



Town of Medway
FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Monday, November 14, 2022 – 6:30 PM
Medway High School, Room 113-1
88 Summer Street

Present: Jim Sullivan, Chair; Brian Cowan, Vice Chair; Ellen Hillery, Clerk; Chris Lagan; Will Lane; Jeff O'Neill; Michael Schrader.

Absent: Sue Segarra.

Staff Present: Carol Pratt, Finance Director; Susy Affleck-Childs, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator; Barbara Saint Andre, Director, Community and Economic Development.

Others Present: Todd Alessandri, Select Board; Dennis Crowley, Select Board; Glenn Trindade, Select Board.

Call to Order

At 6:31 PM Chairman Sullivan called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order with eight members present. Sue Segarra was absent. Remote participation was not available for this meeting; therefore, roll call votes will not be required.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public present. Chairman Sullivan declared the comment period closed.

Final Preparations for 2022 Fall Town Meeting

The committee reviewed the following information: (1) 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant; (2) Email dated Nov.9, 2022 from the Director of Community and Economic Development; and Motions prepared and reviewed by Town Counsel.

Present: Carol Pratt, Finance Director; Susy Affleck-Childs, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator; Barbara Saint Andre, Director, Community and Economic Development; Todd Alessandri, Select Board; Dennis Crowley, Select Board; Glenn Trindade, Select Board.

Chairman Sullivan took items out of order and asked that Ms. Affleck-Childs share information about Article 21 at this time.

a. Discuss/Vote Planning and Economic Development Board proposed motion for Article 21
Ms. Affleck-Childs explained that, while the Finance Committee recommended Article 21, the Select Board did not. Given this, the Planning and Economic Development Board would like to have the matter referred back to their Board for further discussion and work. This is preferable to a negative vote at Fall Town Meeting. The motion for that article will be amended.

b. Vote Recommendation on Fall Town Meeting Warrant Articles Labeled TBD – Article 8 – Free Cash Transfer to Facility Stabilization Fund

At this time, Mr. Trindade stated that Article 8 did not receive a positive recommendation from either the Select Board or the Finance Committee. He added that the Community Preservation Committee wanted to delay action on this article until the spring to give them more time. A delay would mean there will not be lights available until next fall. At this time, the \$240,000 is specified to come out of Certified Free Cash.

Continuing, he theorized that another option is to present an alternate motion for \$55,000 to purchase lighting for only the pickle ball court along with the conduit for future work that would include the tennis courts. This would allow the Town to go out to bid over the winter so that the pickle ball lights could be in place sometime in the spring. Brief discussion followed. The poles would be shorter and the light fixtures a different type than would be suitable for the tennis courts. It was noted that the Select Board was in favor of the expense reduction. The conduit is coming from the snack shack area and will run by the tennis courts anyway so it makes sense. Mr. O'Neill expressed concern that this should come before the CIPC whose task it is to determine projects covered by free cash.

Mr. Lagan made a motion to amend the dollar amount in Article 8 to \$55,000 which shall come from Certified Free Cash to fund lighting for the pickle ball court along with conduit for future work; Mr. Cowan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-4-0 (Cowan, Hillery, O'Neill and Sullivan, oppose).

With a tie vote, there is no recommendation. Subsequently, there will be no motion offered by the Finance Committee. It was noted that any authorized voter can also make a motion.

c. Discussion on any other article – It was reported that Article 25 was being withdrawn. This was the Citizens Petition relative to requiring Voter ID at polling places.

d. Assignment of 2022 Fall Town Meeting Motions

After discussion, the motions were assigned as follows:

Chairman Sullivan – Articles 1 thru 3
Mr. Cowan – Articles 4 thru 6
Mr. Lagan – Articles 7 thru 9
Mr. Schrader – Articles 10 thru 12

Ms. Hillery – Articles 13 thru 15
Mr. O'Neill – Articles 16 thru 18
Mr. Carbone – Articles 19 thru 21
Mr. Lane – Articles 22 through 24

3.0 Other Business

a. Review/Approval of meeting minutes

The committee reviewed draft minutes from October 12, 2022 and October 26, 2022.

Mr. Cowan made a motion to approve the minutes from October 12, 2022 as presented; Ms. Hillery seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 6-0-2 (Lagan, O'Neill, abstain).

Mr. O'Neill made a motion to approve the minutes from October 26, 2022, as amended; Mr. Cowan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 6-0-2 (Carbone, Schrader, abstain).

4.0 Upcoming Meetings

The Finance Committee has again been invited to participate in a joint meeting with the Select Board and School Committee at which time the School Committee will discuss the realigned FY23 school budget. This meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1 at 6:00 PM at the middle school. An agenda will be posted, and if a quorum is not in attendance, the minutes can reflect a lack of quorum, and indicate that discussion was for information only and that no votes were taken.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held in Sanford Hall at 7:00 PM on December 14.

Adjourn

At 6:55 PM Mr. Cowan made a motion to adjourn; Mr. O'Neill seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 8-0-0.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Galliardt
Night Board Secretary*