

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2023
7:30 PM

Present: Christi Andersen (Chair), Jason Cole (Vice Chair), Steve Noone, Roland Bourdon, Adam Nolde, Christine Russell and Vlad Kan (associate)

Ms. Andersen called the meeting to order.

1. Citizen's Concerns

None

2. Update on South Acton Vision and Action Plan

Guest Speaker/Presenter: Kristen Guichard, Planning Director and Zoning Enforcement Officer

Ms. Guichard presented an update on the South Acton Vision and Action Plan, via a Power Point Presentation. The main part of the presentation included information about the Commonwealth's new MBTA Community Act which allows more flexibility in zoning requirements; for example, not requiring discretionary permits for multi-family dwellings (MGL 40A, Section 3A). Non-compliance with MGL 40A Section 3A was also discussed. A workshop will be held Tuesday, Oct 3, 2023 at the Acton Memorial Library focusing on feedback on recommendations and MGL 40A, Section 3A compliance.

3. Point of View (POV) Discussion

Ms. Russell presented an update on the POV slides based on input received from other Finance Committee members from last meeting. Discussion ensued about content of each slide with minimal change:

- “Change the Reserves: Recommendation” slide - to only clarify the point
- “Capital Projects” slide - current projects changed to all one color

MSBA conducted its first walk-through of the Conant School a few weeks back with School Superintendent and Town Manager. This is earlier than expected. We will hear back in November of their decision if the school will be on their list. We would be 5-7 years off before we have to borrow.

4. Finance Committee Business

Minutes of June 27, 2023. Mr. Bourdon moved to approve as amended. Mr. Noone seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes of July 25, 2023. Ms. Russell moved to approve. Mr. Nolde seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes of August 22, 2023 and September 12, 2023. Ms. Russell moved to approve. Mr. Cole seconded. The motion was approved with Mr. Noone abstaining.

Members gave their liaison reports.

Next Meeting is October 10, 2023

Mr. Kan moved to adjourn. Mr. Cole seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

South Acton Vision and Action Plan Presentation

Point of View (POV)