Westport Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Remote Meeting March 26 , 2024

Present: Karen Raus (Chair), Cindy Brown (Vice-Chair), Al Lees, Zachary Lebreux, Duncan Law, Hugh Morton, Michelle Orlando

Absent : Gary Carreiro , Christopher Thrasher

Also Present: Michael Burris, Bob Daylor, Jim Whitin

Karen Raus called the meeting to order at 6:31pm, and a Pledge of Allegiance.

Karen Raus read the following: This meeting is being held remotely in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts 'March 12, 2020, order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A Section 20 and on March 29, 2023, Governor Healey signed a Supplemental 2023 Budget Bill allowing remote and hybrid meetings options for public bodies through March 31, 2025. This meeting is being recorded.

Karen Raus (Chair) opened the meeting by mentioning we will be reviewing and voting on the Warrant Articles and the Planning Board was present to give a presentation of their warrant articles.

1.Review Warrant Articles: Karen Raus opened the meeting to representatives of the Planning Board, Michael Burris who gave a presentation on few Articles titled Congregate Living, Lot Width, Westport Gateway Mixed Use Science and Technology Overlay District, Route 6 Area Development Constraints in the presentation.

There were a number of questions and discussions by Finance Committee members in regards to the Articles that were presented by the Planning Board. Karen Raus requested to finance committee members to follow up if there were any other questions.

Karen Raus mentioned there is one more presentation for the next meeting Betty Slade for (CPC) Community Preservation Committee.

2.Recommendations for Annual Town Meeting:

The Finance Committee voted to make recommendations on a number of the articles during the meeting. **See Chart for Warrant Articles Recommendations **

The Town Administrator needs to finalize the Warrant, and the Finance Committee will have all its recommendations by April 2, 2024 (preferred) and no later than April 9, 2024.

3. Committee/Liaison updates: N/A

4.Approval of Minutes: N/A

5.Meeting Schedule: April 02 ,2024 (Remote)

6. Correspondence: N/A

7.Topic for next Meeting Agenda: Review and make recommendation for all remaining Warrant Articles

8. Adjourn :There being no further business to come before this meeting a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm was made by Cindy Brown and Michelle Orlando seconded the roll call vote was 7-0 all in favor. Raus; aye, Lees; aye, Brown; aye. Lebreux; aye, Morton ;aye Law ;aye, Orlando; aye.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica McKane Finance Committee Recording Clerk

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:

Fy25 FINCOM DRAFT 03-26-.xlsx Free Cash FinCom 3-22-24.xlsx 2024 AGENDA March 26.docx 5-7-24 ATM Warrant Articles Index.doc 5-7-24 ATM Warrant 8th Draft.doc 03-22-24 Fincom2024 03_18 Questions Reponses.docx

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