

**Sudbury Finance Committee
Virtual Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2022**

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Finance Committee (FinCom) present for the Virtual Meeting were Co-Chair Eric Poch, Co-Chair Jean Nam (arrived at approximately 7:22), Susan Berry, Andrew Bettinelli, Ronald Brumback, Michael Joachim, Sonny Parente, and Scott Smigler

ABSENT: Blair Caple

ALSO ATTENDING the MEETING

Dennis Keohane, Finance Director/Treasurer

ITEM 1: Open the Meeting

• **Welcome and member roll call**

Co-Chair Poch called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and roll-called members of the FinCom present for the March 29, 2022, Virtual Meeting. Co-Chair Poch stated that the FinCom meeting of March 29 is being broadcast live and recorded for viewing by the public via www.sudburytv.org. He read the Municipal Remote Meeting Disclaimer.

• **Opening Remarks (Co-Chairs)**

There were no opening remarks.

ITEM 2: Public Comment

There were no public comments.

ITEM 3: FinCom Budget Year FY23

• **Discuss Proposed Budget**

○ **Continue voting on articles**

Susan Berry mentioned that for Article 6 FY23 Pool Enterprise Fund the amount voted by the Finance Committee does not match the amount in the Warrant. Also, the Stabilization Fund amount has changed to \$40,409(Article 11).

Motion and Vote:

Susan Berry moved, and Michael Joachim seconded the motion to rescind the committee's vote on Article 6 FY23 Pool Enterprise Fund

Roll call vote:

Susan Berry, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Ron Brumback, yes; Michael Joachim, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Scott Smigler, yes; and Eric Poch, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Motion and Vote:

Michael Joachim moved, and Ron Brumback seconded the motion to recommend approval of Article 6 FY23 Pool Enterprise Fund in the amount of \$503,353.

Roll call vote:

Susan Berry, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Ron Brumback, yes; Michael Joachim, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Scott Smigler, yes; and Eric Poch, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Motion and Vote:

Susan Berry moved, and Michael Joachim seconded the motion to rescind the committee's vote on Article 11 Stabilization Fund.

Roll call vote:

Susan Berry, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Ron Brumback, yes; Michael Joachim, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Scott Smigler, yes; and Eric Poch, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Motion and Vote:

Michael Joachim moved, and Ron Brumback seconded the motion to recommend approval of Article 11 Stabilization Fund in the amount of \$40,409.

Roll call vote:

Susan Berry, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Ron Brumback, yes; Michael Joachim, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Scott Smigler, yes; and Eric Poch, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Co-Chair Poch reviewed articles the FinCom still needs to discuss and vote. After some discussion, the committee decided to wait on Article 15 Funding of Operations for Passive Recreation Requirements of the Sewataro/Liberty Ledge Property to see what happens with the renewal of the camp contract.

The committee agreed to wait on a vote on Article 16 and Article 57 since there is an attempt to reconcile these two articles that are similar except for the funding amount.

Co-Chair Poch asked for a motion on Article 22.

Motion and Vote:

Susan Berry moved, and Michael Joachim seconded the motion to recommend approval of Article 22 Fairbank Community Center Audiovisual Equipment Funding in the amount of \$300,000.

Co-Chair Poch noted the need for information about what has changed from the original scope voted for the Fairbank Community Center. Scott Smigler expressed his concern that

supporting this article would be supporting capital that did not go through the typical capital process. Susan Berry expressed the concern that not supporting this article might mean the Permanent Building Committee might need to revise the current plan, cutting out some programming scope. There was additional discussion about these two points of view. There was discussion about waiting on this until the committee has more information. The decision was to take a vote.

Roll call vote:

Susan Berry, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Ron Brumback, yes; Michael Joachim, yes; Sonny Parente, no; Scott Smigler, no; Jean Nam, no; and Eric Poch, no.

The motion failed. The vote was 4 in favor and 4 opposed.

The committee decided to wait to get additional information before voting on Article 19 Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Phase 2D - Acquisition of Land, Article 20 Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Phase 2D - Grant of Easement, Article 23 Fairbank Community Center Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment Funding. In addition, the committee agreed that for Article 32 Americans With Disabilities Act Transition Plan Recommendations the Warrant should read that the committee will report at Town Meeting since the committee is considering taking a revote.

• **Finalize Fin Com Budget Report**

Co-Chair Nam led this discussion. The committee went over the most recent version and had some additional suggestions for edits. Co-Chair Poch will add minor grammatical and formatting errors, send a final version to the committee, and committee members will send any final comments back to the Co-Chair. There was discussion of a request for a review of the final version before a vote. However, there was concern that the timing might mean the Finance Committee section would not make the Warrant deadline.

Motion and Vote:

Eric Poch moved, and Ron Brumback seconded the motion to accept the Finance Committee Report for the Warrant with final amendments by Co-Chair Poch based on grammatical changes and final commentary from the committee, if any, to be submitted to Co-Chair Poch.

Roll call vote:

Susan Berry, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Ron Brumback, yes; Michael Joachim, abstain; Sonny Parente, yes; Scott Smigler, yes; Jean Nam, yes; and Eric Poch, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was 7 in favor and 1 abstention.

- **Other items relevant to budget preparations, review, or informing the Finance Committee budget deliberations**
Co-Chair Poch noted that FinCom needed to revote Article 4 due to a change in the final total of the Town Manager's Capital Budget.

Motion and Vote:

Susan Berry moved, and Ron Brumback seconded the motion to rescind the committee's vote on Article 4 FY23 Capital Budget.

Roll call vote:

Susan Berry, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Ron Brumback, yes; Michael Joachim, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Scott Smigler, yes; Jean Nam, yes; and Eric Poch, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Motion and Vote:

Susan Berry moved, and Ron Brumback seconded the motion to recommend approval of Article 4 FY23 Capital Budget in the amount of \$1,036,274.

Roll call vote:

Susan Berry, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Ron Brumback, yes; Michael Joachim, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Scott Smigler, yes; Jean Nam, yes; and Eric Poch, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

ITEM 4: General Business

- **Liaison reports**
There were no liaison reports.
- **Calendar and Budget Process**
In answer to a question, Jean Nam noted that there will be a transfer request on the agenda for the next meeting. Also, the committee will start work on the Town Meeting presentation using the presentation from the 2021 Annual Town Meeting and the March 22 presentation to the Select Board.
- **Review Goals/Future Agenda Topics**
There was no discussion on this item.
- **Transfers and Other Business**
There were no transfers or other business.
- **Approve Meeting Minutes**
There were no minutes to approve.

ITEM 5: Updates from Town Staff

There were no updates.

ITEM 6: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

ITEM 7: Adjournment

Motion and Vote:

Susan Berry moved, and Eric Poch seconded the motion that the March 29, 2022, Finance Committee meeting be adjourned at approximately 9:16 p.m.

Roll call vote:

Susan Berry, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Ron Brumback, yes; Michael Joachim, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Scott Smigler, yes; Jean Nam, yes; and Eric Poch, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

The next scheduled meeting of the Finance Committee is Monday, April 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.