



## Town of Medway

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, October 20, 2021 – 7:00 PM  
Presentation Room – Medway Middle School  
45 Holliston Street

Present: Todd Alessandri, Chair; Jim Sullivan, Vice Chair; Ellen Hillery, Clerk; Chris Lagan; Will Lane; Jeff O'Neill; Sue Segarra.

Absent: Brian Cowan; Michael Schrader.

Staff Present: Michael Boynton, Town Manager.

Others Present: Glenn Trindade, Select Board.

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#### **Call to Order**

At 7:02 PM Chairman Alessandri called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order, reporting seven members present and two members absent. As no one was participating remotely, roll call votes will not be required. He shared the items on tonight's agenda, beginning with a public hearing.

#### **Public Hearing Relative to 2021 Fall Town Meeting**

At 7:02 PM Chairman Alessandri asked for a motion to convene a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on all Fall Town Meeting Warrant Articles not being discussed at hearings held by other municipal boards. **Mr. Lagan presented such a motion; Mr. O'Neill seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

At this time, Chairman Alessandri asked if there were any members of the public who wished to provide input. There were no members of the public present in either the meeting room or accessing the meeting via Zoom.

**At 7:04 PM Mr. Sullivan made a motion to close the public hearing; Mr. O'Neill seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

#### **Discussion of and Vote Recommendations on Fall Town Meeting Warrant Articles**

*The committee reviewed the 2021 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.*

Present: Michael Boynton, Town Manager; Glenn Trindade, Select Board.

Chairman Alessandri announced that all of the zoning articles were still being discussed at their respective public hearing. The Finance Committee can leave some with a TBD (To Be Determined) designation if it believes significant changes may occur. Mr. Trindade suggested that the TBD designated articles can be voted at the gathering immediately before Town Meeting

Article 1 – Prior Year Bills – **Mr. O’Neill made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 1 as presented; Mr. Lagan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

Article 2 – Transfer to Fire Dept. Budget – **Mr. O’Neill made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 2 as presented; Mr. Lane seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

Article 3 – Free Cash Transfer to Facility Stabilization Fund – Mr. Boynton reported that there was some vandalism at various locations over the weekend. He is requesting an additional \$31,000 be added to the original article to purchase additional security cameras for several areas that do not currently have camera coverage. This brings the full amount of Article 4 to \$81,000. **Mr. O’Neill made a motion that the Finance Committee assign Article 3 a designation of TBD (To Be Determined); Mr. Sullivan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

Article 4 – Free Cash Transfer: Capital Items – Mr. Boynton reported that there was some vandalism at various locations over the weekend. These things carry a price tag of \$31,000, making the full amount on Article 4 at \$81,000. **Mr. O’Neill made a motion that the Finance Committee assign Article 4 a designation of TBD (To Be Determined); Mr. Lagan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

Article 5 – Free Cash Transfer: Athletic Field Stabilization Fund – **Mr. O’Neill made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 5 as presented; Mr. Sullivan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

Article 6 – Free Cash Transfer: BESS Study – **Mr. Lane made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 6 as presented; Mr. Sullivan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

Article 7 – Transfer CPA Funds: 1964 Firetruck Restoration – It was noted that the Historical Commission voted two weeks ago and voted to designate it as a historic resource, and further, to recommend favorable action on the \$295,000. Now it goes before the CPC and then to the Select Board. It was noted that the original estimate of \$230,000 did not include the amount necessary to construct the storage building for the engine. This building will also house the antique hose reel that was previously restored by the Town. Brief discussion followed on the history of the engine. **Mr. Sullivan made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 7 as presented; Mr. Lagan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

Article 8 – Transfer CPA Funds: Construct Accessible Trail – It was noted that additional information on this came out earlier today. Mr. Trindade provided some descriptive information as to how the trail connects with other trails near Medway High School. Discussion followed. **Mr. Sullivan made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 8 as presented; Mr. Lagan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

**Article 9 – Create Stormwater Special Revenue Account – Mr. Sullivan made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 9 as presented; Mr. Lane seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

**Article 10 – Amend Zoning Bylaw: Environmental Standards --** Chairman Alessandri suggested discussing it but hold off on the vote in case there are additional changes in the coming weeks. Mr. Trindade theorized that the intent of the article is good, but expressed concern for its application in the industrial park and the high costs those businesses would have to incur in order to be compliant. Discussion followed. **Mr. Sullivan made a motion that the Finance Committee assign Article 10 a designation of TBD (To Be Determined); Ms. Segarra seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

**Article 11 – Amend Zoning Bylaw: Battery Energy Storage Facility –** This article is to establish a moratorium for these types of facilities. Discussion followed. Mr. Boynton noted that the Planning and Economic Development Board has taken a lot of time to hear what the residents have to say about it but the state will also play a role in regulation and authority. These facilities are being proposed all over the country because there is a lot of developmental grant money available. **Mr. Sullivan made a motion that the Finance Committee assign Article 11 a designation of TBD (To Be Determined); Mr. O’Neill seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

**Article 12 – Amend Zoning Bylaw: Schedule of Uses, Energy Resource District – Mr. O’Neill made a motion that the Finance Committee assign Article 12 a designation of TBD (To Be Determined); Mr. Sullivan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

**Article 13 – Amend Zoning Bylaw: Housekeeping --** Mr. Boynton pointed out there are “housekeeping” changes to bylaws at every Town Meeting, expressing concern that these might better be left to the Bylaw Review Committee. Mr. Sullivan noted that if the housekeeping changes bring Medway’s bylaws more into line with that of other communities or “the standard”, then the changes serve a purpose. **Mr. Sullivan made a motion that the Finance Committee assign Article 13 a designation of TBD (To Be Determined); Mr. O’Neill seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

**Article 14 – Amend Zoning Bylaw: Construction Equip./Machinery Sales, Leasing Rentals –** It was suggested that this proposed change is designed to accommodate an individual business and not necessarily with the good of the community overall. Discussion followed. **Mr. O’Neill made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 14 as presented; Mr. Sullivan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

**Article 15 – Street Acceptance: bramble, Briar, Fern, Field, Redgate –** Mr. Boynton reported that there is an outstanding tax lien of \$11,000 which will be paid with free cash. The tax debt cannot be waived. Discussion followed. **Ms. Hillery made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 15 as presented; Mr. Sullivan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

## **2.0 Miscellaneous**

### **a. Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Alessandri had no report other than discussions already held.

### **b. Clerk’s Report**

No changes in the accounts from last month.

### **c. Liaison Reports**

None.

### **3.0 Other Business**

#### **a. Review/Approval of meeting minutes**

*The committee reviewed draft minutes from October 13, 2021.*

**Mr. O'Neill made a motion to approve the October 13, 2021 minutes, as amended; Ms. Segarra seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 6-0-1 (Lane, abstain).**

### **4.0 Upcoming Meetings**

The next meeting will be held in Room 113-1 (the science room) at Medway High School on Monday, November 15 beginning at 6:00 PM. At that time, the Finance Committee will vote its recommendations on Fall Town Meeting Warrant articles that were voted as TBD tonight.

### **Adjourn**

**At 8:35 PM Mr. O'Neill made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Sullivan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanette Galliardt  
Night Board Secretary*