



Advisory & Finance Committee

The following meeting of the Advisory & Finance Committee has been posted and will be held

At: Great Hall, Town Hall / Zoom Cloud Meetings Video Conference

On: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 7:00 PM

Items on the agenda will include but are not limited to the following.

Other discussion may include items that were not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48-hours in advance of the meeting posting.

Call to Order

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By Kelly McElreath at 4:26 pm, Nov 13, 2023

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Public Comment

Agenda Items

Approve Minutes:

October 4, 2023 Minutes

October 21, 2023 Minutes

Discuss Standing Committee & Committee Liaison Assignments

Discuss Town Meeting

Old/New/Other Business

Public Comment

Adjournment

ADVISORY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes
October 4, 2023, Hybrid Meeting

PRESENT **12 members of the committee were present:** Gail Butler, Louis Cabana, Brian Dunn, Daniel Green, Bruce Howard, Joe Lalley, Timothy Lawlor, Lorenzo Pizarro, Christine Richards, Evelyn Strawn, Jim Young, and Robert Zupperoli.

ABSENT **3 members of the committee were absent:** Steve Nearman, Bethany Rogers, and Ashley Shaw
Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by 1st Chair Gail Butler at 7:00 PM.

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Public Comment – None.

Agenda Items

Approve Minutes: Ms. Butler asked if anyone would like to make any changes to the proposed minutes.

September 6, 2023, Minutes – Mr. Zupperoli requested that his comments regarding the nip ban, in Old/New/Other Business, be changed to “He spoke with a couple of businessmen in Town and he said that he wished he could change his vote because he was wrong and this is not the best way to reduce litter. Additionally, he feels that this bylaw change, if approved, would hurt businesses in town.” Ms. Richards noted that the minutes listed her absent but she did attend the meeting. Mr. Dunn motioned to approve the minutes subject to the changes noted. Mr. Howard second. Motion carried unanimously (11-0-0).

September 7, 2023, Minutes - Mr. Lalley motioned to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Richards second. Motion carried (10-0-1). Ms. Strawn abstained.

September 13, 2023, Minutes - Ms. Strawn motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Lawlor second. Motion carried unanimously (11-0-0).

Town Meeting Status Update Ms. Butler advised that Town Meeting is Saturday, October 21st at 8 AM at Plymouth North High School. Since Article 17 Holtec PILOT has not been presented to the committee, we may need to have a meeting at 7:30 AM prior to start of Town Meeting to vote on Article 17. We will update everyone as soon as we learn more. Please make every effort to attend the A&F Meeting prior to Town Meeting, in person, as a quorum is necessary to vote.

Precinct Caucus Coverage Update Ms. Butler advised the first of many Caucus Meetings is tomorrow. Two members will

attend each Caucus. The function of the committee member is to assist the town meeting reps if they request input. Ms. Butler suggested that the A&F review the minutes of any articles that close votes as this may be an area that the Caucus would like more information on. The A&F members represent the committee's position, not their own. However, if asked about your position on a particular article you may express your views but please clearly state that it is your position, especially if it is counter to the committee's recommendation.

Old/New/Other Business

Article 4A1 Downtown Corridor Heat Island Mitigation & Beautification Correction

Ms. Butler briefed the committee on the situation. The A&F received the Capital Request form in their meeting packet, along with the backup, and none of that has changed. However, prior to the meeting they received a Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) spreadsheet of the ranked articles. This spreadsheet listed the wrong requested amount for Article 4A1. Since the spreadsheet is in A&F Book of Recommendations and the accompanying tables the Committee is being asked to reaffirm that they approved \$126,400 for Article 4A1, which is the amount on CIC Request Form.

Ms. Barrett, Finance Director, apologized that this wasn't caught, and said that the Capital Improvement Committee reviewed and ranked the projects based on the Capital Request forms and backup and when the information was put into the spreadsheet the next day the amount for Article 4A1 was listed incorrectly.

Mr. Zupperoli made a motion to reaffirm that the Article 4A1 project is \$126,400. Ms. Strawn second. Motion carried unanimously. 11-0-0

Public Comment - None

Adjournment - Mr. Zupperoli motioned to adjourn. Mr. Dunn second. Motion carried unanimously (11-0-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Submitted by
Jeanette White
Budget Analyst

ADVISORY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes
October 21, 2023, Meeting

PRESENT **13 members of the committee were present:** Gail Butler, Louis Cabana, Brian Dunn, Daniel Green, Joe Lalley, Timothy Lawlor, Steve Nearman, Lorenzo Pizarro, Christine Richards, Ashley Shaw, Evelyn Strawn, Jim Young, and Robert Zupperoli.

ABSENT **2 members of the committee were absent:** Bruce Howard and Bethany Rogers.

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Nearman at 7:30 AM.

Public Comment – None.

Agenda Items:

Article 17 Holtec PILOT -

Motion to approve: Mr. Nearman

Second: Mr. Zupperoli

Vote: Unanimous, 12-0-0

Discussion: Ms. Shaw thinks it's a good agreement and likes that the Town negotiated the right of first refusal for additional parcels owned by Holtec.

Mr. Lalley asked about the declining payments. Ms. Barrett, Finance Director, explained that the declining payments keep everyone else's taxes from going up should the Town's growth slow down.

The committee was unanimous that the agreement was good for the Town.

Old/New/Other Business - Mr. Lalley noted that this was Ms. Strawn's last meeting and motioned to commend her for her work on the Advisory & Finance Committee over the last 6 years. Mr. Zupperoli second. Motion carried unanimously 13-0-0.

Public Comment - None

Adjournment – Motion to suspend the Advisory & Finance Committee meeting at 7:35 AM until Town Meeting adjourns. Motion carried unanimously 12-0-0.

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