

Sudbury Finance Committee
Virtual Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2024
7:00PM

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Finance Committee present were: Co-Chair Michael Joachim, Mike Ferrari, Andrew Bettinelli (arrived late), Colin Wang, Henry Sorett (arrived late), Maura Carty (arrived late), Co-Chair Eric Poch (arrived late), Susan Berry, and Ryan Lynch.

ABSENT

None.

ITEM 1: Welcome and Member Roll Call

Co-Chair Joachim called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00PM, roll-called members present, and declared a quorum present. He read the Municipal Remote Meeting Disclaimer.

Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs: this meeting is devoted to preparation of the FinCom Report for the Warrant and review of remaining Warrant articles.

ITEM 2: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

ITEM 3: FY25 Budget Discussion

Co-Chair Joachim displayed the draft report for members' review and suggestions for edits were made and implemented in real time.

Article 40: Community Preservation Act Fund: Parkinson Field Driveway Design

Insofar as FinCom will receive further information on Article 40, the Committee considered rescinding its prior vote pending that presentation. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Bettinelli and seconded by Ms. Berry, it was voted to rescind the FinCom's recommendation on Article 40. Roll call vote: Co-Chair Joachim-Y, Mr. Bettinelli-Y, Mr. Wang-Y, Ms. Berry-Y, Mr. Lynch-Y, Mr. Sorett-Y and Mr. Ferrari-A. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Co-Chair Joachim made note of the remaining edits to the Report. Mr. Keohane will assist with this remaining work.

Co-Chair Joachim stated that the remaining Warrant articles will be voted at the next meeting, and the Committee would also discuss the comments to be given on each article at Town Meeting.

ITEM 4: General business

- **Transfers and other business**

There were none.

- **Liaison reports**

Ms. Carty reported that she had contacted the Planning Board about the MBTA zoning bylaw warrant article. The Board asked that that FinCom take a position because the articles could have financial implications with respect to state funding.

Mr. Bettinelli stated that FinCom did not generally take a position on zoning articles and recommended that the Committee take that approach here. Even though there could be financial implications if the articles did not pass, that did not mean that the articles turned into financial matters at this time.

Mr. Sorett stated that there would be financial implications if the Town approved the zoning bylaw in the form of additional expenses of public safety protection, schools and other services.

- **Calendar**
April 8 – regular meeting.
April 29 – regular meeting.
- **Approval of Minutes**
There were none.

ITEM 5: Public comment

There was no public comment.

ITEM 8: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Sorett and seconded by Mr. Lynch, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. Ms. Berry-Y, Mr. Lynch-Y, Mr. Ferrari-Y, Ms. Carty-Y, Mr. Wang-Y, Mr. Sorett-Y, Mr. Bettinelli-Y, Co-Chair Joachim-Y, Co-Chair Poch-Y. Motion carries 9-0, unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Martin Barraford
Recording Secretary