

**Finance Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
June 1, 2021  
7:00 PM  
\* VIRTUAL MEETING \*

**Present:** Christi Andersen (Chair), Christine Russell (Vice-Chair), Roland Bourdon, Jason Cole, Mike Majors, Adam Nolde, Steve Noone, David Wellinghoff and Sahana Purohit

Ms. Andersen called the meeting to order via a virtual meeting with no Committee members in physical attendance and broadcasted via Zoom and ActonTV.

**1. Citizen's Concerns**

Tom Gillispie, resident, read a statement asking for committee members to reconsider their vote on the Non-Binding Resolution – Dog Park Funding and Relocation article. Mr. Post, resident, read a statement regarding the \$21,000 line item in the Town Capital, Infrastructure, Studies and Improvements Article asking committee member not to recommend such article.

A Resident confirmed that the dog park would be located on the Acton Housing Authority septic leach field and that the proposed location of the parking lot has been vetted by the engineers. She asked for the committee to reconsider their vote on the Non-Binding Resolution – Dog Park Funding and Relocation article.

A resident of Isaac Davis Way confirmed that Mr. Post has been speaking on behalf of all the Isaac Davis Way residents.

**2. Budget Hearing**

Ms. Andersen opened the hearing and informed the members of the proposed FY22 budget representing a 3.62% increase. No public or committee members wished to comment. Ms. Andersen closed the hearing.

**3. Isaac Davis Way Ownership**

Town Counsel, Ms. Pickering-Cook, presented maps and documentation to support the Towns ownership and legal use of lot 54, 352 Main St. In the 2011 agreement between Mr. Walker and the Isaac Davis Way neighbors, Mr. Walker relinquished some rights to certain portions of Isaac Davis Way and the easements over lot 54. Mr. Walker did not relinquish legal ownership, which was transferred to the Town upon purchase of lot 54.

Mr. Cole asked about the legal cost and timing if the neighbors were to bring legal action against the Town. Ms. Pickering-Cook responded that it could take a year to resolve and such costs may exceed the fiscal years legal budget.

Mr. Noone moved to reconsider the Committees 5/25/2021 vote on the non binding resolution – dog park funding and relocation article. Mr. Nolde seconded.

Mr. Cole moved to Not Recommend the article. Ms Purohit seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – nay  
Ms. Russell – nay  
Mr. Wellinghoff – aye  
Mr. Cole – aye  
Mr. Majors - aye  
Mr. Bourdon –nay  
Ms. Purohit – aye  
Mr. Noone – nay  
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 5-4, the motion carried

#### **4. Warrant Article Review**

Brief overviews of the articles and/or the draft warrant article summary were given for each article prior to voting.

#### **Town Budget**

Ms. Andersen moved to recommend the article. Ms. Russell seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye  
Ms. Russell – aye  
Mr. Wellinghoff  
Mr. Cole – aye  
Mr. Majors - aye  
Mr. Bourdon – aye  
Ms. Purohit – aye  
Mr. Noone – aye  
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 8-0, the motion carried

#### **Town Capital, Infrastructure, Studies and Improvements Article 3**

Mr. Cole read through the projects included in the articles, 2 articles were held (C & D).

Mr. Cole moved to Recommend the article, except those held. Ms. Russell seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye  
Ms. Russell – aye

Mr. Wellinghoff  
Mr. Cole – aye  
Mr. Majors - aye  
Mr. Bourdon – aye  
Ms. Purohit – aye  
Mr. Noone – aye  
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 8-0, the motion carried

Mr. Cole moved to Recommend item C of the above article. Mr. Noone seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – nay  
Ms. Russell – nay  
Mr. Wellinghoff –aye  
Mr. Cole – aye  
Mr. Majors - aye  
Mr. Bourdon – nay  
Ms. Purohit – abstain  
Mr. Noone – aye  
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 5-3-1, the motion carried

Mr. Cole moved to Not Recommend item D of the above article. Mr. Nolde seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – nay  
Ms. Russell – nay  
Mr. Wellinghoff –nay  
Mr. Cole – aye  
Mr. Majors - nay  
Mr. Bourdon – nay  
Ms. Purohit – nay  
Mr. Noone – nay  
Mr. Nolde - abstain

The Committee voted 1-8-1, the motion failed

Mr. Noone moved to Recommend item D of the above article. Ms. Russell seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye  
Ms. Russell – aye  
Mr. Wellinghoff

Mr. Cole – nay  
Mr. Majors - aye  
Mr. Bourdon – aye  
Ms. Purohit – aye  
Mr. Noone – aye  
Mr. Nolde - abstain

The Committee voted 6-1-1, the motion carried

#### **Town Capital, Infrastructure, Studies and Improvements Article 4**

Mr. Cole read through the projects included in the articles, 2 articles were held (A & B).

Mr. Cole moved to Recommend the article, except those held. Mr. Noone seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye  
Ms. Russell – aye  
Mr. Wellinghoff  
Mr. Cole – aye  
Mr. Majors - aye  
Mr. Bourdon – aye  
Ms. Purohit – aye  
Mr. Noone – aye  
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 8-0, the motion carried

Discussions were had regarding the current expected cost of \$32m vs \$10m in the CIP plan. The scope of the project needs to be better understood and the design and overall costs reevaluated.

Mr. Cole moved to Not Recommend item A of the above article. Mr. Nolde seconded.

Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye  
Ms. Russell – aye  
Mr. Wellinghoff – aye  
Mr. Cole – aye  
Mr. Majors - aye  
Mr. Bourdon – aye  
Ms. Purohit – aye  
Mr. Noone – aye  
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 9-0, the motion carried

Concerns expressed over lack of public parking and if current foot traffic which would necessitate pedestrian lights. Others believed that the lights would attract foot traffic and possibly business to the area

Ms. Purohit moved to Recommend item B of the above article. Ms Russell seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – nay  
Ms. Russell – aye  
Mr. Wellinghoff  
Mr. Cole – nay  
Mr. Majors - aye  
Mr. Bourdon – aye  
Ms. Purohit – aye  
Mr. Noone – nay  
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 5-3, the motion carried

### **Sidewalk Acquisition – 78 Taylor Rd**

No warrant language available yet, deferred until such information is available.

### **Amend Zoning Bylaw – Drive-up Window Facilities**

Ms. Purohit moved to Recommend the article. Ms. Russell seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye  
Ms. Russell – aye  
Mr. Wellinghoff – aye  
Mr. Cole – aye  
Mr. Majors - aye  
Mr. Bourdon – aye  
Ms. Purohit – aye  
Mr. Noone – aye  
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 9-0, the motion carried

### **Release of Restriction – 127 Strawberry Hill Rd**

Release of deed restriction in exchange for an easement which would allow the town to improve the safety of the intersection.

Mr. Nolde moved to Recommend the article. Ms. Purohit seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye  
Ms. Russell – aye  
Mr. Wellinghoff – aye  
Mr. Cole – aye  
Mr. Majors - aye  
Mr. Bourdon – aye  
Ms. Purohit – aye  
Mr. Noone – aye  
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 9-0, the motion carried

### **Authorize Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements for Solar Facilities**

Mr. Wellinghoff moved to Recommend the article. Mr. Noone seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye  
Ms. Russell – aye  
Mr. Wellinghoff – aye  
Mr. Cole – nay  
Mr. Majors - aye  
Mr. Bourdon – aye  
Ms. Purohit – aye  
Mr. Noone – aye  
Mr. Nolde - abstain

The Committee voted 7-1-1, the motion carried

### **Authorize Solar Contract – Low Income Community Shared Solar Facility**

Not enough information available, deferred until such information is available.

### **Leased Vehicles and related Revolving Fund article**

Not enough information available, deferred until such information is available.

### **Amend General Bylaws – Terminology of the Select Board**

Mr. Noone moved to Recommend the article. Ms. Russell seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye  
Ms. Russell – aye  
Mr. Wellinghoff – aye  
Mr. Cole – aye  
Mr. Majors - aye  
Mr. Bourdon – aye  
Ms. Purohit – aye  
Mr. Noone – aye  
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 9-0, the motion carried

### **Amend General Bylaws – Department Revolving Funds**

This article would authorize a new revolving fund for the public shade tree program.

Ms. Russell moved to Recommend the article. Mr. Noone seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye  
Ms. Russell – aye  
Mr. Wellinghoff  
Mr. Cole – aye  
Mr. Majors - aye  
Mr. Bourdon – aye  
Ms. Purohit – aye  
Mr. Noone – aye  
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 8-0, the motion carried

### **Real Property Disposition – 26 Carlisle Road**

Ms. Purohit moved to Recommend the article. Mr. Noone seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye  
Ms. Russell – aye  
Mr. Wellinghoff - abstain  
Mr. Cole – aye  
Mr. Majors - aye  
Mr. Bourdon – aye

Ms. Purohit – aye  
Mr. Noone – aye  
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 8-0-1, the motion carried

### **Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Not enough information available, deferred until such information is available.

### **Commuter Lot and Enterprise Funds, Articles 28-33 on the Draft Warrant available 6/1/21**

Mr. Nolde moved to Recommend the article. Ms. Russell seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye  
Ms. Russell – aye  
Mr. Wellinghoff – aye  
Mr. Cole – aye  
Mr. Majors - aye  
Mr. Bourdon – aye  
Ms. Purohit – aye  
Mr. Noone – aye  
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 9-0, the motion carried

### **Revolving Fund Budgets**

Mr. Noone moved to Recommend the article. Mr. Cole seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye  
Ms. Russell – aye  
Mr. Wellinghoff – aye  
Mr. Cole – aye  
Mr. Majors - aye  
Mr. Bourdon – aye  
Ms. Purohit – aye  
Mr. Noone – aye  
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 9-0, the motion carried



## **Articles 35-42 on the Draft Warrant available 6/1/21**

Mr. Cole moved to Recommend the article. Mr. Bourdon seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye  
Ms. Russell – aye  
Mr. Wellinghoff – aye  
Mr. Cole – aye  
Mr. Majors - aye  
Mr. Bourdon – aye  
Ms. Purohit – aye  
Mr. Noone – aye  
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 9-0, the motion carried

## **5. Finance Committee Business**

Mr. Noone moved to adjourn. Mr. Majors seconded. Mr. Nolde called the roll:

Ms. Andersen – aye  
Ms. Russell – aye  
Mr. Wellinghoff –  
Mr. Cole – aye  
Mr. Majors - aye  
Mr. Bourdon – aye  
Ms. Purohit – aye  
Mr. Noone – aye  
Mr. Nolde - aye

The Committee voted 8-0, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned

### **YouTube link to recording**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2iiSyR-0W0&t=3657s>

### **Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting**

- Maps of 352 Main St.
- Land Court Documentation relevant to 352 Main St.
- Draft Warrant