

Harwich Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 20th, 2018 at 7:00pm
Harwich Community Center, Rm 4
100 Oak St., Harwich, MA

Members Present: *Jack Brown (Chair); Dana DeCosta; Laurie Gillespie Lee; Mark Ameres; Edward McManus*

Members Absent: *Jon Chorey*

Others Present: *Chris Clark (Town Administrator); Cindy Williams-Chamber, Kathy Green-CPC*

I. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mr. Brown.

II. Topics for Discussion

A. Discuss the 3-10-18 Joint BoD/FinCom FY19 Budget Presentations and vote as presented or vote amendments No discussion

B. Meet with CPC Rep(s) and discuss CPC-reco'd Articles (48-58).

Cindy Williams presented the reason for the additional funding request. Harwich has been selected to participate in a cultural compact pilot project. The Chamber will be marketing and promoting 2 cultural districts. There will be a continuation of yearly visitor info centers, the annual magazine and ongoing partnership with the Town.

The committee notes the extraordinary efforts made by the Chamber on behalf of the town and lauds the increased revenue generation.

C. Discuss Warrant Articles and vote as presented or vote amendments.

- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 60: Promote the Town of Harwich** at \$30,000.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta, seconded by Gillespie-Lee we move no recommendation pending further information on **Article 48: Reserve Appropriation Amounts for CPC Accounts** \$0 CPC funds.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 49: Fund Land Bank Debt Service** at \$558,750.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.

- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 50: CPC Articles under \$50,000** at the cost of \$139,740.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 51: Brooks Free Library Restoration** \$300,000 from CPC funds.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 52: Public Records Storage Facility Community Center** \$120,275 from CPC funds.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 53: Habitat for Humanity Community Housing** \$300,000 from CPC funds.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 54: Brooks Park Expansion** \$333,500 from CPC funds
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
 - Mr. Brown notes the value of the project and the continued good work done
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by McManus we move to accept and adopt **Article 55: Acquire Property – Judah Eldredge** \$369,000 from CPC funds.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 56: Acquire Property – Cornelius Pond** \$200,000 from CPC funds.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 57: Remediation & Public Access to Hinckley Pond** \$650,000 from CPC funds.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 58: Fund Affordable Housing Trust** \$500,000 from CPC funds
 - No abstentions, 1 opposed, approved 0-1-4.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by McManus we move to accept and adopt **Article 59: Defray Expenses Chase & HP Lib** at \$20,000 from free cash.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by McManus we move to accept and adopt **Article 61: Fund Mass Cultural Council** \$3,600 from free cash.

- No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 62: Pleasant Bay Alliance IMA**, a no charge article.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 63: Pleasant Bay Management Resource Plan MOU**, a no charge article.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 64: Authorize Departmental Revolving Funds**, a no charge article.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move no recommendation pending further information regarding **Article 65: Establish Annual Tax Title Revolving Account**, an FDTC no charge article.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move we move no recommendation pending further information regarding **Article 66: Stabilization Fund**, an FDTC no charge article.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Gillespie-Lee we move we move no recommendation pending further information regarding **Articles 67: OPED Trust Funds** and **Article 68: Fund Prior Year's Unpaid Bills** at \$700,000 and \$10,500 respectively from free cash.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 69: Herring**
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Gillespie-Lee we move to accept and adopt **Article 25: Transfer of Land for Island Pond Cemetery** a no charge Article for Cemetery.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 26: Construct Pet Cemetery/Fund Equipment** at \$577,950 debt.
 - 1 abstention, none opposed, approved 1-0-4.

- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Gillespie-Lee, we move to indefinitely postpone **Article 27: Adopt Rules and Regulations for Cemeteries**, a no cost article.
 - No abstentions, 1 opposed, approved 0-1-4.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by McManus we move to accept and adopt **Article 28: Landscape Reclamation & Tree Removal** at \$40,000 & **Article 29: Phase II Completion of Landscaping CVGC** at \$50,000.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by McManus seconded by DeCosta we move to accept and adopt **Article 31: Monomoy Regional Agreement Amendments**, a no charge article.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 32: Amend By-Laws Adopt Stretch Energy Code** and **Article 33: Amend Zoning – Large Scale Photovoltaic Arrays**, both no charge articles.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 38: Amend Home Rule Charter – Add Wastewater Commission** a no charge Article.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by McManus we move to accept and adopt **Article 39: Amend By-Laws – Sec 7-10 Town Agencies** a no charge Article.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 40: Amend Zoning – New Affordable Housing Trust** a no charge Article.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by McManus we move to accept and adopt **Article 41: Special Legislation – Add Annual Liquor Licenses** a no charge Article.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 42: Amend MGL C59 S5K Senior Work Off Program** and **Article 43: Amend MGL C59 S56 PP Tax Abatement Guard** both no charge Articles.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 44: De-Commission Architectural Advisory Committee** a no charge Article.
 - No abstentions, 1 opposed, approved 0-1-4.

- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 45: Town Owned Property at 4 Central Avenue** a no charge Article.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by Ameres we move to accept and adopt **Article 46: Deeds Accepted in Lieu of Foreclosure Lakeview DR**, a no charge Article.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- On a motion by DeCosta seconded by McManus we move to accept and adopt **Article 47: Clear Title/Boundaries 70 Willow Street**, a no charge Article.
 - No abstentions, none opposed, approved unanimously.

C. Determine need to talk budgets and articles with other appropriate people and committees. No discussion.

Motion to adjourn by DeCosta seconded by Ameres.

Adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Manion