

## Finance Committee Meeting March 8, 2021

### Present

#### Finance Committee

Mark Trudell (Chair)

Dennis Crowley

Josette Burke

Brian Bain

Jeff Fisher

Andrew Flowers

Kathleen Foley Greulich

Allyson Hamilton

Steve Hendricks

Susan Lawson

Lucy Romanowiz

Douglas Shea

Mark Sullivan

Lisa Van der Linden

Roll Call 14 in attendance

### Additional

Jim Johnson

Dheekshita Kumar

Melissa Ranieri

Jack Willey

Richard Zaccaro

Lisa Sinkus

Jodi Cuneo

Patrick Shield

Phil Macchi

Richard Pilla

**Motion for no action – Article 14 – Prior Year fiscal bills – Dennis Crowley**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Lawson**

**14-0-0**

### **Article 16 – Citizens Petition to eliminate single – use plastic check out bags**

**Question** – What would happen at dry cleaners? Not going to change along with produce bags

**Question** – How are the other town enforcing this? Included in the annual inspection by Health Dept.

**Question** – Are they only offering recycled paper bags? Yes, only paper to be offered

**Question** – Did you reach out to Walpole grocery stores? Yes, they all seem to have other locations that are currently using this process.

**Question** – Explain the “hardship” for people? If a small business is having a hard time moving forward with this, we would tend to give them more time. If they have possibly purchased inventory for the year.

**Question** – How does the Director of Health feel? She anticipate a lot of calls from people saying these businesses are not doing what they are supposed to be doing. She might need more man power for this project due to COVID right now which is taking up a lot of time for the Health Department.

**Question** – Any bag that doesn’t have a handle would be exempt? Yes only handle bags

**Question** – When would this be implemented? Business would have one year

**Motion for favorable action – Article 16 - Eliminate Single Use Plastic Bags - Kathleen Foley Greulich**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Susan Lawson**

**10-4-0 (Dennis Crowley, Jeff Fisher, Doug Shea, Mark Trudell - NO)**

### **Article 17 - Citizens Petition to allow parking in South Walpole during Stadium events**

**Question** – Police Department view point? It relieves the traffic

**Question** – Will the town be liable? No

**Question** – What has changed since last fall? Planning board and the map wasn't conforming, this will go through the planning board this week.

**Question** – Is there going to be a fee? How long will that last 1 year, two years? Town will change through the building department. The building dept. will approve the number of spots. It's about \$7.00 per space each year for all stadium events.

**Article 17** - vote on April 5, 2021 due to the Planning Boards meeting this week

### **Article 18 – Citizens Petition for Solar Zoning Overlay**

Planning board meeting in ten days

**Question** – South Street will the tree line remain? Yes, there will be an access driveway

**Question** - We will hold off voting until the Planning Board meets? Yes

**Question** – Have we heard anything from Conservation? No we have not

### **Article 19 – Citizens Petition to allow the Select Board to enter into a PILOT Agreement for Solar Zoning Overlay District**

\*Both article to hold off on voting until the Planning Board meets

**Favorable action on minutes from August 31, 2020** – Josette Burke

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Dennis Crowley

**14-0-0**

**Favorable action on minutes from September 10, 2020** – Brian Bain

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Josette Burke

**14-0-0**

### **Article 20 – Citizens Petition to withdraw from Norfolk County Retirement System**

Richard Pilla – Presentation

Finance Committee to send question regarding Legal opinions and other concerns

**Motion for No Action** – Dennis Crowley

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Susan Lawson

**14-0-0**

Next meeting to be scheduled for Monday March 15, 2021, Walpole Media, Personal board, stabilization, OPEB

**Motion to adjourn** – Dennis Crowley

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Susan Lawson

**14-0-0**