



Town of Medway

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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May 9, 2016 – 6:30 PM
Medway High School – Room 113-A
88 Summer Street

Present: Frank Rossi, Chair; Chris Lagan, Vice Chair; Todd Alessandri, Clerk; Rohith Ashok; Ellen Hillery; Meghan Hoffman; Jeff O'Neill; Michael Schrader and Jim Sullivan (6:45 PM).

Staff Present: Michael Boynton, Town Administrator; Dennis Crowley, Selectman; Allison Potter Assistant Town Administrator; Susy Affleck-Childs, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator; Bob Weiss, Energy Manager.

Others Present: Mark Cerel, Town Moderator; Andy Rodenhiser, Chair, Planning and Economic Development Board.

At 6:30 PM Chairman Rossi called the meeting to order.

2016 Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting – Final Preparations:

The committee reviewed revised language for Article 27, 29 and 30.

Article 27 --Amend General Bylaws: Parking & Storage of Recreational and Commercial Vehicles

Ms. Affleck-Childs briefly reviewed the revisions to the proposed article on the parking of trucks, noting that the setback did not change. Ultimately, the intent of the article is to protect residential neighborhoods from the really large trucks, especially protecting the property values of properties next door to unsanctioned businesses.

Chairman Rossi asked why these changes were made. Mr. Rodenhiser responded that there were people at the meeting who were very vocal, people who were at the end of the spectrum of what we were trying to prevent. If a driveway is located in the setback, the driveway is a permissible place to park the vehicle. Discussion followed.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Finance Committee approve Article 27 as amended; Ms. Hillery seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 8-0-0.

Article 21—CPA Funds: Playground Improvements

Selectman Crowley reported that the Community Preservation Committee wanted additional information from the Board of Selectmen. Most recently the Selectman voted to move this article to the Special Town Meeting scheduled for June 9. If the information is not available then, the article will be postponed until the November Fall Town meeting. The Moderator will ask the Finance Committee if there is a positive motion. If someone does make a positive motion from the floor, the Finance Committee can make a motion to table it. The article should be bypassed for now.

Article 29 – Amend Zoning Bylaw: Site Plan Review

Ms. Affleck-Childs noted that these are minor revisions. In one area we are removing a couple of words. The words highlighted in green are the most recent changes.

Ms. Hoffman moved that the Finance Committee approve Article 29 as revised; Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 8-0-0.

Article 30 – Amend Zoning Bylaw: Editing Zoning Bylaws

Ms. Affleck-Childs spoke briefly on the sunset clause that would allow the Planning Board to go back two years to do formatting changes.

Ms. Hoffman moved that the Finance Committee approve Article 30 as revised; Mr. Ashok seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 9-0-0.

Brief discussion followed on the assignment of motions.

Article 18 -- Appropriation: Community Preservation Committee

Committee members expressed concern that, now, ten minutes before Town Meeting is the first time these numbers are available. Mr. Cerel briefly reviewed the dollar amounts in Article 18, noting that every year the Community Preservation Committee has to make a motion to set aside money for various administrative expenses. This year it is seed money for Cutler Street, CPC administrative expenses and community housing. He apologized that this year things got really backed up. CPC and the Board of Selectman have both voted to recommend Article 18. The only controversial thing is the \$50,000 to Cutler Street which would be for design services.

Ms. Hoffman moved that the Finance Committee recommend Article 18 as presented; Ms. Hillery seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 9-0-0.

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM so that committee members could attend Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Galliardt
Night Board Secretary