

Finance Committee, October 12, 2022 (Town Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room)

Minutes taken by Rob Clark

FinComm attendees: R. Clark, J. Vineyard, S. Calandra, J. McNealy, G. Beaudette, S. Forti, J. Jagling (arrived 6:10), C. Salomao (arrived 6:30)

Other Attendees: Tom Gregory, Executive Assistant; Patricia Fay, Finance Director; John Parent; Eric Ryder, DPW; Kristina Johnson, Director of Planning and Community Development; Dean Booth

Meeting called to order 5:59

Sam Calandra self-nominated as vice chair of the committee; G. Beaudette seconded. G. Beaudette moved to close debate, motion approved by unanimous consent; 6-0 in favor of Sam's appointment.

6:01 K. Johnson spoke on zoning-related articles:

Article 30: would amend site plan review to permit direct appeal of planning board determinations to Superior Court or Land Court per G.L. ch. 40A, §17

Article 32: would conform medical-use cannabis sale hours to 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., consistent with recreational

Article 33: would amend square footage limitations on retirement community overlay district so as to permit finished basements

6:17 Eric Ryder spoke on DPW articles:

Article 15: Borrowing article to fund town lead survey; the Town can expect to be reimbursed 100%

Article 27: Borrowing article to fund wastewater treatment plant upgrades. Previous authorization of \$15 million was insufficient to cover cost increases or first round of bids. Final amount of borrowing to be determined prior to TM based on bids. Anticipate 2% bond service and approximately 20% reimbursement via ARPA

Article 28: Borrowing article to fund final phase of water meter replacement

6:44 Articles 17, 18: would establish water and sewer enterprise funds that would reserve water/sewer fees for those budgets.

Article 20: would establish a stormwater fee anticipated at \$19.75 per unit per quarter. Purpose of article is to fund repairs and certain capital improvements and to satisfy EPA requirements

7:52 John Parent discussed Article 26 on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee: article would fund signs for a walking tour and restore a historic composite picture for the fire department

8:08 J. Jagling excused herself

8:10 S. Calandra moves to approve minutes of June 28, J. Vineyard seconded; vote 4-2-0 (G. Beaudette and J. McNealy abstained)

8:14 S. Forti moved to adjourn; no objections

Meeting adjourned