March 25th, 2019

Finance Committee Meeting

**Present:** Patricia-Lee Achorn, Ira Miller, Gordon Gladstone, Anja Bernier, Charles Goodman, Anil Ramoju, William Brack, Daniel Lewenberg, Edward Philips and Arnold Cohen.

**Absent:** Hanna Switlekowski

# Review Article 21 Water Discharge – Peter O’Cain

Peter O’Cain, Town Engineer provided further information on Article 21 Water Discharge.

* The article will give the DPW written accountability and legal authority.
* The goal of the bylaw is public safety.
* Approximately six events occurred this year requiring the bylaw.
* Ground water discharge is exempt as well as discharge to a catch basin.
* The amount and intensity of rain fall continues to increase causing highest ground water levels in history.
* Bylaw prevents people from pumping, draining or discharging water upon any public way or place.

\*Members of the Finance Committee mentioned two areas of concern: Woodland Street and End of Massapoag Avenue.

1. **Review Article 19 Firefighter Residency- Chief James Wright**

Chief James Wright provided further information on Article 19 Firefighter Residency.

* Officers have to live within fifteen minutes of the town.
* Six months is allowed for relocation unless special circumstances have been agreed upon between the individual and fire chief.
* They worked with the labor attorney to make this legal.
* This was a side agreement added to the current contract.
* Currently all officers except one meets the requirement.
* Nineteen of their members are within fifteen minutes.
* Current statue is not as flexible as the proposed statue.
* Current statue requires everybody rather than just officers.

# Discuss and Vote Remaining Articles

**MOTION:** by Daniel Lewenberg **SECONDED:** by Anja Bernier **VOTED:** 10-0-0 in favor of approval of Article 4: Personnel By-Law**.**

**MOTION:** by Arnold Cohen **SECONDED:** by Gordon Gladstone **VOTED:** 10-0-0 in favor of approval of Article 7: Community Preservation Act Annual Funding & Projects.

**MOTION:** by William Brack **SECONDED:** by Anja Bernier **VOTED:** 10-0-0 in favor of approval of Article 16: Accept Provisions of MGL c. 40 Section 57 & Amend Chapter 189 of the General Bylaws.

**MOTION:** by Anja Bernier **SECONDED:** by Gordon Gladstone **VOTED:** 10-0-0 in favor of approval of Article 17: Sharon Public Project Funding of $17,750,528 and $7,485,943 in grant funding.

**MOTION:** by Edward Philips **SECONDED:** by Anja Bernier **VOTED:** 10-0-0 in favor of approval of Article 18: Authorize Board of Selectman to Petition the Legislature to Permit All Alcohol Package Stores in Business District A, B, D and the Light Industrial District.

**MOTION:** by Anja Bernier **SECONDED:** by William Brack **VOTED:** 10-0-0 in favor of approval of Article 19: Accept Provisions of MGL Chapter 48, Section 58E (firefighter residency).

**MOTION:** by Edward Philips **SECONDED:** by Daniel Lewenberg **VOTED:** 10-0-0 in favor of approval of Article 20: Naming of Pavilion at Dr. Walter A. Griffin Playground for Ezra Schwartz.

**MOTION:** by Gordon Gladstone **SECONDED:** by Anja Bernier **VOTED:** 9-0-1, Charles Goodman abstained in favor of approval of Article 21: General Bylaw Change: Add Section- Water Discharge to the Public Right-Of-Way.

**MOTION:** by Gordon Gladstone **SECONDED:** by Arnold Cohen **VOTED:** 10-0-0 in favor of approval of Article 22: Amend Zoning Map- Rezone 810 South Main Street to Business District B.

# Liaison Updates

No update at this time.

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# Documents Distributed Since the Last Meeting

## Debt Service Projection

* 1. **Warrant Articles: 4, 6, 7, 15, 19, 22 and Revised 4, 5 & 7**
  2. **CPA Funds (email)**
  3. **Answer to Personnel Board question (email)**

# Minutes to be voted: March 18, 2019

**MOTION:** by Edward Philips to approve the March 18th, 2019 minutes **SECONDED:** by Anja Bernier **VOTED:** 9-0-1. William Brack abstained.

# Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair in 48 hours

* Deadline for warrant comments due by Friday, March 29th, 2019.
* VisGov writeup done by Ira will appear in the Warrant in its own section.
* Next meeting will be held April 1st, 2019.

# Adjournment

**MOTION:** by Edward Philips to adjourn **SECONDED:** by Daniel Lewenberg **VOTED:** 10-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.