

Finance Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 5:00 pm
Municipal Center - Arcand Meeting Room with a Zoom Option

Finance Committee Members Present: J. Allam, J. Collamati, J. Kuzmeskas, K. Keppler, A. Thorell

Finance Committee Members Absent: J. Flannery

Meeting Commenced: J. Allam called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Minutes from the October 26, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting were tabled until the next meeting.

Public Hearing – Article 15 – Purchase of Land – 215 Depot Street.

Mr. Aicardi and Mr. Fraine gave Committee Members a brief summary on the condition of the buildings at 215 Depot Street. Mr. Aicardi explained that a drone was used to do a viewing of the metal roof at this location and it appears to be in good condition. The larger building on site has two electric service panels of 200-amps each, with spares, if needed. The smaller building also has a 200-amp service with spares as well. The foundation of the building is in good shape and the buildings themselves just need very small maintenance items.

Committee Members had a walkthrough of this area and buildings on Saturday, October 30th. No further questions from the Committee Members at this time.

A. Thorell made a motion to recommend \$2,700,000 from Borrowing for the purchase of Land at 215 Depot Street. K. Keppler seconded. Recommended 5/0.

Public Hearing – Article 6 – Capital Outlay

This Article was continued from the October 26th meeting. Mr. Fraine explained that office space would need to be constructed at the location from Article 15 and an Architect would need to be hired in order to get a design and pricing together for this project. Mr. Aicardi told Committee Members that the plan is to construct an office space of approximately 4,000 sq. ft. at the Depot Street location for DPW Office Staff and Management.

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend an amount not to exceed \$75,000 from Free Cash for hiring of an Architect to design and plan the Depot Street Office space. J. Kuzmeskas seconded. Recommended 5/0.

Public Hearing – Article 19 – Unpaid Bills

Ms. MacKinnon presented Committee Members with an additional bill that has recently come into the office for repair work on a Police Cruiser exhaust system.

A. Thorell made a motion to recommend an amount of \$600.40 from Free Cash for the Police Cruiser Unpaid Bill. J. Kuzmeskas seconded. Recommended 5/0.

Article 8 – Zoning Bylaw Relative to Short-Term Leasing

This Article was presented at a Public Hearing with the Planning Board. The Planning Board recommended the Article 4/0. Mr. Fraine gave a brief summary of this item. This Article has no funding needs being presented with it.

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend Article 8 of the Town Warrant with no funding sources required from the Town. J. Kuzmeskas seconded. Recommended 4/1.

Article 10 – Maple Street Zoning Change

This Article was presented at a Public Hearing with the Planning Board. The Planning Board recommended the Article 5/0.

K. Keppler made a motion to recommend Article 10 of the Town Warrant. J. Kuzmeskas seconded. Recommended 4/0 (J. Collamati and A. Thorell abstained from the motion).

New Business, Emails, Correspondence, Bills:

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held at 6:45 pm in the Library of the High School. This will take place right before the 7:30 pm Town Meeting.

J. Collamati made a motion to adjourn at 5:24 pm. Seconded by A. Thorell. Recommended 5/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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