



Ware

MASSACHUSETTS

Finance Committee
126 Main Street
Ware, MA 01082

Finance Committee Meeting

Meeting Location: Selectmen's Conference Room
Ware Town Hall – 126 Main Street

Meeting Date: Friday, January 8, 2021

Meeting Time: 3:00 pm

Due to the outbreak of corona (Covid-19) virus, the Governor has announced an emergency order temporarily lifting the requirement of the Open Meeting Law mandating public access to the physical location of the meeting, provided there is a means of remote access.

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Meeting ID: 857 2931 5731

Passcode: 277653

Meeting Agenda items to be discussed:

1. Review and Vote on Articles for Special Town Meeting
2. Approval of meeting minutes
3. Review of e-mails or correspondence

At the time of posting of this meeting notice and agenda the above items were the only items known. Should an additional item be brought forward, unless of an emergency nature, it will be placed on a future docket. The general public is invited to this and all meetings of the Ware Finance Committee. **THERE'S AN OPENING FOR ONE (1) NEW MEMBER AS OF JULY 1, 2020; APPLY ON TOWN WEBSITE (WWW.TOWNOFWARE.COM) OR WITH TOWN MANAGER.**

Submitted by

Lynn Nenni
Finance Committee Chair

January 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Finance Committee Members Present: Lynn Nenni, Janice Hills, Ken Willette

Guest: Stuart Beckley, Ware Town Manager

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm on January 8, 2021

1) Review and discussion of Articles for January 19, 2021 Special Town Meeting.

The committee had several questions concerning Articles 23 and 25, which were addressed by the Town Manager. There were discussions regarding the impact of the demolition on the Main Street project and related grant should the Town decide not to fund the demolition of 114 Main Street, and how to prevent a similar scenario in the future. The Town Manager stated that a delay in the demolition may result in increased construction costs, but that the Town would not lose the grant due to delays. He also stated that Town staff are reviewing existing and proposed Town policies and state statutes to prevent similar problems in the future. In addition, he mentioned the Town is waiting to hear if the State Transportation bill includes funding for the demolition of 114 Main Street.

The committee expressed interest in reviewing a report of other blighted properties in Town and discussed idea's to fund blighted property maintenance, and would like to further discuss these items at the next Finance Committee meeting.

The Town Manager reviewed the balances in the Town's general fund reserve accounts if the Articles pass as presented. The balances will be (rounded):

Stabilization Fund	791,000
Capital Stabilization Fund	589,000
Free Cash	713,000

The Town Manger also provided further explanation on Article 23, stating the pile is too large to dispose of in-house and poses a hazard if not removed.

Ken Willette made a motion to delay voting on Article 25 pending further information on the State Transportation bill.

Second: Janice Hills

Unanimously Approved

Lynn Nenni made a motion to recommend approval of Article 23.

Second: Janice Hills

Unanimously Approved

2) Approval of minutes from December 28, 2020 meeting.

Ken Willette made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2020 meeting.

Second: Janice Hills

Unanimously Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

