



Town Of Webster

Massachusetts

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Finance Committee

350 Main Street
Webster, MA 01570

Mat Fitton, Chairman

Sarah Sansom, Vice-Chairman

Jennifer Findlay, Secretary

Joshua Sterczala

Courtney Friedland, Recording Secretary

Michael Finamore

Scott Dziedzic

Joseph Ralph

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Webster Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA
via conference call in accordance with Governor Baker's
emergency "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the
Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20
6:00 p.m.

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Mat Fitton at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Conference Call.

Present: Sarah Sansom (via conference call), Joseph Ralph (via conference call), Jennifer Findley (via conference call), Joshua Sterczala (via conference call), Scott Dziedzic (via conference call), Matt Fitton (via conference call), Michael Finamore (via conference call), Town Accountant Timothy Bell (via conference call), and Finance Committee Secretary Courtney Friedland (via conference call).

Governor Baker issued an Executive Order modifying certain requirements of the Open Meeting Law, to enable public bodies to carry out their responsibilities while adhering to public health recommendations regarding social distancing. The Executive Order relieves public bodies from the requirement in the Open Meeting Law that meetings be conducted in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations of the public body through adequate, alternative means.

Re-Organization of the Finance Committee

Matt Fitton opened the floor up for nominations for Chairman. Michael Finamore nominated Matt Fitton as Chairman. Matt Fitton asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, Matt Fitton closed the nominations.

Motion by Michael Finamore, seconded by Jennifer Findlay, to appoint Matt Fitton as Chairman. Call Vote: Jennifer Findlay – yes, Joseph Ralph – yes, Michael Finamore – yes, Scott Dziedzic – yes, Sarah Sansom – yes, and Matt Fitton – yes.

Matt Fitton opened the floor up for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Michael Finamore nominated Sarah Sansom as Vice-Chairman. Matt Fitton asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, Matt Fitton closed the nominations.

Motion by Michael Finamore, seconded by Matt Fitton, to appoint Sarah Sansom as Vice-Chairman. Call Vote: Jennifer Findlay – yes, Joseph Ralph – yes, Michael Finamore – yes, Scott Dziedzic – yes, Sarah Sansom – yes, and Matt Fitton – yes.

Matt Fitton opened the floor up for nominations for Secretary. Matt Fitton nominated Jennifer Findlay as Secretary. Matt Fitton asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, Matt Fitton closed the nominations.

Motion by Matt Fitton, seconded by Sarah Sansom, to appoint Jennifer Findlay as Secretary. Call Vote: Jennifer Findlay – yes, Joseph Ralph – yes, Michael Finamore – yes, Scott Dziedzic – yes, Sarah Sansom – yes, and Matt Fitton – yes.

Joshua Sterczala joined the meeting.

Motion by Sarah Sansom, seconded by Michael Finamore, to appoint Courtney Friedland or her designee as Recording Secretary. Call Vote: Jennifer Findlay – yes, Joseph Ralph – yes, Michael Finamore – yes, Joshua Sterczala – yes, Scott Dziedzic – yes, Sarah Sansom – yes, and Matt Fitton – yes.

Matt Fitton left the meeting. Sarah Sansom took over as Vice-Chairman.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Michael Finamore, seconded by Jennifer Findlay, to approve the meeting minutes of January 20, 2022. Call Vote: Jennifer Findlay – yes, Joseph Ralph – yes, Michael Finamore – yes, Joshua Sterczala – yes, Scott Dziedzic – yes, and Sarah Sansom – yes.

Motion by Michael Finamore, seconded by Jennifer Findlay, to approve the meeting minutes of February 10, 2022. Call Vote: Jennifer Findlay – yes, Joseph Ralph – yes, Michael Finamore – yes, Joshua Sterczala – yes, Scott Dziedzic – yes, and Sarah Sansom – yes.

Motion by Michael Finamore, seconded by Jennifer Findlay, to approve the meeting minutes of April 14, 2022. Call Vote: Jennifer Findlay – yes, Joseph Ralph – yes, Michael Finamore – yes, Joshua Sterczala – yes, Scott Dziedzic – yes, and Sarah Sansom – yes.

Town Administrator's Report

There is no report at this time.

Town Accountant Report

Timothy Bell has completed setting of the funding for all of the May 2022 Town Meeting funding articles. The town is in a good position to close out FY22.

Review of Special Town Meeting Warrant (Recommendation)

The Finance Committee discussed the Bartlett High School Renovation Project. The town had 120 days from the MSBA's approval to secure a Ballot vote and Town Meeting vote. The 120 days ends on June 30, 2022. An extension from the MSBA is unlikely. There is a public meeting Thursday, June 16, 2022 held by the School Building Committee to discuss the project. Anyone that has questions are urged to attend.

A motion was made by Michael Finamore to not make a recommendation on article one (1) of the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

A motion was made by Jennifer Findley to recommend approval of article one (1) of the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Sarah Sansom took up the first motion.

Motion by Michael Finamore seconded by Joseph Ralph to not make a recommendation on article one (1) of the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Call Vote: Jennifer Findlay – no, Joseph Ralph – yes, Michael Finamore – yes, Joshua Sterczala – no, Scott Dziedzic – no, and Sarah Sansom – no. Motion does not pass

Sarah Sansom took up the second motion.

Motion by Jennifer Findley seconded by Joshua Sterczala to recommend approval of article one (1) of the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Call Vote: Jennifer Findlay – yes, Joseph Ralph – no, Michael Finamore – no, Joshua Sterczala – yes, Scott Dziedzic – yes, and Sarah Sansom – yes. Motion passes.

Discuss Topics and Business of Prior Meetings

The Audit Committee did not meet.

The Capital Planning Committee did not meet.

Webster Finance Committee Mail

There is no informational mail at this time.

Next Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. If you want something on the agenda please email the Chairman prior to posting the agenda.

The Finance Committee will add a discussion to the agenda for a July meeting date.

Adjournment

Motion by Michael Finamore, seconded by Jennifer Findlay to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Call Vote: Jennifer Findlay – yes, Joseph Ralph – yes, Michael Finamore – yes, Joshua Sterczala – yes, Scott Dzedzic – yes, and Sarah Sansom – yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Friedland