

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, Tuesday, April 1, 2003, Auditorium, Town Hall,
Provincetown, MA 02657

Present: Chair Sue Buerkel, Ruth Gilbert, Ann Maguire, Matthew Clark, Tom Thurston, Alice Foley and Rick Holland.

Meeting called to order at 4:05PM

Also present: Town Manager, Keith Bergman

Minutes of March 25, 2003 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept.

Moved: Ruth Gilbert, Second: Tom Thurston, accepted 6:0:1.

Jennifer Bedard arrived at 4:17PM

Possible option of Cape End Manor moving to Truro was briefly discussed.

Finance Committee asked to be updated on Cape End Manor developments throughout the year via memos and periodic meetings.

Future of Stabilization Fund was discussed briefly.

Town Manager, Keith Bergman announced that STM-8&9 were being indefinitely postponed.

STM-10 Home Rule Petition/Real Estate Transfer Fee for Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Ruth Gilbert, Sue Buerkel and Rick Holland recused themselves due to conflict of interest. Alice Foley will act as Chair.

Ann Maguire said she has a lot of questions about this article; how/why did they arrive at 2%, singles out 1 group of people and is therefore discriminatory, no plan as to what will be done with the money, what happens to tax and fund when we reach target of 10% affordable housing in town, who spends the money and what kind of controls will there be. She stated that she wants to see the full package before she can consider recommending it. Matthew Clark agreed with above and added that he thinks there needs to be a comprehensive plan including zoning perspective, etc. Jennifer Bedard stated that while she fully supports the need for affordable housing, she has a problem with the lack of plan and feels that 2% seems too arbitrary. Alice Foley agrees with all of the above.

Motion to not recommend as is currently written. Moved: Ann Maguire, Second: Tom Thurston and passed 5:0:0. (Matthew Clark)

Ruth Gilbert, Sue Buerkel and Rick Holland returned to meeting at 5:15PM.

STM-19 MacMillian Pier-Approvals for Seafood Offloading Sublease and Structure

Motion to make no recommendation unless Fin Com gets more information prior to Town Meeting.

Moved: Alice Foley, Second: Rick Holland and it passed unanimously. 8:0:0. (Rick Holland)

ATM-21 Zoning Amendment-Telecommunications Facilities I-Waiver

ATM-22 Zoning Amendment-Telecommunications Facilities II-Overlay Dist.

ATM-23 Zoning Amendment-Telecommunications Facilities III Stealth

Motion to make no recommendation. Moved: Ruth Gilbert, Second: Alice Foley and it passed unanimously. 8:0:0.

ATM-32 Use of Stabilization Fund to Reduce FY2004 Tax Levy-\$200,000

Motion to accept as written. Moved: Tom Thurston, Second: Ann Maguire and it passed 6:1:1. Motion to revisit the issue. Moved: Ruth Gilbert, Second: Alice Foley and it passed unanimously. 8:0:0. Motion to accept as written. Moved: Tom Thurston, Second: Ann Maguire and it passed 5:0:3.
(Rick Holland against, Matthew Clark in favor)

Review of who will speak on each article at Town Meeting. Gail Enos and Ginny Ross will not be present at Town Meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Moved: Alice Foley, Second: Matthew Clark and it passed unanimously. 8:0:0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48PM

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Lutsky
Recording Secretary