

Finance Committee Meeting
April 22, 2013
7:30 PM
Municipal Center – Selectmen's Conference Room

Present: Chair, Lee Tarantino; Vice-Chair, Michael Flaherty; Thomas DeLuca; Richard Dorney; Stephen Evans; Paul Helmreich; Michael Thomas.
Also present: Town Manager, Michael Yunits.

Absent: Peter Carignan; Jackie Desrochers; William Rotondi.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to approve the April 10, 2013 Finance Committee minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

II. New Business

III. Old Business

Annual Town Meeting Articles:

Article 20 - New By-Law: Second Hand Articles –

Chief Brian Clark stated that there have been some edits made to this article, with the help and suggestions of the owner of The Cameo Shop. Mr. Tarantino said that he has also spoken with the owner and that he felt that he some valid points. It was decided that the committee would wait to vote on this article upon further review.

Article 15 – By-Law: Demolition Delay –

Mr. Ralph Stephanelli returned to the FinCom to present some changes made to the proposed by-law as a result of the last meeting with the FinCom. He explained that Section 5 of the by-law has been expanded, not changed, to make it easier to read and understand.

Mr. Helmreich pointed out that, in Section 5 Part C, there is mention of a Town Engineer being involved in an inspection, and that the town does not have a Town Engineer. He expressed his concern for the technicality that this could potentially cause. Mr. Yunits said that there is a Board of Survey established in the town and suggested the possibility of including them in place of the Town Engineer. It was decided that Mr. Yunits and Mr. Stephanelli would work on this issue together.

In regards to Section 5 Part F, (which addresses the Building Inspector refusing to issue an emergency demolition) Mr. Stephanelli noted that if this happens, interested parties may then start the appeals process to the Zoning Board of Appeals. He stated that this process is outlined in the by-laws, specifically Article 10.8. Mr. Stephanelli provided a handout of this by-law article to the FinCom members.

Mr. Tarantino thanked Mr. Stephanelli for his efforts, as well as the efforts of the Historical Commission, on this by-law. He said he felt that the article is very well-written.

Board of Selectmen Votes:

Mr. Yunits informed the FinCom that the Board of Selectmen have voted to recommend Article 7 (Dorrance Parcels), Article 11 (Sewer Budget), Article 13 (Capital Plan), and Article 18 (By-Laws: Comprehensive Review). They have also voted No Action on Article 6 (Water Treatment Plant – Wells 4, 5, and 6) because they felt it was too early to vote on because there is not a concrete/approved design in place.

Mr. Yunits said that he anticipates that the Board of Selectmen would be voting next week on Article 4 (TIF: South Shore Millwork) and Article 15 (By-Law: Demolition Delay).

Mr. Tarantino pointed out that the Board of Selectmen has voted to *not* recommend Article 17 (By-Laws: Longevity Amendment).

Follow-Up Discussion on Charter School Tuition:

A discussion was had on the possible \$70K in "extra revenue" that Dr. Martes had referred to in a previous meeting regarding Charter School tuitions. Mr. Helmreich said that he is hesitant to vote on budget numbers that would include this unless it was definite that the town would be receiving these amounts.

Mr. Flaherty said that the amount would be more like \$38K and that he would ask Dr. Martes to address that at the May 6th FinCom meeting when the School Department comes to discuss the budget again.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2013 at 7:30 pm.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Flaherty to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion carries.

Documents Referenced: Minutes of April 10, 2013
Annual Town Warrant draft
By-Laws Article 10 (as provided by Mr. Stephanelli)

Respectfully Submitted by: _____

Lee Tarantino, Finance Committee Chair

Date Approved

Sara Lyons, Finance Committee Secretary