

**Sudbury Finance Committee
Virtual Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2023**

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Finance Committee (FinCom) present for the Virtual Meeting were Co-Chair Michael Joachim, Co-Chair Eric Poch, Susan Berry, Sonny Parente, Andrew Bettinelli, Michael Ferrari, Hank Sorett, and Colin Wang.

ABSENT:

ALSO ATTENDING the MEETING

Dennis Keohane, Finance Director/Treasurer

ITEM 1: Open the Meeting

● **Welcome and member roll call**

Co-Chair Joachim called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. and roll-called members of the FinCom present for the March 27, 2023, Virtual Meeting. He stated that the FinCom meeting of March 27 is being broadcast live and recorded for viewing by the public. He read the Municipal Remote Meeting Disclaimer.

● **Opening remarks (Co-Chairs)**

There were none.

ITEM 2: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

ITEM 3: FY24 Budget Discussion

● **Prepare FinCom Warrant Report**

FinCom members reviewed the draft Finance Committee section of the Warrant and discussed any further suggested edits that would clarify the committee's positions and deliberations. After some discussion about what should be included in the conclusion section, the committee voted to take a 15-minute recess while the Co-Chairs worked on draft language that captured the suggestions discussed.

Motion and Vote:

Susan Berry moved, and Eric Poch seconded the motion that FinCom recess for 15 minutes.

Roll call vote:

Eric Poch, yes; Susan Berry, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Mike Ferrari, yes; Colin Wang, yes; Hank Sorett, yes; and Mike Joachim, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

The committee reviewed the draft conclusions and reached

consensus. The charts in the report were also reviewed for updates and inclusion.

Motion and Vote:

Susan Berry moved, and Eric Poch seconded the motion that FinCom approve the Finance Committee section in the Warrant as amended and with any necessary updates to the charts.

Roll call vote:

Eric Poch, yes; Susan Berry, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Mike Ferrari, yes; Colin Wang, yes; Hank Sorett, yes; and Mike Joachim, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

- **Deliberate and Vote on Warrant Articles**

Co-Chair Joachim and Co-Chair Poch reviewed the articles that the committee still needs to vote on:

Article 8 Snow and Ice Transfer - Hold for amount or IP.

Article 12 Revolving Fund Spending Limit - Hold waiting to hear from SPS on the FinCom request to increase the limit on the Bus Revolving Fund.

Article 30 and Article 31 - Delay until the committee reviews the information and determines whether FinCom needs to take a position.

CPC Articles - The committee was ready to vote on these.

Co-Chair Poch commented that CPC articles 50, 52, 52, and 53 are all standard administrative articles and could be voted as a group.

Motion and Vote:

Eric moved, and Andrew Bettinelli seconded the motion that FinCom recommend approval of Articles 50, 52, 53, 54 for the CPA funds.

Roll call vote:

Eric Poch, yes; Susan Berry, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Mike Ferrari, yes; Colin Wang, yes; Hank Sorett, yes; and Mike Joachim, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Article 41 Community Preservation Act Fund - 67-73 Nobscot Road Acquisition, Design and Construction - Co-Chair Joachim noted that FinCom received information with answers to the committee's questions. Hank Sorett questioned developing the land instead of leaving it as open space. Some discussion followed about the percentage of low income housing and the use of any funds not needed for the purchase of the property.

Motion and Vote:

Eric moved, and Sonny Parente seconded the motion that FinCom recommend approval of Articles 41 Community Preservation Act Fund - 67-73 Nobscot Road Acquisition,

Design and Construction.**Roll call vote:**

Eric Poch, yes; Susan Berry, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Mike Ferrari, yes; Colin Wang, yes; Hank Sorett, no; and Mike Joachim, yes.

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

Motion and Vote:

Susan Berry moved, and Eric Poch seconded the motion that FinCom recommend approval of Articles 42 Community Preservation Act Fund - Accessible Pathways on Town Properties.

Roll call vote:

Eric Poch, yes; Susan Berry, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Mike Ferrari, yes; Colin Wang, yes; Hank Sorett, yes; and Mike Joachim, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Motion and Vote:

Sonny Parente moved, and Mike Ferrari seconded the motion that FinCom recommend approval of Articles 43 Community Preservation Act Fund - Bruce Freeman Rail Trail CSX Extension.

Roll call vote:

Eric Poch, yes; Susan Berry, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Mike Ferrari, yes; Colin Wang, yes; Hank Sorett, yes; and Mike Joachim, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Motion and Vote:

Eric Poch moved, and Susan Berry seconded the motion that FinCom recommend approval of Articles 44 Community Preservation Act Fund - Curtis Outdoor Health and Wellness Space in the amount of \$480,000.

Roll call vote:

Eric Poch, yes; Susan Berry, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Mike Ferrari, yes; Colin Wang, yes; Hank Sorett, yes; and Mike Joachim, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Article 45 Community Preservation Act Fund - Frank Feeley Fields Improvements Phase II - Mike Joachim noted that FinCom has received a lot of information about this project and that it was unanimously recommended by CIAC.

Co-Chair Poch added that last year's appropriation was reduced in favor of more planning for this phase.

Motion and Vote:

Erich moved, and Sonny Parente seconded the motion that

FinCom recommend approval of Article 45 Community Preservation Act Fund - Frank Feeley Fields Improvements Phase II in the amount of \$799,688.

Roll call vote:

Eric Poch, yes; Susan Berry, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Mike Ferrari, yes; Colin Wang, yes; Hank Sorett, yes; and Mike Joachim, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Motion and Vote:

Eric Poch moved, and Susan Berry seconded the motion that FinCom recommend approval of Articles 46 Community Preservation Act Fund - Fence and Lights for Fairbank Multisport Court in the amount of \$100,000.

Roll call vote:

Eric Poch, yes; Susan Berry, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Mike Ferrari, yes; Colin Wang, yes; Hank Sorett, yes; and Mike Joachim, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Motion and Vote:

Eric Poch moved, and Susan Berry seconded the motion that FinCom recommend approval of Articles 47 Community Preservation Act Fund - Historic Resource Inventory Surveys Phase V in the amount of \$23,000.

Roll call vote:

Eric Poch, yes; Susan Berry, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Mike Ferrari, yes; Colin Wang, yes; Hank Sorett, yes; and Mike Joachim, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Motion and Vote:

Eric Poch moved, and Andrew Bettinelli seconded the motion that FinCom recommend approval of Articles 48 Community Preservation Act Fund - Watershed Based Plan, Restoring Water Quality in Hop Brook in the amount of \$78,600.

Roll call vote:

Eric Poch, yes; Susan Berry, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Mike Ferrari, abstain; Colin Wang, yes; Hank Sorett, yes; and Mike Joachim, yes.

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

Motion and Vote:

Eric Poch moved, and Susan Berry seconded the motion that FinCom recommend approval of Articles 49 Community Preservation Act Fund - Hosmer House Historic Structure, Cultural Landscape and Collection Study in the amount of \$130,000.

Roll call vote:

Eric Poch, yes; Susan Berry, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Mike Ferrari, yes; Colin Wang, yes; Hank Sorett, yes; and Mike Joachim, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Articles 51 Community Preservation Act Fund - Indigenous Cultural Landscape Study - Hank Sorett had a question about whether this article would empower town departments to require homeowners to make modifications to their property.

Motion and Vote:

Eric Poch moved, and Susan Berry seconded the motion that FinCom recommend approval of Articles 51 Community Preservation Act Fund - Indigenous Cultural Landscape Study in the amount of \$35,000.

Roll call vote:

Eric Poch, yes; Susan Berry, yes; Sonny Parente, no; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Mike Ferrari, yes; Colin Wang, yes; Hank Sorett, no; and Mike Joachim, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was 6 in favor and 2 opposed.

- Discuss other items relevant to FinCom review of Budgets and Warrant Articles
There was no further discussion.

ITEM 4: General Business

- **Liaison reports**

Susan Berry reported that Superintendent Crozier replied to FinCom's request that SPS consider increasing the spending limit of the Bus Revolving Fund by saying he would talk to the Chair and Vice Chair of the SPS Committee to see if they want to put this on the agenda of their next meeting.

- **Calendar**

Co-Chair Joachim reviewed the meetings in April and the items the committee needs to complete.

- **Approve Meeting Minutes**

There were no minutes to approve.

- **Transfers and other business**

There were no transfers or other business.

ITEM 5: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

ITEM 6: Adjourn**Motion and Vote:**

Eric Poch moved, and Hank Sorett seconded the motion that the March 27, 2023, Finance Committee meeting be adjourned at

approximately 9:40 p.m.

Roll call vote:

Eric Poch, yes; Susan Berry, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Mike Ferrari, yes; Colin Wang, yes; Hank Sorett, yes; and Mike Joachim, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

The next scheduled virtual meeting of the Finance Committee is Monday, April 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.