew Kirschner (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