

Finance Committee Meeting & Open Warrant Meeting  
Minutes – April 28, 2014  
Sharon High School Library, 7:30 P.M. & 8:15 P.M.

Members Present: Patricia-Lee Achorn, Arnold Cohen, Gordon Gladstone, Charles Goodman, Alexander Korin, Ira Miller (Hamilton)

Absent: Aaron Agulnek, William Brack, Laura Nelson, Edward Philips

1. Ira Miller announced that Bill Brack, Chair, was not able to attend this meeting, therefore, he, as Vice Chair, would lead the meeting. Prior to the Open Warrant meeting the agenda was to discuss any remaining recommendations for Town Meeting to be held next Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the High School.
2. The first item on the agenda was to approve the prior minutes.
3. A **MOTION** was made by Pat Achorn and **SECONDED** by Arnie Cohen to approve the minutes of March 3, 2014.
4. **VOTED:** 3-0-3. For: Achorn, Cohen, Miller. Abstain: Gladstone, Goodman, Korin.
5. A **MOTION** was made by Pat Achorn and **SECONDED** by Arnie Cohen to approve the minutes of March 10, 2014.
6. **VOTED:** 5-0-1. For: Achorn, Cohen, Goodman, Korin, Miller. Abstain: Gladstone.
7. A **MOTION** was made by Pat Achorn and **SECONDED** by Arnie Cohen to approve the minutes of March 24, 2014.
8. **VOTED:** 5-0-1. For: Achorn, Cohen, Goodman, Korin, Miller. Abstain: Gladstone.
9. A **MOTION** was made by Pat Achorn and **SECONDED** by Arnie Cohen to approve the minutes of March 31, 2014.
10. **VOTED:** 5-0-1. For: Achorn, Cohen, Goodman, Korin, Miller. Abstain: Gladstone.
11. A **MOTION** was made by Pat Achorn and **SECONDED** by Arnie Cohen to approve the minutes of April 2, 2014.
12. **VOTED:** 5-0-1. For: Achorn, Cohen, Goodman, Korin, Miller. Abstain: Gladstone.
13. A **MOTION** was made by Pat Achorn and **SECONDED** by Arnie Cohen to approve the minutes of April 7, 2014.
14. **VOTED:** 4-0-2. For: Achorn, Cohen, Korin, Miller. Abstain: Gladstone, Goodman.
15. A **MOTION** was made by Pat Achorn and **SECONDED** by Arnie Cohen to approve the Executive Session minutes of April 7, 2014.

16. **VOTED:** 5-0-1. For: Achorn, Cohen, Goodman, Korin, Miller. Abstain: Gladstone.
17. The next item was discussion of Article 7. Finance Committee Members.
18. A **MOTION** was made by Gordon Gladstone and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to recommend in favor of Article 7.
19. **VOTED:** 4-0-2. For: Achorn, Gladstone, Goodman, Miller. Abstain: Cohen, Korin.
20. The next item was discussion on the Brickstone articles. The committee was waiting for the Planning Board to take their vote.
21. There was considerable discussion held regarding Brickstone and the Development Agreement.
22. The committee was polled to get a consensus of their views. Mostly in support of Articles 1-3 with some reservations.
23. A **MOTION** was made by Alex Korin and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to adjourn to the Open Warrant Meeting.
24. **VOTED:** 6-0-0.
25. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
26. The Open Warrant Meeting started at 8:15 p.m.
27. Ira Miller stated that Special Article 1. Snow & Ice Deficit Appropriation needed to be voted. The committee needs the amount of the deficit. Also Articles 1-3 on Brickstone and Article 20. Medical Marijuana need to be voted. Waiting for the Planning Board vote. The committee will vote at next Monday's meeting prior to Town Meeting.
28. Fire Chief James Wright and Police Chief Joseph Bernstein attended this meeting to talk about Article 6. Public Safety Building Funding. The Finance Committee strongly supported this article.
29. Chief Wright stated that they have attempted to educate the public in terms of need for the facility. At Police and Fire stations, doing an Open House on Sunday, May 4, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. At the Fire station there will be a small pancake breakfast. Fire station open and people can stop by anytime. Police are on the road most of the time. Schedule an appointment with Police. People need to come in and see the facility. \$24,750,000 cost of new facility. It will suit this community for a long time, possibly for the next 50 years.
30. Chief Joseph Bernstein stated that the Police dispatch all 911 calls and forward to Fire Department dispatch. We need two dispatchers. We can't accommodate people with disabilities. Safety issues need to be corrected.
31. There was some discussion regarding the Public Safety Building.

32. The next item was Paul Lauenstein proponent of Article 23. Citizen Petition – encourages town officials to promote measures that conserve vital water and energy resources, and minimize carbon emissions.
33. Paul Lauenstein stated he has been watching the progression of climate change. Higher water, carbon dioxide, and tornadoes. Sharon economics is tied to Boston when a disaster strikes. Our food prices depend on agriculture. We depend on healthy global environment. Massachusetts State Legislature passed law in 2008. Calls for 80% reduction of carbon emissions for 2050. This would start a community discussion. The Selectmen not in favor of this article. This Warrant article doesn't bind anyone to anything. Encourages town officials to take more seriously.
34. The Planning Board is meeting on Wednesday, April 30, 7-8 p.m. at the Community Center.
35. Town Meeting is next Monday at 7 p.m. at the High School.
36. The next meeting will be May 5 at 5:30 p.m. at Sharon High School Library.
37. It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to adjourn.
38. **VOTED:** 6-0-0.
39. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.