

Finance Committee Meeting
Executive Session Minutes – October 7, 2013
Town Hall, Lower Level Hearing Room, 7:35 P.M.

Members Present: Patricia-Lee Achorn, Aaron Agulnek, William Brack, Arnold Cohen, Gordon Gladstone, Charles Goodman, Alexander Korin, Ira Miller, Laura Nelson, Edward Philips (Hamilton)

Absent: Michael Fish

1. Richard Gelerman, Town Counsel, explained the history of the litigation between the Town, abutters, and the owners of Rattlesnake Hill that arose out of the Town's prior approval of a 40b Project by the prior owners. As part of the 40b approval, the Striar family (former owner) was granted a permit for 120 units. The suit by the Striar family claims that the Town erred in not granting the request for 250 units. Abutters also sued raising several claims. The property was later sold to Brickstone, who are now maintaining the litigation against the Town. Town Counsel explained that the pending litigation might be impacted by the review of this Warrant Article. In particular, Town Counsel was concerned that the Finance Committee review this in Executive Session because Town Counsel and the Committee Chair believed that an open meeting discussion may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Town, including any potential settlement of the litigation that would occur as part of the action on the Warrant Article.
2. It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to return to regular session.
3. **VOTED:** 10-0-0.
4. The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.