

Stoneham Finance & Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2022 - 7:00 pm
All Members Participating Remotely

Attendees:

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

Julieanne Bovat Youlia Bowerman
Jen Gray Ed Hurley
Mike Memmolo Wendy Smith

Absent: Sachin Joshi, Dave Tammaro

Guests:

None

Agenda:

1. Meeting Minutes - Vote Required
2. October Town Meeting - 10/17
3. Budget Calendar
4. Tri-Board - 9/19
5. Select Board Summit - 9/13
6. Updates
 - a. Water & Sewer
 - b. Capital
 - c. School Building Committee
 - d. Subcommittees
7. Other Business - Non Deliberative
8. Adjournment - Vote Required

Minutes:

The Finance & Advisory Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Board Chair began the meeting with Agenda Item #1. The Board was presented with the August 1, 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. Mashburn introduced a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ms. Gray seconded; four members in favor, 3 abstentions (Bowerman, Hurley, Smith). One member (Memmolo) experienced technical difficulties and missed the vote. Motion passed.

* The city of Jackson, Mississippi underwent a period of time (August 2022 and ongoing as of these minutes) where citizens did not have access to potable water. The problems arose from damage to the city's water infrastructure caused by flooding.

Board Chair then moved discussion to Agenda Item #2. Mr. Waitkevitch posed a question to the Board as to whether there should be a meeting added to the schedule for reviewing Warrant Articles for October Town Meeting. Mr. Waitkevitch suggested September 28th or September 29th. Various Board members shared conflicts with these dates. He then suggested Board members send him availability offline to determine the best date for this additional meeting.

Board Chair then moved discussion to Agenda Item #3. Mr. Waitkevitch indicated that he was still waiting for a budget calendar from the Town. Mr. Harmon offered to circulate everyone's departmental assignments from the previous fiscal year. Ms. Bowerman asked whether there was a plan to host departments at Tri-Board meetings. Mr. Waitkevitch answered that he suspected that would continue this year. He then asked the Board whether they wanted to reach out to departments prior to the official Town budget schedule. Ms. Gray agreed that this would be helpful and communications could occur through email.

Ms. Smith wanted to remind the Board that there was a necessary upcoming meeting with the Town Administrator to go over the Board's new Water & Sewer responsibilities.

Board Chair then moved discussion to Agenda Item #4. Mr. Waitkevitch reminded the Board of a Tri-Board meeting on September 19, 2022. Mr. Harmon asked whether the October Town Meeting warrant would be released. Mr. Waitkevitch indicated that all Town bodies had a deadline of August 29th. But the deadline for all Articles is September 26th. There was then a general discussion about the upcoming Select Board summit (Agenda Item #5).

Board Chair then moved discussion to Agenda Item #6. Ms. Smith observed that the current water crisis in Jackson, Mississippi* originated from failing infrastructure. She emphasized the importance of water and sewer infrastructure and praised the Town's commitment to these areas. Mr. Mashburn provided an update for the Capital Committee. The Committee will be making recommendations totaling \$600K. The recommendations should be set by the next Tri-Board meeting. Mr. Mashburn then provided a School Building Committee update. He noted that the Town has already borrowed a majority of the funds for the building project. The rate was set at 2.34%. There is still \$4.8M in funding left to borrow. Ms. Smith added that there has been a 10.5% increase in concrete and steel prices for construction.

Mr. Mashburn provided an update on the Library. He indicated that the hiring process had begun for the new Assistant Director. Ms. Gray provided an update on the Resource Center subcommittee. The Board has the freedom to post PDFs or links to other resources. Excel files are not permitted. The site can be organized by year.

Board Chair then moved discussion to Agenda Item #7. No non-deliberative business was brought up. Ms. Gray introduced a motion to adjourn. Mr. Harmon seconded; all in favor.

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