

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2021

7:00 PM

* VIRTUAL MEETING *

Present: Christi Andersen (Chair), Christine Russell (Vice-Chair), Roland Bourdon, Jason Cole, Mike Majors, Adam Nolde, Steve Noone, David Wellinghoff and Sahana Purohit

Ms. Andersen called the meeting to order via a virtual meeting with no Committee members in physical attendance and broadcasted via Zoom and ActonTV.

1. Citizen's Concerns

Tom Gillispie, resident, read a statement asking for committee members to reconsider their vote on the Non-Binding Resolution – Dog Park Funding and Relocation article. Mr. Post, resident, read a statement regarding the \$21,000 line item in the Town Capital, Infrastructure, Studies and Improvements Article asking committee member not to recommend such article.

A Resident confirmed that the dog park would be located on the Acton Housing Authority septic leach field and that the proposed location of the parking lot has been vetted by the engineers. She asked for the committee to reconsider their vote on the Non-Binding Resolution – Dog Park Funding and Relocation article.

A resident of Isaac Davis Way confirmed that Mr. Post has been speaking on behalf of all the Isaac Davis Way residents.

2. Budget Hearing

Ms. Andersen opened the hearing and informed the members of the proposed FY22 budget representing a 3.62% increase. No public or committee members wished to comment. Ms. Andersen closed the hearing.

3. Isaac Davis Way Ownership

Town Counsel, Ms. Pickering-Cook, presented maps and documentation to support the Towns ownership and legal use of lot 54, 352 Main St. In the 2011 agreement between Mr. Walker and the Isaac Davis Way neighbors, Mr. Walker relinquished some rights to certain portions of Isaac Davis Way and the easements over lot 54. Mr. Walker did not relinquish legal ownership, which was transferred to the Town upon purchase of lot 54.

Mr. Cole asked about the legal cost and timing if the neighbors were to bring legal action against the Town. Ms. Pickering-Cook responded that it could take a year to resolve and such costs may exceed the fiscal years legal budget.

Mr. Noone moved to reconsider the Committees 5/25/2021 vote on the non binding resolution – dog park funding and relocation article. Mr. Nolde seconded.

Mr. Cole moved to Not Recommend the article. Ms Purohit seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – nay
Ms. Russell – nay
Mr. Wellinghoff – aye
Mr. Cole – aye
Mr. Majors - aye
Mr. Bourdon –nay
Ms. Purohit – aye
Mr. Noone – nay
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 5-4, the motion carried

4. Warrant Article Review

Brief overviews of the articles and/or the draft warrant article summary were given for each article prior to voting.

Town Budget

Ms. Andersen moved to recommend the article. Ms. Russell seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye
Ms. Russell – aye
Mr. Wellinghoff
Mr. Cole – aye
Mr. Majors - aye
Mr. Bourdon – aye
Ms. Purohit – aye
Mr. Noone – aye
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 8-0, the motion carried

Town Capital, Infrastructure, Studies and Improvements Article 3

Mr. Cole read through the projects included in the articles, 2 articles were held (C & D).

Mr. Cole moved to Recommend the article, except those held. Ms. Russell seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye
Ms. Russell – aye

Mr. Wellinghoff
Mr. Cole – aye
Mr. Majors - aye
Mr. Bourdon – aye
Ms. Purohit – aye
Mr. Noone – aye
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 8-0, the motion carried

Mr. Cole moved to Recommend item C of the above article. Mr. Noone seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – nay
Ms. Russell – nay
Mr. Wellinghoff –aye
Mr. Cole – aye
Mr. Majors - aye
Mr. Bourdon – nay
Ms. Purohit – abstain
Mr. Noone – aye
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 5-3-1, the motion carried

Mr. Cole moved to Not Recommend item D of the above article. Mr. Nolde seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – nay
Ms. Russell – nay
Mr. Wellinghoff –nay
Mr. Cole – aye
Mr. Majors - nay
Mr. Bourdon – nay
Ms. Purohit – nay
Mr. Noone – nay
Mr. Nolde - abstain

The Committee voted 1-8-1, the motion failed

Mr. Noone moved to Recommend item D of the above article. Ms. Russell seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye
Ms. Russell – aye
Mr. Wellinghoff

Mr. Cole – nay
Mr. Majors - aye
Mr. Bourdon – aye
Ms. Purohit – aye
Mr. Noone – aye
Mr. Nolde - abstain

The Committee voted 6-1-1, the motion carried

Town Capital, Infrastructure, Studies and Improvements Article 4

Mr. Cole read through the projects included in the articles, 2 articles were held (A & B).

Mr. Cole moved to Recommend the article, except those held. Mr. Noone seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye
Ms. Russell – aye
Mr. Wellinghoff
Mr. Cole – aye
Mr. Majors - aye
Mr. Bourdon – aye
Ms. Purohit – aye
Mr. Noone – aye
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 8-0, the motion carried

Discussions were had regarding the current expected cost of \$32m vs \$10m in the CIP plan. The scope of the project needs to be better understood and the design and overall costs reevaluated.

Mr. Cole moved to Not Recommend item A of the above article. Mr. Nolde seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye
Ms. Russell – aye
Mr. Wellinghoff –aye
Mr. Cole – aye
Mr. Majors - aye
Mr. Bourdon – aye
Ms. Purohit – aye
Mr. Noone – aye
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 9-0, the motion carried

Concerns expressed over lack of public parking and if current foot traffic which would necessitate pedestrian lights. Others believed that the lights would attract foot traffic and possibly business to the area

Ms. Purohit moved to Recommend item B of the above article. Ms Russell seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – nay
Ms. Russell – aye
Mr. Wellinghoff
Mr. Cole – nay
Mr. Majors - aye
Mr. Bourdon – aye
Ms. Purohit – aye
Mr. Noone – nay
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 5-3, the motion carried

Sidewalk Acquisition – 78 Taylor Rd

No warrant language available yet, deferred until such information is available.

Amend Zoning Bylaw – Drive-up Window Facilities

Ms. Purohit moved to Recommend the article. Ms. Russell seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye
Ms. Russell – aye
Mr. Wellinghoff – aye
Mr. Cole – aye
Mr. Majors - aye
Mr. Bourdon – aye
Ms. Purohit – aye
Mr. Noone – aye
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 9-0, the motion carried

Release of Restriction – 127 Strawberry Hill Rd

Release of deed restriction in exchange for an easement which would allow the town to improve the safety of the intersection.

Mr. Nolde moved to Recommend the article. Ms. Purohit seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye
Ms. Russell – aye
Mr. Wellinghoff – aye
Mr. Cole – aye
Mr. Majors - aye
Mr. Bourdon – aye
Ms. Purohit – aye
Mr. Noone – aye
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 9-0, the motion carried

Authorize Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements for Solar Facilities

Mr. Wellinghoff moved to Recommend the article. Mr. Noone seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye
Ms. Russell – aye
Mr. Wellinghoff – aye
Mr. Cole – nay
Mr. Majors - aye
Mr. Bourdon – aye
Ms. Purohit – aye
Mr. Noone – aye
Mr. Nolde - abstain

The Committee voted 7-1-1, the motion carried

Authorize Solar Contract – Low Income Community Shared Solar Facility

Not enough information available, deferred until such information is available.

Leased Vehicles and related Revolving Fund article

Not enough information available, deferred until such information is available.

Amend General Bylaws – Terminology of the Select Board

Mr. Noone moved to Recommend the article. Ms. Russell seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye
Ms. Russell – aye
Mr. Wellinghoff – aye
Mr. Cole – aye
Mr. Majors - aye
Mr. Bourdon – aye
Ms. Purohit – aye
Mr. Noone – aye
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 9-0, the motion carried

Amend General Bylaws – Department Revolving Funds

This article would authorize a new revolving fund for the public shade tree program.

Ms. Russell moved to Recommend the article. Mr. Noone seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye
Ms. Russell – aye
Mr. Wellinghoff
Mr. Cole – aye
Mr. Majors - aye
Mr. Bourdon – aye
Ms. Purohit – aye
Mr. Noone – aye
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 8-0, the motion carried

Real Property Disposition – 26 Carlisle Road

Ms. Purohit moved to Recommend the article. Mr. Noone seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye
Ms. Russell – aye
Mr. Wellinghoff - abstain
Mr. Cole – aye
Mr. Majors - aye
Mr. Bourdon – aye

Ms. Purohit – aye
Mr. Noone – aye
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 8-0-1, the motion carried

Collective Bargaining Agreement

Not enough information available, deferred until such information is available.

Commuter Lot and Enterprise Funds, Articles 28-33 on the Draft Warrant available 6/1/21

Mr. Nolde moved to Recommend the article. Ms. Russell seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye
Ms. Russell – aye
Mr. Wellinghoff – aye
Mr. Cole – aye
Mr. Majors - aye
Mr. Bourdon – aye
Ms. Purohit – aye
Mr. Noone – aye
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 9-0, the motion carried

Revolving Fund Budgets

Mr. Noone moved to Recommend the article. Mr. Cole seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye
Ms. Russell – aye
Mr. Wellinghoff – aye
Mr. Cole – aye
Mr. Majors - aye
Mr. Bourdon – aye
Ms. Purohit – aye
Mr. Noone – aye
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 9-0, the motion carried

Articles 35-42 on the Draft Warrant available 6/1/21

Mr. Cole moved to Recommend the article. Mr. Bourdon seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye
Ms. Russell – aye
Mr. Wellinghoff – aye
Mr. Cole – aye
Mr. Majors - aye
Mr. Bourdon – aye
Ms. Purohit – aye
Mr. Noone – aye
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 9-0, the motion carried

5. Finance Committee Business

Mr. Noone moved to adjourn. Mr. Majors seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye
Ms. Russell – aye
Mr. Wellinghoff –
Mr. Cole – aye
Mr. Majors - aye
Mr. Bourdon – aye
Ms. Purohit – aye
Mr. Noone – aye
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 8-0, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned

YouTube link to recording

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2iiSyR-0W0&t=3657s>

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Maps of 352 Main St.
- Land Court Documentation relevant to 352 Main St.
- Draft Warrant