

Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2022
7:45 PM

Present: Christine Russell (Chair), Adam Nolde (Vice Chair), Roland Bourdon, Steve Noone, Mike Majors, Jason Cole, Esha Gangolli, and Stephen Walsh (associate member)

Ms. Russell called the meeting to order.

1. Citizen's Concerns

None

2. Budget Hearing

A hearing was opened to review the submitted budget. Mr. Bourdon moved to close the budget hearing. Mr. Cole seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Noone moved to recommend the Town operating budget. Mr. Bourdon seconded. The Committee voted 6-1, and the motion carried.

Mr. Cole moved to recommend the Acton portion of the ABRSD assessment. Mr. Bourdon seconded. The Committee voted 6-1, and the motion carried.

Mr. Cole moved to recommend the Minuteman regional school district Acton share. Mr. Bourdon seconded. The Committee voted 8-0, and the motion carried.

3. Warrant Preview – Citizens' Petitions

Mr. Van Meter, on behalf of Housing and Climate Justice for Acton, discussed the citizen petition for electric vehicle charging for multi-family buildings. The petition asks for zoning codes for new and substantially rehabilitated multi-family buildings to require electric charging. It also asks for the Town to prioritize seeking funding resources to underwrite some costs and/or incentives. There are no immediate budgetary impacts.

4. Warrant Preview

Mr. Mangiaratti, went thru the current version of the warrant, answering questions, if any, on the articles.

5. Warrant Preview - Citizen Petitions

Ms. Friedrichs spoke to the citizens' petition for Economic Feasibility and Analysis of Affordable Housing Trust article. The article asks for \$2,500 to complete the study.

Ms. Friedrichs spoke to the citizens' petition for Land/Tree Clearing Limits Bylaw(s) article.

Ms. Friedrichs spoke to the citizens' petition for Limiting Negative Impacts of Unaffordable Growth article.

Ms. Friedrichs spoke to the citizens' petition for the Elected Planning Board Members article. This article asks the Town to transition to an elected planning board.

Ms. Friedrichs spoke to citizens' petitions related to PCRC 9.6.2.3. The article is asking to exclude wetlands from the PCRC calculation.

Mr. Snyder-Grant from the Acton Climate Coalition spoke to mobilizing Acton's Climate Action Plan article.

Ms. Hurley spoke to the citizens' petition for Changing the State Flag and Seal article.

6. Finance Committee Business

Members volunteered or were assigned articles for Town Meeting

Ms. Gangolli moved to accept the meeting minutes of January 25, 2022. Mr. Noone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Members gave liaison updates

Mr. Walsh moved to adjourn. Mr. Noone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

None