

## ADVISORY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Minutes

June 15, 2022, Hybrid Meeting

**PRESENT**      **10 members of the committee were present:**

Eugene Blanchard, Kevin Canty, Robert Eisenstein, Gail Butler, Brian Dunn, Steve Nearman, Don Piatt, Ashley Shaw, Bethany Rogers, and Evelyn Strawn.

**ABSENT**      **5 members of the committee were absent:** Joe Lalley, William Marani, Karen Hamilton, Larry McGrath, and Robert Zupperoli.

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Canty at 7:00 PM.

#### Announcements

- **Hybrid Meeting:** This meeting is likely to be conducted in a hybrid format, with some participants attending physically and others attending virtually via a video conference application
- **Ways to Watch:** The meeting will be airing on Comcast 15, Verizon 47, or on PACTV's YouTube channel which can be viewed at [pactv.org/stream](http://pactv.org/stream).
- **Public Comment:** Any speaker giving public comment is allotted up to 5 minutes in which to speak. Public Comment can be made at the beginning or end of each meeting, or in regard to a particular agenda item the speaker wishes to be heard on
- **Zoom Login Information:** Anyone who wants to attend the meeting virtually, including members of the public who wish to give public comment, can use one of the following methods in which to do so:
  - **Join via Zoom application:** Download the Zoom meeting application on your device, press/click on "Join", then enter Meeting ID: **995 2986 0638**, and then the Meeting Password: **100131**, or
  - **Join via website** (requires microphone): Go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us), click "Join A Meeting" on the top righthand side, and enter the meeting ID: **995 2986 0638**, and then the meeting password **100131**, or
  - **Join via Telephone (voice only):** Dial **929-205-6099** and Enter Meeting ID: **995 2986 0638** and enter Meeting Password: **100131**

Public Comment – None

#### Agenda Items

##### **Minutes**

Approve the March 16, 2022, Meeting minutes – Ms. Hamilton recommended some edits to the minutes. Mr. Blanchard moved to approve the minutes subject to the changes mentioned. Mr. Eisenstein second. Motion carried (7-0-3), Mr. Dunn, Mr. McGrath and Ms. Rogers abstained.

Approve the May 25, 2022, Meeting minutes – Ms. Hamilton recommended some edits. Ms. Butler made a motion to approve the minutes subject to the changes. Mr. Dunn second. Motion carried (7-0-3), Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Eisenstein and Mr. McGrath abstained.

##### **Request for End-of-Year Appropriation Transfer:**

- **Plymouth Airport – Purchase Aviation Fuel** – Chairman Canty advised that the Airport was requesting an increase to their aviation fuel account due to the increasing cost of aviation fuel. Mr. Piatt asked if the Airport would reimburse the Town, later, when their revenue is certified. Ms. Barrett replied, yes there would be a transfer at the Fall Town Meeting to accomplish this. Mr. Eisenstein asked if the airport would require another transfer. Ms. Barrett, Finance Director, replied that this transfer of \$125,000 will satisfy their needs to get the end of the year. Mr. Piatt made a motion to approve the End of Year transfer. Ms. Butler second. The motion carried unanimously 10-0-0.

### **Reconsideration of Special Town Meeting Articles, if necessary**

Ms. Cavacco, Select Board Chair, requested that the Advisory & Finance Committee (A&F) reconsider Article 1. The Select Board attended various caucuses and it was apparent that there was confusion regarding the Town public use of the property so the Select Board confirmed their position that this acquisition would be for public safety, Fire and Police, headquarters. The Select Board also voted that the funding would be borrowed and not ARPA funds. Chairman Canty advised that Derek Brindisi, Town Manager, requested to show a presentation to the Committee on their decision for public safety.

Chairman Canty advised that once Caucuses start there is a different process for the A&F to vote on articles and the motion to reconsider may only be taken up if a minimum quorum of two-thirds (2/3) of members are present. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting shall be required for passage of the motion to reconsider. As with all motions to reconsider, the motion must be made by a member voting on the prevailing side in the original vote.

After the presentation Ms. Cavacco presented a PowerPoint which detailed the property, proposed municipal uses and financing scenarios. Ms. Cavacco advised that the Select Board (SB) had changed the financing and approved the no CPC support, borrowing the \$1.4 mil and not using ARPA funding. Mr. McGrath asked about an appraisal of the surplus property. Ms. Cavacco advised that the SB has asked the Town Manager to investigate an appraisal to get the best price. Mr. Piatt asked about the process of reconsideration. Chairman Canty advised that someone on the prevailing side of the original vote must make the motion. Mr. Lalley, having been assigned to cover a combined Precinct Caucus for precincts 5, 11 and 13, zoomed in and requested to participate but Chairman Canty said that he should be giving his full attention the caucus and would prefer that he go back to the Caucus. Mr. Lalley would do as the Chair requested.

Being that there was no motion there was no action taken by the committee.

### **Q&A about Special Town Meeting Articles from Town Meeting Members**

None.

**Old/New/Other Business** – Mr. Piatt asked if the A&F committee would be taking a position on the Charter Commission changes being discussed at their meetings. Chairman Canty advised that he was invited early in their process to attend a meeting, but he wasn't sure if they would solicit input from the A&F prior to making recommendations. Chairman Canty recommended that Mr. Piatt attend the Charter Commission meeting and speak during their public comment. Chairman Canty advised that Town meeting is Tuesday, and he is not requiring attendance but if anyone wishes to attend they should reach out and answer an email from Jeanette to get credentials.

**Public Comment** - Mr. Lifrieri thanked the A&F for their service. He would like the committee to see the value, forward thinking and planning that has been put into Article 1 and the support of the Fire and Police departments is solid. He thinks this is a good deal and the Town will be spending the money for a new Fire Station and Police Station whether it's now or later. He supports this endeavor and hopes that Town Meeting does too.

**Adjournment** - Mr. McGrath motioned to adjourn. Mr. Nearman second. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM

Submitted by  
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