

Finance Committee Meeting
September 22, 2014
7:00 PM
Municipal Center – Selectmen's Conference Room

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Present: Chair, Peter Carignan; Vice-Chair, Stephen Evans; Thomas DeLuca; Richard Dorney; Michael Fiore; Michael Flaherty; Paul Helmreich; Michael Thomas.

Also present: Town Manager, Michael Yunits.

Absent: Jackie Desrochers; William Rotondi; Lee Tarantino.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to approve the September 15, 2014 Finance Committee minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. Fiore. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

II. New Business

Article 14 – Acceptance of a Portion of Plain Street

Mr. Yunits explained that the Planning Board has already voted to support this article. The article would accept a portion of Plain Street (the bridge over the Canoe River) as a town way. Mr. Yunits explained that this is needed in order for the state to go forward with the repairs that are needed on the bridge. He also said that the reason the town is not looking to accept the entire street is cost. He explained that it would have to be laid out by engineers which would be very expensive. Mr. Yunits said that the town is already plowing the street in its entirety and is receiving its allotment from the state for this road.

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend Article 14 as written, with the \$1 coming from Free Cash. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Article 15 – Plain Street Bridge Project

Mr. Yunits explained that this article would give the deeds for the land parcels involved to the Select Board so that they could give easements to the state for the Plain Street bridge construction. Mr. Yunits said that there are 3 residential parcels that are affected by this layout and the owners have been notified of the Select Board's meeting on October 2nd to discuss the article.

Mr. Yunits stated that the Select Board has already voted for intent to lay it out.

Article 24 – Country Club Way

Mr. Yunits informed the FinCom that both the Planning Board and the Select Board have voted in favor of accepting this as a public way.

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend Article 24 as written, with the \$1 coming from Free Cash. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Article 26 – Zoning Bylaw: Ground-Mounted Solar

Mr. Yunits explained that this was already approved at a previous town meeting, but was voted under the wrong article number. This present article is just a re-voting under its own article number.

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend Article 26 as written. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Article 27 – Zoning Bylaws

This article would make it so that the Town Clerk would maintain *a//* town bylaws, including zoning bylaws. In the past, the Zoning Department kept the zoning bylaws.

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend Article 27 as written. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Free Cash Discussion –

Mr. Yunits informed the committee that the Free Cash amount is just over \$2M and that he plans to talk about his recommendations at Monday's meeting. He will also give a breakdown of how that Free Cash number came to be.

III. Other Business

~ Mr. Yunits informed the FinCom that on Thursday, September 24th, the Select Board would be having a presentation on Energy Aggregation and he encouraged FinCom members to attend.

~ Mr. DeLuca requested that if articles are withdrawn from the warrant, that they not be re-numbered, to avoid possible problems and confusion.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

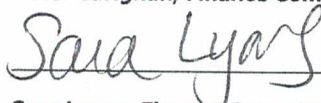
Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Documents Referenced: Minutes of September 15, 2014
Fall Annual Town Meeting warrant
Planning Board Article support materials – maps, street acceptance form

Respectfully Submitted by:



Peter Carignan, Finance Committee Chair



Sara Lyons, Finance Committee Secretary

4-15-15

Date Approved