

Stoneham Finance & Advisory Board Meeting  
Thursday, March 25, 2021 - 7:00 pm  
All Members Attending Remotely

Attendees:

Tim Waitkevitch, Chair  
Cory Mashburn, Vice Chair  
Andrew Harmon, Secretary

Julieanne Bovat	Youlia Bowerman
Jeremy Doyle	Jen Gray
Ed Hurley	Mike Memmolo
Wendy Smith	Dave Tamarro

*Absent:* None

Guests:

None

Agenda:

1. FY22 Budget Discussion
2. Town Meeting Warrant Articles
3. Other Business - Non Deliberative
4. Adjournment

Minutes:

The Finance & Advisory Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Mr. Waitkevitch opened the meeting with Agenda Item #1. Mr. Memmolo asked whether the Board could get information on the assumptions used to define Local Receipts for FY22. He noted that it was a significant increase over FY21. He also asked what the Town's portion of COVID relief would look like.

Mr/ Waitkevitch urged the Board to hold off a vote on the budget Article tonight, as small expected changes will be occurring in the next few weeks. He explained that a vote would be more wisely taken during the April meeting.

Board Chair then moved discussion to Agenda Item #2. Mr. Waitkevitch suggested consolidating review of Warrant Articles #1-4 (Administrative) as they appear to be standard language for each Town Meeting. He also suggested taking volunteers to write descriptions for each Article discussed to be used at Town Meeting. Mr. Harmon introduced a motion to vote for favorable

action on Article #1. Mr. Memmolo seconded; all in favor. The Board agreed to use language used in previous Town Meetings for Article #1.

Ms. Gray introduced a motion for favorable action on Articles #2-4. Mr. Harmon seconded; all in favor. The Board then had a general discussion about the state of the Greenway and the need to dissolve the committee. It was decided to table a vote on Article #5 (Greenway Committee) until the next Finance Board meeting where there would hopefully be more information on why the Committee should be dissolved.

The Board then moved discussion to Article #6 (Wetlands). There was a general discussion about the Article and why it is being added. A vote on the Article would be tabled until the next Finance Board meeting. In the meantime, the Board would ask the Conservation Committee to explain the purpose of the Article.

The Board then deferred discussion on Articles #7-9. The Board would seek additional information from the Department of Public Works on Article #7 (Stormwater) and the Planning Board on Articles #8-9 (Planning Board). Articles #10-13 (Solar Panel Projects) began a discussion about green energy in Town. Mr. Doyle introduced a motion for favorable action on the Articles. Ms. Smith seconded; all in favor.

The Board deferred discussion on Article #14 (Budget) until the next meeting. Mr. Mashburn then explained the nature of Article #15 (Capital). Ms. Gray introduced a motion for favorable action on the Article. Mr. Hurley seconded; all in favor. Mr. Harmon then introduced a motion for favorable action on Article #16 (Public Access Revolving Fund). Mr. Memmolo seconded; all in favor. Mr. Memmolo asked whether the transfer amounts on Articles #17-18 (Water & Sewer) had increased. Mr. Waitkevitch confirmed that they were higher this year because our rates from the MWRA had increased. Ms. Smith introduced a motion for favorable action on both Articles. Mr. Hurley seconded; all in favor.

Ms. Gray introduced a motion for favorable action on Article #19 (Revolving Fund Caps). Ms. Bovat seconded; all in favor. Ms. Smith introduced a motion for favorable action on Article #20 (End of Year Transfers). Ms. Gray seconded; all in favor.

The Board then discussed the specifics surrounding Article #21 (Citizens Petition). It was suggested that the Board table a vote on the Article. The Board would like the citizen to come before the Board to discuss the history and facts surrounding the petition. The Board expressed general concern that the petition does not include any type of financial estimates on cost. Ms. Smith further suggested asking the Department of Public Works for their opinion. The Board also discussed reviewing old meeting minutes for some insight on this issue.

Mr. Waitkevitch then recapped the Articles that the Board did not vote on in this meeting:

Article 5

Article 6  
Article 7  
Article 8  
Article 9  
Article 14  
Article 21

The Board then scheduled its next meeting for April 5th, 2021.

Board Chair then moved the discussion to Agenda Item #3. Mr. Mashburn urged the Board to attend the School Building Committee Community Forum.

Mr. Harmon then introduced a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mashburn seconded; all in favor.