



Town of Medway
FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Monday, May 8, 2023 – 6:30 PM
Room 113-1, Medway High School
88 Summer Street

Present: Jim Sullivan, Chair; Brian Cowan, Vice Chair; Ellen Hillery, Clerk; Bruce Carbone; Will Lane; Jeff O'Neill.

Absent: Chris Lagan; Michael Schrader; Sue Segarra.

Staff Present: Barbara Saint Andre, Director, Community and Economic Development.

Others Present: Frank Rossi, Select Board; Marcus Crosby and Anna Saeed-Kothe, Petitioners, Article 38.

Call to Order

At 6:33 PM Chairman Sullivan called the regular meeting of the Finance Committee to order with six members present.

1.0 Vote Annual Town Meeting Articles with TBD Designations – Article 11, 24 and 38

Updated Warrants were reviewed.

Present: Barbara Saint Andre, Director; Community and Economic Development; Marcus Crosby and Anna Saeed-Kothe, Petitioners, Article 38.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Article 11 – Capital Stabilization Transfer: McGovern School Roof Replacement – Chairman Sullivan noted that the Select Board recommended this article with a dollar amount of \$3 million. There were no questions. **Mr. O'Neill made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 11 with a dollar amount of \$3 million; Mr. Carbone seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 6-0-0.**

Article 24 – Amend Zoning Bylaws: Home Based Businesses – There were no questions about this article. The Select Board reviewed it on April 18 and voted its recommendation. **Mr. Cowan made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 24 as presented; Mr. Lane seconded. No further discussion. VOTE: 6-0-0.**

At 6:37 PM Ms. Saint Andre exited the meeting room.

It was noted that **Article 38 – Amend General Bylaws: Add New Tree Preservation Bylaw** was removed from the Warrant after the committee voted its designation as TBD and therefore does not need to be

considered. The Citizens' Petition, which had not been officially added to the Warrant by the Select Board but has since been added, is now Article 38.

2.0 Vote Recommendation on Article 38 – Citizens' Petition

The complete language of the article was reviewed.

As explained above, Article 38 is now the Citizens' Petition advocating that Columbus Day be renamed Indigenous Peoples' Day. It was added by the Select Board after the Finance Committee's public hearing and last meeting on April 12, and a recommendation must now be voted.

Petitioners Marcus Crosby and Anna Saeed-Kothe were present. There were no questions.

Mr. Carbone made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Article 38 as presented; Ms. Hillery seconded. No further discussion. VOTE: 6-0-0.

It was noted that the Select Board did not recommend the article. Selectman Rossi, indicating he voted against it, explained that many people came into the country as immigrants, his family from Italy, and all peoples should be celebrated.

3.0 Assign Motions for Special and Annual Town Meeting

Motions reviewed and approved by Town Counsel were reviewed.

Regarding the consent calendar motions, Chairman Sullivan explained that the moderator has the discretion to bundle like items together and ask for a single vote after briefly reviewing each Article. If there are no objections or "holds" on any of the articles, a single motion will be presented. It is an attempt to streamline Town Meeting. After discussion, the motions were assigned as follows:

Special Town Meeting

- Articles 1 & 2 – Chairman Sullivan
- Article 3 – Brian Cowan
- Article 4 – Ellen Hillery
- Article 5 – Jeff O'Neill
- Article 6 – Bruce Carbone
- Articles 7 & 8 – Will Lane

Annual Town Meeting

- Articles 1 thru 5 – Chairman Sullivan
- Articles 6 thru 9 – Brian Cowan
- Articles 10 thru 13 – Jeff O'Neill
- Articles 14 thru 16 – Will Lane
- Articles 17 thru 26 – Bruce Carbone
- Articles 27 thru 37 – Ellen Hillery
- Article 38 – Will Lane

4.0 Other Business

a. Update on Finance Committee Reappointments and Vacancies

Chairman Sullivan reminded members that there is one open vacancy and two members seeking reappointment. If anyone knew of someone who might be interested, that individual should submit a resume to the Town Manager's Office. The advertisement announcing the vacancy has not yet been published in the newspaper or on the Town website.

b. Review /Approval of meeting minutes

The committee reviewed the following information: Draft meeting minutes from April 12, 2023.

Mr. Carbone made a motion to approve the April 12, 2023 minutes, as drafted; Ms. Hillery seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-2 (Cowan and O'Neill, abstain).

5.0 Upcoming Meetings

Chairman Sullivan noted that the May 10 meeting will be cancelled, and of the June and July meetings, one will likely be cancelled. It was noted that there will be a year-end Emergency Transfer Request from the Town Manager's Office that must be voted before July 15. The committee also reorganizes at its July meeting.

6.0 Adjourn

At 6:49 PM Mr. O'Neill made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Cowan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 6-0-0.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Galliardt
Night Board Secretary*