

**Town of Bedford Finance Committee**

**Remote Meeting - Zoom**

March 17, 2022

**Minutes**

Finance Committee Members in attendance: Paul Mortenson, David Powell, Stephen Steele, Karen Dunn, Ben Thomas

Others in attendance: David Castellarin, (Finance Director)

Clerk Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.  
Reads Remote Meeting Guidelines.  
Calls the Roll of Committee Members in attendance.

Noted for the record that the meeting is being recorded by Bedford TV

**I. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**1. Public Comment**

None

**2. Review/ Discussion/Take Positions on ATM Warrant Items**

Member Dunn refers to Article 6 - Community Preservation Budget - #13 as still needing a recommendation vote.

Member Powell notes that this was held off pending the receipt of further information and that we have received that information now.

Member Thomas states that it would appear that if we have one more no vote, we will not have a recommendation.

Member Steele and Member Dunn state they would vote no.

Members decide not to call a vote.

Members Powell, Thomas and Steele discuss what we might potentially do at our short meeting at Town Meeting.

Member Dunn refers to Article 12 – Land Acquisition – 33 Shawsheen Road as still needing a recommendation vote. Refers to Mr. Castellarin with respect to waiting for a legal opinion.

Mr. Castellarin states that he expects this will have to be considered again at our meeting at Town Meeting.

Members discuss and decide to note that the Committee recommendation, if any, will be made at Town Meeting.

Mr. Castellarin states that with respect to Article 14, Supplemental Operation Budget for FY2021 and Articles of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting, he expects this to be postponed indefinitely at Town Meeting.

Member Thomas suggests that based on prior similar circumstances, we note in our write-ups that “The Finance Committee expects this Article to be postponed at Town Meeting”. Members agree.

### **3. Review/Discussion Draft Position Rationale Write-Ups**

Member Dunn refers to Number 7.

Members discuss language added by Member Steele.

Member Steele asks that Mr. Castellarin check the numbers.

Member Dunn refers to Number 10.

Members discuss and approve.

Member Dunn refers to Number 11.

Members discuss and approve.

Member Dunn refers to Number 14.

Members discuss and decide to state that the Finance Committee expects this Article to be indefinitely postponed.

Member Dunn refers to Number 15.

Members discuss further language to explain why the Finance Committee recommends approval. Agrees to language. Also agrees to remove the date included.

Member Dunn refers to Number 15.

Members discuss same terminology used for Number 15. Agree to further language on detail in both paragraphs and condense into one paragraph.

Member Dunn refers to Article 19.

Member Thomas discusses two comments and minor word change.

Member Powell notes a need to change the number in the write-up to match the final Warrant language.

Members further discuss and decide to remove the numbers from the write-up for this Article.

Members discuss further language change in last sentence.

Member Dunn refers to Number 20, OPEB.

Members discuss language as presented as to unfunded liability. Decide to go with current language.

#### **4. Minutes**

Member Dunn notes that we have Minutes from 12/9/21 and 12/16/21.

Member Thomas notes that he was not present on 12/9 so we do not have a quorum for that Meeting's Minutes.

Member Dunn refers to Minutes for 12/16/21. Asks for any discussion. None.

Motion by Member Mortenson to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of 12/16/21

Second by Member Steele.

Roll call of Members in attendance.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion carries

### **RECURRING BUSINESS**

#### **1. Meetings Attended**

None.

#### **2. Open Discussion re: Future Agenda Items/New Business/Old Business**

Members discuss timing for next Meeting on the evening of Town Meeting. Dependent upon the Select Board's meeting that night.

Member Dunn confirms that there will be no meeting next week and the next meeting will be 15 minutes prior to Town Meeting.

Members agree.

Motion to adjourn by Member Mortenson

Second by Member Powell

Roll call of Members in attendance.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion carries.

Time: 7:39 PM

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John B. Connarton  
Recording Secretary

### **DOCUMENT LIST**

Agenda for March 17, 2022 Meeting

Memorandum from Chair Carluccio concerning comments for further discussion for remaining Article write-ups

Memorandum concerning proposed Article write-ups

Community Preservation financial number summaries

Memorandum from Philip Conrad concerning Schools possible Reserve Fund Request for FY 2022

Memorandum from Chair Carluccio concerning Select Board's probable indefinite postponement of Article 14.

Minutes for December 9, 2021 Meeting

Minutes for December 16, 2021 Meeting

