

Members Present:

Rob Barker, Nichola Gallagher, Cynthia Holcombe, Tim McKenna and Cindy Thomas.

Members Absent: Barbara Saint André.

Guests Present:

Jim Murgia, Finance Director
Ellen Jones, Finance Committee Secretary

Opening: A meeting of the Canton Finance Committee was called to order by Chairman Barker at 7:02 pm. on Thursday, April 5, 2018 in the Salah Meeting Room of Town Hall.

A. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Barker reviewed the items on the agenda which included reviewing the discussions for all of the articles, as well as a few informational items such as clustering of articles and the consent agenda put together by a group of pre-ATM individuals.

B. Announcements

Chairman Barker announced that there are four vacancies on the Finance Committee and that interested residents should contact the Town Moderator.

C. New Business

Because Ms. Saint André was unable to attend the April 5th Finance Committee meeting, Ms. Gallagher attended the meeting in order for the Committee to have a quorum of five members. Even though Ms. Gallagher had been elected to the School Committee at the Town Election on April 3rd, Ms. Gallagher had not yet resigned from the Finance Committee (2 years remained on her term) and had not yet been officially sworn in for the School Committee. She was able to attend the meeting as an active member of the Finance Committee.

Clustering of Town Meeting Articles- Chairman Barker explained that if an Article is picked during the ATM lottery process, all similarly related articles will be handled in sequence. The following articles will be clustered:

Marijuana By-Law Articles – Articles 39, 40, 41 and 63.

Hotel Overlay District Articles – 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46.

Parking Garages – Articles 47 and 48.

Street Acceptances – Article 26 will stand alone. Articles 27-30 will be clustered. Articles 31-34 will be clustered. Articles 35 and 36 will be addressed together.

The reason for clustering the street acceptance articles together is because some of them fall within the same development.

Consent Agenda – Chairman Barker reported that there were no changes made at the pre-ATM meeting to the Consent Agenda as originally recommended by the Finance Committee. The consent agenda will include 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 22, 23 and 24.

Article 19 Motion 10 – Community Preservation Committee (CCPC) - At the advice of Town Counsel the Finance Committee voted Motion 10 under Article 19 which is essentially boilerplate language that contains routine authorization from the voters for the CCPC to comply with the conveyance requirements of the CPA, which are not determined until a project is about to be contracted for in the grant award document. Chairman Barker further explained that each CCPC motion should have been preceded by the language that is being included in Motion 10. This year to make things simple, instead of changing Motions 2-9 with this added language, Motion 10 will be addressed separately. The Finance Committee cannot offer motions on behalf of the CCPC. Chairman Barker stated that he discussed Motion 10 with CCPC Chair Lisa Lopez and that the CCPC is meeting on Monday, April 9th and will vote on Motion 10 at their meeting. Procedurally this Motion 10 will apply to Motions 2-9. Unfortunately the timing of the CCPC's vote on Monday evening would be after the Finance Committee has committed to sending the ATM document to the printer. The Finance Committee will confirm at their meeting prior to ATM on Monday, May 14th, that CCPC has moved and approved Motion 10.

Article 20 – Revised Motion – Authorize BOS to Amend the First Amended and Restated Development Agreement with Canton Holdings, LLC -

After the pre-ATM meeting that was held on April 3rd, the motion for Article 20 was revised with the help of Town Counsel. Chairman Barker read the revised motion for Article 20 as follows:

MOVED: That the Board of Selectmen be authorized to amend Section 11.6 of the First Amended and Restated Development Agreement dated April 28, 2015 between the Board of Selectmen and Canton Holdings, LLC by deleting the second grammatical sentence of Section 11.6 thereof and replacing it with the following sentence:

“The parties acknowledge and agree that no modifications or amendments to this Agreement shall be made unless and until a duly noticed and advertised public hearing has been held by the Board regarding such proposed modification or amendment, which proposed modification or amendment shall require a super majority (4/5’s) vote by the Board at a meeting at which all five (5) members are present for its passage.”

Chairman Barker stated that there was concern over what constituted a super majority if there were only three members of the BOS present at a meeting. This motion essentially requires that all five BOS members be present in order to make changes to the Development Agreement. **A motion made by Ms. Thomas to approve the revised motion for Article 20 as written in the Town Meeting document was seconded by Ms. Holcombe. Vote: 5-0-0.**

D. Other Business/Open Issues

Review of Finance Committee Report – Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget and Overview

Chairman Barker thanked Mr. Murgia for his work on the Finance Committee Report.

He further explained the process for the review of discussions. Discussions are assigned to various Committee members who then forward these to the Chair, the Vice Chair and the Finance Committee Secretary for review as well as Mr. Murgia. The discussions are then usually forwarded to the rest of the Committee members. Unfortunately, due to time constraints not all members were able to review all of the discussions.

The Finance Committee reviewed the Report regarding the fiscal year 2019 proposed budget and overview. The Committee also reviewed all of the discussions for the articles.

The Finance Committee requested that the following items required further follow up:

- Change the color or shading of the “bond rating agency target” bar on Figure 2 (Reserve Accounts & Bond Rating Agency Expectation) in the report.
- In the “Roads” section of “On the Horizon” the amount of \$28 million to bring Canton’s roads up to good condition needs to be confirmed and addressed in the discussion for Article 18 (Additional Local Appropriation to Supplement Chapter 90 Roads Program).
- For the discussion under Article 19 Motion 3 (\$325,500 additional funding for the purchase of the 6.85 acres of open space land at the Paul Revere Heritage site) the Finance Committee is seeking confirmation of which committee (BOS, CCPC, Paul Revere sub-committee) approved the irrigation and underground conduit work to be completed at the site.
- With regard to Article 19 Motion 5 (\$300,000 for Bolivar Pool resurfacing and deck replacement) Ms. Thomas requested an update from the Recreation Director with regard to the facility study that was being conducted regarding the pool.
- The Finance Committee asked that the term “housekeeping” be removed from the discussions for Articles 42-50.

E. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for March 22, 2018, March 26, 2018 and April 2, 2018 were still being prepared and would be approved at a future meeting.

F. Next Meeting Date: The next meeting date is Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Canton High School. This meeting is prior to the Annual Town Meeting to address last minute town meeting items.

Adjournment: A motion made by Mr. McKenna to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. was seconded by Ms. Gallagher. Vote: 5-0-0.

Minutes reviewed by: Tim McKenna

Respectfully submitted,



Rob Barker
Chairman, Canton Finance Committee

**Canton Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 5, 2018
Meeting Documents**

Please note: These meeting documents may also be found on the Town's website under the Posted Minutes section (Laser Fiche).

Some of the budget or Annual Town Meeting documents referred to in meetings may be found on the Finance Committee page of the Town's website.

Agenda (1 page).

Draft copy of the Recommendations of the Finance Committee to the Voters of Canton, Massachusetts.