

Finance Committee Members Present:

Christos Arsoniadis, Rob Barker, Dan Cole, Cynthia Holcombe, Emilio Mauro, Tim McKenna, Cindy Thomas and Wai Wong.

Finance Committee Members Absent: Barbara Saint André.

Guests, Present:

Paul DeRensis, Town Counsel
James Murgia, Finance Director
Ellen Jones, Finance Committee Secretary

Opening: A meeting of the Canton Finance Committee was called to order by Chairman Barker at 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2019, in the Cafeteria of the Canton High School.

A. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Barker reviewed the items on the agenda, which included discussions of substitute motions and amendments for various articles for the Annual Town Meeting.

B. Announcements

Chairman Barker stated that the Association of Town Finance Committees (ATFC) would be holding a regional seminar on May 16th at the Sharon Community Center and that the seminar was free.

C. New Business

Discussion and Vote - Article 2 Motion 2 – Amended Motion (Non-Residents List)

A motion made by Ms. Thomas to recommend the amended motion for Article 2 Motion 2 (non-residents list), adding the following names to the article:

“Jenn Weiss Donovan, Pinck & Co., Owners Project Manager (Article 20)”,
“Deborah Marai, Pinck & Co., Owners Project Manager (Article 20)”,
“John Hickok, CHA, Architect (Article 20)”,
“Kevin Aitken, CHA, Architect (Article 20)”,
“Matt Cathone, CHA, Architect (Article 20)”
“Margaret Murphy, Chestnut Hill Realty” (Article 26)
and “Andrea Berardi, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director”

was seconded by Mr. Wong.

Vote: 7-0.

Discussion and Vote – Article 9 Motion 2 – Substitute Motion (Adjust Fiscal '19 Accounts)

Article 9 Motion 2 was similar to Article 44. Town Counsel wanted to make sure the motion was not adding funds to the project. Mr. Murgia explained that free cash could be appropriated for the self-contained breathing apparatus project. Town Counsel suggested that it would be better to rescind debt within the motion.

A motion made by Mr. McKenna to recommend the substitute for Article 9 Motion 2 that the funding sources for the appropriation of \$181,000 for Self-Contained Breathing apparatus project voted pursuant to Article 12 motion 5 of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting be amended by changing the sources of funds as follows:

first, by reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed in said motion by Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000) to a reduced lesser borrowing authorization of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$165,000), and

second, to add the following new funding source in place of the borrowing amount being so reduced: that Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000) be hereby appropriated to the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Project from Free Cash (Undesignated Fund Balance) in the Treasury of the town, so that the total new sources of funds total the same \$181,000 appropriation heretofore voted by the town was seconded by Mr. Mauro.

Vote: 7-0-0

Discussion and Vote – Article 31 – Substitute Motion (Acceptance of Cedarcrest Road Extension as a Town Way)

A motion made by Mr. Mauro to recommend the substitute motion for Article 31 that the extension of Cedarcrest Road be laid out and accepted as a town way, as recommended by the Planning Board and as laid out by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Massachusetts G.L. c. 41 and c. 82, as shown on a plan entitled “The Village at Cedarcrest Street Acceptance Plan, Cedarcrest Road & Beatrice Way, prepared by Arthur F. Borden & Associates, Inc., dated March 28, 2019” (hereinafter referred to as “Acceptance Plan”); and that the Board of Selectmen be hereby authorized to acquire by purchase, gift, or eminent domain such land and easements for the creation, maintenance and operation of a public way, including but not limited to easements for access, grading, drainage, sloping, construction and utilities, as described in the Acceptance Plan; and further that the Board of Selectmen and Town officers be hereby authorized to take any and all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this vote was seconded by Mr. McKenna.

Vote: 7-0-0.

Discussion and Vote – Article 32 – Substitute Motion (Acceptance of Beatrice Way as a Town Way)

Ms. Holcombe arrived at the meeting at approximately 6:13 p.m.

A motion made by Ms. Holcombe to recommend the substitute motion for Article 32 that Beatrice Way be laid out and accepted as a town way, as recommended by the Planning Board and laid out by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Massachusetts G.L. c. 41 and c. 82 as shown on a plan entitled “The Village at Cedarcrest Street Acceptance Plan, Cedarcrest Road & Beatrice Way, prepared by Arthur F. Borden & Associates, Inc., dated March 28, 2019” (hereinafter referred to as “Acceptance Plan”); and that the Board of Selectmen be hereby authorized to acquire by purchase, gift, or eminent domain such land and easements for the creation, maintenance and operation of a public way, including but not limited to easements for access, grading, drainage, sloping, construction and utilities, as described in the Acceptance Plan; including but not limited to:

The unnumbered parcel of land shown as the extension of Cedarcrest Road, and Beatrice Way, as shown on said Acceptance Plan;

A parcel of land titled “Drainage Lot To Be Accepted by the Town of Canton”, unnumbered, as shown more particularly on said Acceptance Plan;

Utility easement for public water supply distribution purposes and any other utilities between Lot 4 and Lot 5, Thirty (30) feet wide running north and south to existing driveway easement, then twenty-five (25) feet thereafter as is more particularly shown on said Acceptance Plan; and,

Utility easement for public water supply distribution purposes and any other utilities, connecting between Cedarcrest Road and Beatrice Way located partially upon Lot 10 and upon Drainage Lot To Be

Accepted by the Town of Canton, thirty (30) feet wide, as more particularly shown on said Acceptance Plan;

and further that the Board of Selectmen and Town officers be hereby authorized to take any and all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this vote was seconded by Mr. Mauro.

Vote: 8-0-0.

Discussion and Vote – Article 44 – Substitute Motion (Amend Borrowing for Pleasant St. Dam Project)

A motion made by Ms. Thomas to recommend the substitute motion for Article 44 that the funding sources for the appropriation of \$1,250,000 for the Reservoir Pond Dam Repair Project voted pursuant to Article 12 motion 10 of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting as amended by the motion voted pursuant to Article 12 Motion 5 of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting be further amended by changing the sources of funds as follows:

first, by reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed in said motions by Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000) to a reduced lesser borrowing authorization of Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$975,000), and

second, to add the following new funding source in place of the borrowing amount being so reduced: that Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000) be hereby appropriated to the Reservoir Pond Dam Repair Project from Free Cash (Undesignated Fund Balance) in the Treasury of the town, so that the total new sources of funds totals the same \$1,250,000 appropriation heretofore voted by the town was seconded by Ms. Holcombe.

Vote: 8-0-0.

D. Other Business/Open Issues

There was no discussion regarding other business or open issues.

E. Approval of Minutes

A motion made by Mr. McKenna to approve the minutes for March 27, 2019, as written was seconded by Ms. Holcombe. Vote: 8-0-0.

A motion made by Ms. Thomas to approve the minutes for April 2, 2019, as written was seconded by Ms. Holcombe. Vote: 6-0-2.

A motion made by Ms. Thomas to approve the minutes for April 4, 2019, as written was seconded by Ms. Holcombe. Vote: 7-0-1.

F. Next Meeting Date:

The next Finance Committee meeting will take place on July 25, 2019, at which time the Finance Committee will reorganize its officers and discuss and vote on year end transfers or reserve fund transfer requests. Budgets that are in the deficit for FY 19 thus far include the legal budget for the Executive Office, the Town Clerk's office and the Finance Committee budget.

Adjournment: A motion made by Mr. McKenna to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. was seconded by Ms. Thomas. Vote: 8-0-0.

Minutes reviewed by: Emilio Mauro

Respectfully submitted,


Tim McKenna
Chairman, Canton Finance Committee

**Canton Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2019
Meeting Documents**

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

Agenda for May 13, 2019 (1 page).

ATM 2019 - Article 2 Motion 2 – Non-Residents List – Amended Motion (1 page).

ATM 2019 - Article 9 Motion 2 – Adjust Fiscal '19 Accounts – Substitute Motion (1 page).

ATM 2019 - Article 31 – Acceptance of Cedarcrest Road Extension as a Town Way – Substitute Motion

ATM 2019 - Article 32 – Acceptance of Beatrice Way as a Town Way – Substitute Motion (2 pages).

ATM 2019 - Article 44 – Amend Borrowing for Pleasant Street Dam Project – Substitute Motion (1 page).