

DRAFT – TO BE VOTED BY FULL BOARD AT SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING

Westwood Finance and Warrant Commission
June 2022 Annual Re-Organization Meeting

Wednesday, June 1, 2022
Remote Meeting - ZOOM Webinar
6:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, On June 16, 2021, Governor Baker signed into law an Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted during the State of Emergency. This Act includes an extension, until July 15, 2022, of the remote meeting provisions of his March 12, 2020, Executive Order. This meeting will be conducted via in-person & remote means. Members of the public who wish to access the meeting may do so either in- person or by using the Webinar link below. In-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted based on space availability following CDC, State and Local guidelines, every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means and in-person. In the event that we are unable to do so, for reasons of economic hardship and despite best efforts, we will post on the Town website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

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Topic: Finance and Warrant Commission Meeting

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FinCom Administrator Jane O'Donnell called the Annual Re-Organization meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Finance and Warrant Commission members not in attendance Bill Bruce, Rene Gauthier and Chris Poreda.

Ms. O'Donnell then granted permission to Westwood Media Center to live stream and record the meeting. She also asked if anyone else would like to record this meeting.

Ms. O'Donnell made introductory comments and welcomed all participants including remote members, presenters and members of public and press to the June 2022 FinCom Re-Organization Meeting. Ms. O'Donnell then called the ROLL.

Members were previously provided with the June 2022 agenda.

Those in attendance then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. O'Donnell welcomed Town Moderator, Jim O'Sullivan and thanked him for attending the meeting. Mr. O'Sullivan said a few words of welcome and offered his support to the FinCom. He took the opportunity to introduce newly appointed members John Carey and Sean Weller. Ms. O'Donnell then asked current members to take a moment to introduce themselves as well. The Moderator said that he was continuing his work to include one final new member and asked members to send recommendations his way if they knew of anyone interested.

Ms. O'Donnell then briefly announced that she had made the decision to step down from the Administrator position after 8 years to achieve more balance and flexibility in her personal life and would be continuing on with her other responsibilities for the Town, which will make her available to assist in the transition. She let the members know that the position would be posted shortly and a new Administrator would be in place by the beginning of the FinCom 2022-2023 season!

Ms. O'Donnell then opened the floor for FinCom members to discuss the election of a new Chair for 2022-2023 season.

Election of 2022 – 2023 Chair

After a brief discussion, Ms. O'Donnell called for nominations to elect a new Chair. Two FinCom members were nominated: George Hertz, who accepted the nomination and Jim Ferraro who did not. George Hertz was elected as the 2022- 2023 FinCom Chair. VOTE: Unanimous.

Appointment of 2022 – 2023 Vice-Chair

Chair George Hertz then announced that he had made the decision to appoint Chris Poreda as Vice-Chair for 2022-2023 season.

The Chair then made some opening remarks about the year ahead and let members know that he and the Vice- Chair would be reaching out to them individually over the summer as well as reaching out to the Town Administrator to discuss what the FinCom should anticipate in the coming year. One member mentioned that he had previously discussed with Mr. Hertz that he had suggested that an important issue for him was getting FinCom members more input, earlier, during the annual budget process, not after the proposed budget is completed. The Chair said

that he agreed that this was a valid point and that he would discuss it further with the member and Town Administrator prior to the start of the season. A few other issues that members mentioned that were on their minds were, including: what is happening with the Hale Task Force, whether Zoom will be an option for the FinCom Fall meetings, and the Chair also mentioned getting the FinCom Fall Schedule in place as soon as possible.

Ms. O'Donnell also mentioned that once the final member was appointed, she would send the updated Contact Information document to all members.

Chair Hertz thanked members for attending and asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was offered and seconded. A ROLL CALL vote was taken with all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:33PM

For a complete video of the 6/1/22 FinCom meeting please see the following link:
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