

Finance Committee Meeting

October 19, 2016 7:30 PM EST
Veterans Memorial Building, Room 229
900 Main Street
Millis, MA 02054

In Attendance:

Peter Jurmain, Chairman
Susan Vecchi, Vice Chairman
Tayana Antin
Peter Berube
Jodie Garzon
Rich Molloy
Jerry Nunnaley
Doug Riley (at 7:33 PM)
Suzanne Kennedy, Town Administrator

Peter Jurmain called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM

Vote on Designated Payroll Signatures:

Jodie Garzon made a motion to recommend the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman sign the Administrative Assistant's payroll; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously

Free Cash Update:

Suzanne Kennedy: Free Cash has been submitted to the Department of Revenue. It is under review by a new individual there and could take longer to get certified.

The committee agreed all Articles requiring General Funds/Free Cash will have to be RATM (Recommended at Town Meeting). The committee also wanted residents to understand that although many articles will be RATM it does suggest they are not in favor of recommending approval of those articles.

Warrant Article Review/ Recommendations:

Article #5 Land Swap:

Suzanne Kennedy: Town Counsel and the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs agreed the article is written broadly enough to make a motion at Town Meeting if changes were needed.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #5 Land Swap; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 8/0 motion carries unanimously

Article # 7 Assessors – Adopt 41D Clause:

The article has been reworded to specify where the COLA amount would be determined. It will be increased annually by an amount equal to the Increase in the Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Rich Molloy made a motion to recommend Article #7 Assessors – Adopt 41D Clause; Jodie Garzon seconded. Vote: 8/0 motion carries unanimously

Article #4 Police – Removal of Civil Service:

Suzanne Kennedy: This article is scheduled for an Executive Session of the Board of Selectmen on Monday, October 24, 2016.

Article #3 Police Contract:

Suzanne Kennedy: The contract has not been settled.

Article #19 Petitioned Article – Door Improvements at VMB:

A Petitioned Article cannot be rewritten. Town Counsel advised the Finance Committee can take an “Affirmative Motion” on the article at Town Meeting to recommend appropriation of funds.

Old Business/New Business:

Jerry Nunnaley asked if Article #11 Sewer Study could be renamed in the Warrant since it is more than a study to “Design, Permitting, Construction and Inspection of a Sewer Extension Project” to better reflect the actual situation.

All modifications to the Warrant are made by the Board of Selectmen. In order to make the change the BOS would have to open, close and sign the warrant again. The committee agreed the description of the article and what exactly it entails would be addressed at Town Meeting.

Minutes Approval:

Jodie Garzon made a motion to recommend approval of the October 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes as written; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries.

Jodie Garzon made a motion to recommend approval of the October 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes as written; Tayana Antin seconded. Vote: 8/0 motion carries.

Upcoming Meetings:

October 26, 2016 VMB Room 229 7:30 PM
November 2, 2016 VMB Room 229 7:30 PM
November 7, 2016 Middle/High School Room 104 6:30 PM
Town Meeting: Monday November 7, 2016 7:30 PM

Adjourn:

Susan Vecchi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote 8/0 motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Gilmore