

Town of Harwich
Finance Committee Meeting
Griffin Room – Town Hall
Thursday, September 16, 2021

Members Present: Jon Chorey, Angelo LaMantia, Dan Tworek, Karen Doucette, Dale Kennedy, Mark Ameres, and Brian Weiner.

- I. Jon Chorey, as Chairman, **called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm** with a quorum present, confirmed by a roll call of members.
- II. Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from June 24, 2021:
 - Motion to Approve as presented: Dale Kennedy
 - Second: Mark Ameres
 - Without discussion, the Motion Passed 6-0-1: (Yea: Chorey, Weiner, Ameres, Kennedy, LaMantia, Doucette. Nay: NONE. Abstain: Tworek.)
- III. Chairman Chorey proposed the appointment of Brian Weiner to the Capital Outlay Committee.
 - Motion to Appoint Brian Weiner as presented: Angelo LaMantia
 - Second: Dan Tworek
 - Without discussion, the Motion Passed 7-0: (Yea: Chorey, Weiner, Ameres, Kennedy, LaMantia, Tworek, Doucette. Nay: NONE. Abstain: NONE.)
- IV. Chairman Chorey reminded the members of the committee that town meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 18 at 6:30 pm in the Harwich Community Center.
- V. Fire Chief LeBlanc made a presentation to the Finance Committee requesting formal support for the purchase of a new ambulance to replace one that is rapidly aging out. Chief LeBlanc indicated that approval at town meeting would enable the fire department to accept delivery of the new ambulance in early 2024.
- VI. Presentation made to the Finance Committee on the upcoming Town Meeting articles that relate to wastewater and sewer improvements being made in East Harwich to enable connection the regional wastewater system.
- VII. The Finance Committee voted on the following Articles which will be presented at Town Meeting for formal approval:
 - Article 1: To Fund Costs Related to Updating the Comprehensive Wastewater Management plan in the amount of \$250,000
 - i. Motion to approve: Dale Kennedy
 - ii. Second: Mark Ameres
 - iii. Without discussion, the Motion Passed 7-0: (Yea: Chorey, Weiner, Ameres, Kennedy, LaMantia, Tworek, Doucette. Nay: NONE. Abstain: NONE.)

- Article 2: To Fund Costs Related to Additional Wastewater Collection Design in the amount of \$2,100,000
 - i. Motion to approve: Dale Kennedy
 - ii. Second: Dan Tworek
 - iii. Without discussion, the Motion Passed 7-0: (Yea: Chorey, Weiner, Ameres, Kennedy, LaMantia, Tworek, Doucette. Nay: NONE. Abstain: NONE.)
- Article 3: To Fund Costs Related to Wastewater Collection System design on Continental Drive and Widah Drive in the amount of \$400,000
 - i. Motion to approve: Dale Kennedy
 - ii. Second: Mark Ameres
 - iii. Without discussion, the Motion Passed 7-0: (Yea: Chorey, Weiner, Ameres, Kennedy, LaMantia, Tworek, Doucette. Nay: NONE. Abstain: NONE.)
- Article 4: To Fund Costs Related to Route 28 Wastewater Collection System Design in the amount of \$200,000
 - i. Motion to approve: Dale Kennedy
 - ii. Second: Mark Ameres
 - iii. Without discussion, the Motion Passed 7-0: (Yea: Chorey, Weiner, Ameres, Kennedy, LaMantia, Tworek, Doucette. Nay: NONE. Abstain: NONE.)
- Article 5: To Create a Wastewater Special Purpose Stabilization Fund
 - i. Motion to approve: Dale Kennedy
 - ii. Second: Mark Ameres
 - iii. Without discussion, the Motion Passed 7-0: (Yea: Chorey, Weiner, Ameres, Kennedy, LaMantia, Tworek, Doucette. Nay: NONE. Abstain: NONE.)
- Article 6: To Create an Affordable Housing Special Purpose Stabilization Fund
 - i. Motion to approve: Dale Kennedy
 - ii. Second: Dan Tworek
 - iii. Without discussion, the Motion Passed 7-0: (Yea: Chorey, Weiner, Ameres, Kennedy, LaMantia, Tworek, Doucette. Nay: NONE. Abstain: NONE.)
- Article 7: Amend Rooms Tax Rate Per M.G.L. Chapter 64G, SS3A
 - i. Motion to approve: Dale Kennedy
 - ii. Second: Brian Weiner
 - iii. Without discussion, the Motion Passed 7-0: (Yea: Chorey, Weiner, Ameres, Kennedy, LaMantia, Tworek, Doucette. Nay: NONE. Abstain: NONE.)
- Article 8: Fund Non-Union Personnel Wage Increases in the Amount of \$53,401
 - i. Motion to approve: Dale Kennedy
 - ii. Second: Dan Tworek
 - iii. Without discussion, the Motion Passed 7-0: (Yea: Chorey, Weiner, Ameres, Kennedy, LaMantia, Tworek, Doucette. Nay: NONE. Abstain: NONE.)
- Article 9: Fund Negotiated Contract – Fire Fighters in the Amount of \$86,957
 - i. Motion to approve: Dale Kennedy
 - ii. Second: Mark Ameres

- iii. Without discussion, the Motion Passed 7-0: (Yea: Chorey, Weiner, Ameres, Kennedy, LaMantia, Tworek, Doucette. Nay: NONE. Abstain: NONE.)
 - Article 10: Fund Negotiated Contract – Water Department in the Amount of \$38,245
 - i. Motion to approve: Dale Kennedy
 - ii. Second: Mark Ameres
 - iii. Without discussion, the Motion Passed 7-0: (Yea: Chorey, Weiner, Ameres, Kennedy, LaMantia, Tworek, Doucette. Nay: NONE. Abstain: NONE.)
 - Article 11: Transfer of Surplus Bond Proceeds in the Amount of \$217,894.56
 - i. Motion to approve: Dale Kennedy
 - ii. Second: Dan Tworek
 - iii. Without discussion, the Motion Passed 7-0: (Yea: Chorey, Weiner, Ameres, Kennedy, LaMantia, Tworek, Doucette. Nay: NONE. Abstain: NONE.)
 - Article 12: Land Taking by Eminent Domain to be funded with \$25,000 from Free Cash
 - i. Motion to approve: Dale Kennedy
 - ii. Second: Mark Ameres
 - iii. Without discussion, the Motion Passed 7-0: (Yea: Chorey, Weiner, Ameres, Kennedy, LaMantia, Tworek, Doucette. Nay: NONE. Abstain: NONE.)
 - Article 13: Purchase and Equip a Fire Department Ambulance in the Amount of \$378,676
 - i. Motion to approve: Dale Kennedy
 - ii. Second: Mark Ameres
 - iii. Without discussion, the Motion Passed 7-0: (Yea: Chorey, Weiner, Ameres, Kennedy, LaMantia, Tworek, Doucette. Nay: NONE. Abstain: NONE.)
 - Article 14: Fund Prior Year's Unpaid Bills in the Amount of \$10,405.33
 - i. Motion to approve: Dale Kennedy
 - ii. Second: Angelo LaMantia
 - iii. Without discussion, the Motion Passed 7-0: (Yea: Chorey, Weiner, Ameres, Kennedy, LaMantia, Tworek, Doucette. Nay: NONE. Abstain: NONE.)
- VIII.** During Old Business, the Finance Committee discussed a continuing dialogue on:
- Uncollected taxes
 - Warrant articles passed at previous town meetings that have not yet been acted upon
- IX.** With no other pending matters on the agenda, and with no further discussion from the members present, **the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.**

Respectfully submitted:



Brian L. Weiner
October 15, 2021