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Finance Committee Meeting

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MEETING MINUTES Monday, May 8, 2023 at 5:30pm Nauset Regional Middle School Gymnasium

The May 8, 2023 meeting of the Orleans Finance Committee was called to order just after 5:30pm, prior to the Annual Town Meeting, by Finance Committee Chair Nick Athanassiou. Also present and thus constituting a quorum were Committee Clerk Elaine Baird as well as Committee members Lynn Bruneau, Tim Counihan and Ed Mahoney. Constance Kremer and Alisa Magnotta both arrived at approximately 5:45pm and Chris Kanaga at 6:40pm (the latter returning from Fall River). Peter O'Meara were absent due to a prior commitment.

Complete Voting for Town Meeting/Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles as Needed

- Special Town Meeting Article 1 - Pay Bills of Prior Years - Ms. Bruneau had forwarded information received from DPW Director Tom Daley addressing Fin Comm questions re the \$5750 invoice for the Transfer Station (what is it for, why is it so late and why is an Enterprise Fund expense being funded from free cash). Perhaps most importantly, the Article has been revised to show that funding is indeed coming from the Transfer Station EF and not free cash.

-**Motion to recommend STM Article 1 - Pay Bills of Prior Years by Ms. Bruneau; second by Mr. Counihan. The vote was 5-0 with Mmes. Baird and Bruneau and Messrs. Athanassiou, Counihan and Mahoney all voting "aye" by roll-call.**

-Annual Town Meeting Article 53 - Rental Registration Bylaw - although there had been some anticipation that the Article itself w/be amended to provide further clarification (eg, re Violations, Enforcement and Penalties), no changes have been made to the Article. A hand-out has been provided for Town Meeting attendees; however, the hand-out does not offer much additional clarification.

-**Motion for Fin Comm to re-vote its earlier vote on Article 53 by Ms. Kremer; second by Ms. Magnotta. The vote was 6-1 with Mmes. Baird, Kremer and Magnotta and Messrs. Athanassiou, Counihan and Mahoney all voting "aye" by roll-call. Ms. Bruneau voted "nay".**

-**Motion to recommend Article 53 - Rental Registration Bylaw by Ms. Magnotta; second by Mr. Mahoney. The vote was 5-2 with Mmes. Baird, Kremer and Magnotta and Messrs. Athanassiou and Counihan all voting "aye" by roll-call. Ms. Bruneau and Mr. Mahoney voted "nay".**

Continue Discussion re Town Meeting/Special TM Warrant Article Talking Points as Needed

Mr. Athanassiou confirmed that there were no other Fin Comm votes/re-votes were required. He also confirmed "talking point" assignments for the Meeting. He provided the results of the most recent Fin Comm votes to Moderator David Lyttle, as well as plans for Fin Comm speakers on various Warrant Articles.

Confirm Finance Committee Meeting Schedule

-Thurs, June 1 (7pm) - Town Meeting “post mortem”; discussion re Fin Comm input to/feedback re Planning Board Comprehensive Plan

-Thurs, June 22 (6:15pm) - agenda TBD

Adjourn - Motion to adjourn by Mr. Counihan; second by Ms. Magnotta. The vote was unanimous 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Bruneau, Finance Committee Chair Emerita

All documents referenced are in the Fin Comm Drop Box except as noted:

1. Agenda for May 8, 2023 Finance Committee meeting
2. Special Town Meeting Article 1 - Pay Bills of Prior Years - emails from DPW Director Tom Daley addressing Fin Comm questions
3. Annual Town Meeting Article 53 - Rental Registration Bylaw - Town Meeting “hand-out” re Rental Registration Bylaw (Town website)
4. Final Warrant Index for Town Meeting with Select Board speakers noted in left column
5. Warrant for May 8, 2023 Annual Town Meeting (Town website)

The minutes for the May 8, 2023 Finance Committee meeting were reviewed and approved at the June 1, 2023 meeting. **Motion to approve by Mr. Counihan, second by Ms. Baird. The vote was 6-0-0 with Mmes. Baird and Bruneau and Messrs. Athanassiou, Counihan, Mahoney and O’Meara all voting “aye” by roll-call.**