



Town of Medway

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Monday, November 15, 2021 – 6:00 PM
Medway High School, Room 113-1
88 Summer Street

Present: Todd Alessandri, Chair; Jim Sullivan, Vice Chair; Ellen Hillery, Clerk; Brian Cowan (arrived 6:16 PM); Chris Lagan; Will Lane; Jeff O'Neill; Michael Schrader; Sue Segarra.

Staff Present: Susy Affleck-Childs, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator.

Others Present: Andy Rodenhiser, Planning and Economic Development Board.

Call to Order

At 6:05 PM Chairman Alessandri called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order with eight members present and one member who will be arriving late. Remote participation was not available for this meeting; therefore, roll call votes will not be required.

Vote Recommendation on Fall Town Meeting Warrant Articles Labeled TBD: Articles 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14

The committee reviewed the 2021 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

Present: Susy Affleck-Childs, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator; Andy Rodenhiser, Planning and Economic Development Board.

Article 3 – Free Cash Transfer to Facility Stabilization Fund – A dollar amount is now available as recommended by the Select Board at a recent meeting. Free cash came in higher than anticipated; the dollar amount for this article is \$3.8 million. At this time, **Mr. O'Neill made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 3 with a dollar amount of \$3.8 million; Mr. Sullivan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 8-0-0.**

Article 4 – Free Cash Transfer: Capital Items – The dollar amount is now available. **Mr. O'Neill made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 4 with a dollar amount of \$81,000 from free cash; Mr. Sullivan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 8-0-0.**

At this time Chairman Alessandri reported that Article 9 was the Stormwater article which has been deleted. That changes the numbering of the remaining warrant articles.

Article 9 (old Article 10) – Amend Zoning Bylaw: Environmental Standards -- Mr. Rodenhiser reported there were no changes to the article based on comments at their public hearing. There is a new handout with clarifying information that is now available and will be available to residents this evening. Brief discussion followed on how to measure odor levels, consultant fees and the appropriate noise level (decibels) as areas of the community differ greatly in their respective demographic. **Mr. Sullivan made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 9 as written; Mr. Lane seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 8-1-0 (Lagan oppose).** It is noted that Mr. Cowan had joined the meeting.

Article 10 (old Article 11) – Amend Zoning Bylaw: Battery Energy Storage Facility – Since the committee last met, the proposed moratorium has changed to an eighteen-month time period. It was clarified that this article does not propose an expansion of the Energy Resource District. After discussion, **Mr. Sullivan made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 10 as revised; Ms. Hillery seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 9-0-0.**

Article 11 (old Article 12) – Amend Zoning Bylaw: Schedule of Uses, Energy Resource District – There were no questions at this time. **Mr. Sullivan made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 11 as written; Mr. Lane seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 9-0-0.**

Article 12 (old Article 13) – Amend Zoning Bylaw: Housekeeping -- It was reiterated that these changes are intended to tighten the existing language. **Mr. Schrader made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 12 as written; Mr. Cowan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 8-1-0 (Lagan oppose).** Brief discussion followed on how these types of changes are determined.

Article 13 (old Article 14)

Brief discussion followed on the map that was sent out, noting that it was to clarify the district vs. a parcel that was the subject of a Planning Board discussion relative to a request for variance. Mr. Rodenhiser identified the entities in that area, explaining that the granting of a variance to one entity leads to more entities requesting variances from the bylaw. This particular parcel is the last one to be developed. Language was added to allow repair and maintenance only for those vehicles owned by the parcel owner or lessee. **Mr. Schrader made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 13 as written; Mr. Sullivan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 9-0-0.**

2.0 Assignment of Town Meeting Motions

The committee reviewed motions prepared and reviewed by Town Counsel.

After discussion, the motions were assigned as follows:

Mr. Alessandri – Articles 1 thru 6
Mr. Sullivan – Article 7
Ms. Hillery – Article 8
Ms. Segarra – Article 9
Mr. Lane – Article 10

Mr. Cowan – Article 11
Mr. O'Neill – Article 12
Mr. Lagan – Article 13
Mr. Schrader – Article 14

3.0 Other Business

a. Review/Approval of meeting minutes

The committee reviewed draft minutes from October 20, 2021.

Mr. O'Neill made a motion to approve the October 20, 2021 minutes, as amended; Mr. Sullivan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 9-0-0.

4.0 Upcoming Meetings

The next regular meeting will be held in Sanford Hall at 7:00 PM on December 8. If there are no agenda items that need to be addressed, the meeting will be cancelled.

Discussion followed on whether the Finance Committee needs to post an agenda for the Tri-Board (Select Board, Schools and Finance) meeting scheduled for December 2 if it is just for informational purposes and no action is anticipated. It was decided to post an agenda; if a quorum is not in attendance, meeting minutes can reflect a lack of quorum, that it was for information only and that no votes were taken.

Adjourn

At 6:50 PM Mr. Schrader made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Sullivan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 9-0-0.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Galliardt
Night Board Secretary*