**TOWN OF HARWICH, MA 02645**

**Town Hall**

**732 Main Street**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MINUTES**

***Harwich Town Hall - Library***

*Wednesday, March 15, 2017*

*6:30 P.M.*

*Revised 3-21-17*

**Present:** Chairman, Jack Brown; Ed McManus; Larry Ballantine; Laurie Gillespie Lee, Jon Chorey, Rich Larios, Noreen Donahue, Mark Ameres.

**Absent:** Dana DeCosta.

**Also Present:** Town Administrator, Chris Clark.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Jack Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Reserve Fund Transfer Request:**

Motion made by Larry Ballantine to approve the request to Transfer $5,800 from Reserve Fund to Town Engineers “Other Professional/Tec Services” account to print up to 2000 copies of the 12-page Harwich Wastewater Handbook. Seconded by Mark Ameres. Vote: 5-1. (Noreen Donahue opposed) Two members had not yet joined the meeting.

1. **Discussion and votes on the following Warrant Articles:**

**Article 1** – Town Officers & Committees

Motion made by Rich Larios, seconded by Jon Chore to Accept and Adopt.

 Passed 6 – 0

**Article 2** – Reports of Town Officers & Committees

 Motion made by Rich Larios, seconded by Jon Chore to Accept and Adopt.

 Passed 6 – 0

**Article 3** – Elected Officials Salaries

Motion made by Rich Larios, seconded by Laurie Gillespie Lee to Accept and Adopt.

 Passed 6 – 0

**Article 7** - Water Department Budget

Previously voted – Passed 7 - 0

**Article 8** – Adopt the Capital Plan

Motion made by Rich Larios, seconded by Noreen Donahue to Accept and Adopt.

 Passed 6 – 0

**Article 9** – Capital Items Funded From Free Cash – Items under $50,000

Motion made by Rich Larios, seconded by Noreen Donahue to Accept and Adopt.

 Passed 6 – 0 – 1 (Mark Ameres abstained)

**Article 10** – Facility Maintenance and Repair Fund

Motion made by Larry Ballantine, seconded by Rich Larios to Accept and Adopt.

 Passed 7-0-1 (Ed McManus abstained)

**Article 11** – IMA Purchase Capacity Fee and Design of Interconnection with Chatham and Pleasant Bay Watershed

Motion made by Rich Larios, seconded by Noreen Donahue to Accept and Adopt.

 Passed 8-0

**Article 12** – Cold Brook Project

Motion made by Rich Larios, seconded by Noreen Donahue to Accept and Adopt.

 Passed 8-0

**Article 13** - ENACT A SEWER USE GENERAL BY-LAW

Motion made by Noreen Donahue, seconded by Larry Ballantine to Accept and Adopt.

 Passed 8-0

**Article 19** – Replacement of the Round Cove Boat Ramp

Motion made by Ed McManus, seconded by Rich Larios to Accept and Adopt.

 Passed 8-0

**Article 20** – Fund the Saquatucket Harbor Landside Renovations Project

Motion made by Mark Ameres, seconded by Larry Ballantine to Accept and Adopt.

 Passed 7-0-1 (Ed McManus abstained)

**Article 21** – Purchase and Equip DPW Vehicles

Motion made by Larry Ballantine, seconded by Jon Charey to Accept and Adopt.

 Passed 8-0

**Article 22** – Fund the Road Maintenance Program

Motion made by Larry Ballantine, seconded by Rich Laios to Accept and Adopt.

 Passed 8-0

**Article 23** – Fund the Purchase of Vehicles for the Water Department

Motion made by Noreen Donahue, seconded by Ed McManus to Reconsider previous vote.

 Passed 8-0

Motion made by Noreen Donahue, seconded by Ed McManus to Accept and Adopt.

 Passed 8-0

**Article 24** – Fund the Replacement of Old Water Services Along the National Grid Project Route

Motion made by Noreen Donahue, seconded by Ed McManus to Reconsider previous vote..

 Passed 8-0

Motion made by Noreen Donahue, seconded by Ed McManus to Accept and Adopt.

 Passed 8-0

**Article 35** – Lease of the Saquatucket Landside Property

Motion made by Noreen Donahue, seconded by Mark Ameres to Accept and Adopt.

 Passed 8-0

1. **Announcements and Correspondence** – None
2. **Old Business** – None
3. **New Business -** None
4. **Committee Reports**
* *Ad Hoc* Wastewater Subcommittee -Motion made by Noreen Donahue, seconded by Larry Ballantine to disband subcommittee.

 Passed 8-0

* Sub Committee Analysis and Study Report of Elected Officials – Dana DeCosta and Mark Ameres.

Mark Ameres had one handout for the Finance Committee to review**.** Discussion will be postponed until after the May Town Meeting.

1. **Adjourn**

Motion made by Mark Ameres to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Seconded by Larry Ballantine. Vote: 8-0.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Ballantine