

Stoneham Finance & Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, November 2, 2020 - 7:00 pm
All Members Attending Remotely

Attendees:

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

Julianne Bovat	Youlia Bowerman
Jeremy Doyle	Jen Gray
Ed Hurley	Mike Memmolo
Wendy Smith	

Absent: Dave Tammaro

Guests:

None

Agenda:

1. Meeting Minutes
2. FY22 Development
 - a. Dept/Member Meetings
 - b. Full FAB Dept Meetings
3. Water and Sewer Questions
4. Updates
 - a. Capital
 - b. School Building Committee
 - c. Subcommittees
5. Other Business - Non Deliberative
6. Adjournment

Minutes:

The Finance & Advisory Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Mr. Waitkevitch opened the meeting with Agenda Item #1. The Board was asked to review the minutes for 10/8/2020. Mr. Doyle introduced a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Mashburn seconded; 9 members in favor, 1 abstention (Memmolo).

Board Chair then moved discussion to Agenda Item #2. Mr. Waitkevitch brought up the budget calendar and wanted the group to focus discussion on the period of 11/20/2020 through

12/10/2020. This is the time allotted for the Finance Board to meet with Town departments about the FY22 budget. He then asked the Board to recommend which departments should be invited before the Board. Mr. Mashburn suggested that the School department not be invited. Simply because they are already having a lot of interaction with both the School Committee and the Select Board. He continued that the Health Department could be valuable because of ongoing COVID concerns.

Mr. Hurley suggested that Public Works should be given an opportunity to speak. Ms. Smith then suggested the Fire department because of the coordination of emergency measures with the Board of Health. Mr. Waitkevitch added that the Police department should be included in that line of discussion. Both Mr. Doyle and Ms. Gray agreed that the Board should try to distill the subjects to be discussed with these departments in order to give them all time before the Board. Mr. Waitkevitch agreed and further suggested that the discussions should be mostly on COVID impact.

Mr. Harmon asked whether the departmental subcommittees would attempt to communicate with the departments before they meet with the Board. This was generally agreed to be the plan. Mr. Waitkevitch then proposed some options about meeting frequency in the coming weeks. The Board agreed that the regular meeting would be held, as well as an additional meeting after Thanksgiving.

Board Chair then moved discussion to Agenda Item #3. Ms. Smith submitted a document representing questions the Board would like to ask about Water & Sewer. She then shared some of the feedback to these questions provided by the Town Accountant. He had noted that the collection rate is somewhere around 89%. Ms. Bowerman suggested that the Board may want to organize the questions by theme.

Board Chair then moved discussion to Agenda Item #4. Mr. Mashburn indicated that there are no current updates for the Capital Committee. He did circulate information related to the School Building Committee. He relayed the latest events from the Committee, which still continues to review the four site plans created by the architects. No Board members had any updates related to subcommittees.

Board Chair then moved discussion to Agenda Item #5. The Board discussed any conflicts related to scheduling upcoming meetings. Ms. Smith advocated for the resources available through the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA). Mr. Waitkevitch further advocated for the Division of Local Services (DLS) website as another valuable resource.

Mr. Mashburn introduced a motion to adjourn. Ms. Gray seconded; all in favor