**Wellfleet Finance Committee Minutes**

**April 24, 2017, 5:30 PM**

**Wellfleet Elementary School, Library Room**

**Members Present:** Stephen Polowczyk, Chair, Kathy Granlund, Arlene Kirsch, Janet Loewenstein, Fred Magee, Linda Pellegrino, Robert Wallace, Ira Wood

**Members Absent:**

**Also Attending**: Brian Carlson, Assistant Town Administrator, Lydia Vivante.

Chair Polowczyk called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**Transfers**

None

**2017 ATM Warrant Articles**

Article 1: The Committee discussed the article and their thoughts on areas of the budget that could possibly be reduced. Chair Polowczyk identified several areas to reduce and suggested the shellfish department and the elementary school. Member Kirsch wanted to find the bottom line budget number that the committee could support going into Town Meeting. Member Loewenstein expressed the need to reduce the budget back to 2.5%. Member Magee asked about the implications of reducing the budget on Town Meeting floor. There was much discussion. Chair Polowczyk moved and member Granlund seconded that the following motion be introduced at Town Meeting. The motion shall read; I move that the Town vote to amend the motion for Article 1 by reducing the total Operating Budget by $86,000 from a total of $17,594,278 to a total of $17,557,278 and by approving the transfer of $260,000 from Free Cash as part of the total appropriation for the Operating Budget. Member Wood added that with the transfer of the Free Cash the Town would still stay within State guidelines and asked if this action would have a negative effect on the Town bond rating. The motion carried 8-0-0.

Article 2: The Committee discussed the article. Member Wood moved and member Loewenstein seconded to recommend the article. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Article 6: The Committee discussed the article. Member Wood moved and member Kirsch seconded to recommend the article. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Article 7: The Committee discussed the article. Member Wood moved and member Pellegrino seconded to recommend the article. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Article 8: The Committee discussed the article. Member Magee moved and member Kirsch seconded to recommend the article. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Article 10: The Committee discussed the article. Member Magee moved and member Kirsch seconded to recommend the article. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Article 24: The Committee discussed the article and asked several questions about the process that led to the request. ATA Carlson explained that the Town has conducted an extensive analysis of the original request from Town Meeting in 2013 and that it was found not to be financially or technically feasible. The Committee asked that any remaining funds from the original article be brought back to a future Town Meeting for any further re-appropriation. Member Wood asked how long do the portable toilets last. Chair Polowczyk moved and member Kirsch seconded to rescind the Committees vote of ‘not to recommend’ from their March 29th meeting. The motion carried 8-0-0. Member Loewenstein moved and member Wood seconded to recommend the article to Town Meeting. The motion carried 5-3-0.

Article 29: The Committee discussed the article. Member Kirsch discussed past feasibility studies that were done for this building. There was a lot of discussion about the expense and the age of the building. Member Wood moved and member Magee seconded to recommend the article. The motion carried 8-0-0.

Article 51: The Committee discussed the article. Member Loewenstein moved and member Pellegrino seconded to recommend the article. The motion carried 8-0-0.

**Liaison Reports**

Police Dept. committee has approved a sign that will be installed.

**Correspondence**

Henchy letter regarding Herring River

Julian Cyr letter

Email between Hugh, Dan and Harry regarding town meeting

**Minutes**

Member Kirsch made the motion to approve the Finance Committee Minutes from March 15 and 29, 2017 as presented; Member Loewenstein seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

**Adjournment**

 The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian Carlson, ATA. Stephen Polowczyk, Chair Date

**Public Records of 4/24/17-**No Public Records to note