

**TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE, MA.
50 MAIN STREET
FINANCE COMMITTEE REMOTE CTSB MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020 AT 6:15 PM**

1. CHAIR BIKOFSKY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:15 PM.

2. COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: JAY BIKOFSKY, JIM BALFANZ, PAM BOUDREAU, NEIL HOLDEN, DIANE REUSS, STEPHEN SHATZ AND WILLIAM VOGT

TOWN GOVERNMENT ATTENDEES: PATRICK WHITE

OTHER ATTENDEES: STEVE BORNS (CTSB), CLARENCE FANTO (EAGLE) AND ANITA SCHWERNER

3. CHAIR BIKOFSKY WELCOMED ALL TO THE MEETING AND INTRODUCED OUR NEWEST MEMBER PAMELA L. BOUDREAU. HE MENTIONED THAT PAM WAS A RESIDENT OF STOCKBRIDGE FOR THE MAJORITY OF HER LIFE AND, FOLLOWING HER MARRIAGE TO ED, SETTLED IN STOCKBRIDGE RAISING TWO CHILDREN, NOW GROWN. SHE HAS HAD A TWENTY (20) YEAR BANKING CAREER AS A BRANCH MANAGER, MORTGAGE OFFICER AND PRESENTLY IS A UNIVERSAL BANKER WITH LEE BANK. THE COMMITTEE EXTENDED A WARM WELCOME TO PAM.

4. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2020 WERE PRESENTED AND A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE SHATZ AND SECONDED BY JIM BALFANZ. A VOTE WAS CALLED AND THE MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).

5. FY 21 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET: (ARTICLE 4)

THE COMMITTEE REAFFIRMED IT'S SUPPORT OF THE OPERATING BUDGET. PARTICULAR NOTE WAS MADE THAT THE COMMITTEE CONTINUED TO EXPRESS ITS CONCERNS TO THE SELECT BOARD RELATED TO THE FUTURE COMMITMENT AND BUDGETING OF FUNDS FOR SBA LEGAL FEES. PATRICK WHITE MENTIONED TO THE COMMITTEE THAT SETTLEMENT OF THIS MATTER WAS CLOSE AT HAND AND SUGGESTED THAT CHAIR BIKOFSKY E-MAIL HIM RELATING THE COMMITTEE'S CONCERNS. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD THEN RAISE THEM TO THE SELECT BOARD AT TOMORROW (7/9/20) EVENINGS MEETING.

THE COMMITTEE REITERATED IT'S PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE OPERATING BUDGET AND CONCERNS REGARDING THE SBA LEGAL FEE MATTER.

6. FY 21 PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLES:
 - A. ARTICLES 5 AND 6 DEALING WITH THE FUNDING FOR THE BHRSD OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DISCUSSED AND APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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B. ARTICLES 7 THROUGH AND INCLUDING 16, EXCLUDING 10, RELATE TO CPC FUNDED PROJECTS: THESE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DISCUSSED AND APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

C. ARTICLE 10 RESTORATION OF THE CIVIL WAR MONUMENT: THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED EDITS TO THIS ARTICLE, NAMELY, THAT APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THIS RESTORATION WOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON THE DEVELOPMENT, PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL BY THE SELECT BOARD OF A FINAL PLAN AND FUNDING PACKAGE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BILL VOGT AND SECONDED BY JAY BIKOFSKY, BOTH CPC MEMBERS, TO APPROVE THIS CHANGE. A VOTE WAS CALLED AND THE COMMITTEE VOTED (7-0) IN FAVOR.

D. ARTICLE 17 ESTABLISHMENT OF A STABILIZATION ACCOUNT TO FUND UNANTICIPATED COVID-19 EXPENSES AND UNANTICIPATED INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DISCUSSED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE.

E. ARTICLE 18 CONTRACTING FOR PLANNING SERVICES: THIS WAS NOT STATED AS THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE PLANNING BOARD. BILL VOGT, CHAIR OF THE PLANNING BOARD, SUGGESTED THAT HE WOULD E-MAIL PATRICK WHITE AND MARK WEBBER TO CLARIFY THE INTENT. ACTION WAS DEFERRED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THIS ITEM.

F. ARTICLE 19 AVERIC BRIDGE PROJECT: THE TRANSFER OF FREE CASH TO SUPPLEMENT FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DISCUSSED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE.

G. ARTICLE 20 TRANSFER OF WATER AND SEWER SURPLUS FUNDS TO RELOCATE UTILITIES:

THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AS RESPECTS THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES RELOCATION IN PROXIMITY TO THE CURTISVILLE BRIDGE. A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE SHATZ AND SECONDED BY NEIL HOLDEN TO APPROVE THIS PROPOSED ARTICLE. A VOTE WAS CALLED AND THE COMMITTEE VOTED (7-0) IN FAVOR.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. "BABY TOWN" MEETING AGENDA: CHAIR BIKOFSKY SUGGESTED THAT THE "BABY TOWN" MEETING WOULD BE SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020 VIA CTSB REMOTE ZOOM AT 6:30 PM. A DRAFT AGENDA WAS ALSO CIRCULATED TO EACH COMMITTEE MEMBER. THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED ITS APPROVAL OF THE VENUE, DATE, AGENDA AND COMMITTEE PRESENTERS, CHAIR BIKOFSKY, STEVE SHATZ AND BILL VOGT.

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B. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: THE COMMITTEE WAS ADVISED THAT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY JULY 25, 2020 AT 10 AM. THE MEETING IS SCHEDULED OUTSIDE, BEHIND TOWN HALL, ON THE TENNIS AND BASKETBALL COURTS. THE RAIN DATE IS MONDAY JULY 27, 2020 AT 6 PM. THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE FOR CASUAL ATTIRE.

C. PROCTOR HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT: CHAIR BIKOFSKY INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT FROM A 2014 UNSPENT CPA HISTORIC GRANT. OF THE \$93,000 AVAILABLE, THE SELECT BOARD IS EXPECTED APPROVE A CONTRACT TO THE LOW BIDDER FOR \$70,450.00

8. ADJOURNMENT:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:20 PM.