

Maynard Finance Committee  
FOWLER SCHOOL - 3 TIGER DRIVE  
MAYNARD, MA 01754  
May 15, 2017

Present: Bob McCarthy, Jill Prendergast, Don Rowe, Nathan Ulrich

Minutes taken by - Nathaniel Ulrich

On recommendation of the Town Moderator, and advice of Town Counsel, the Finance Committee opened a public meeting during a Special Town Meeting to discuss and vote on amendments proposed by the Board of Selectman to Article S-i Certified Free Cash Appropriation. Acting Committee Chair, Bob McCarthy, presided over the discussion and vote

The Finance Committee first deliberated in private and voted against recommending Article S-i, as amended by a vote of 3-1.

Again, by recommendation of the Town Moderator, and advice of Town Counsel, the Finance Committee held, the same, or materially similar deliberation, in the public for all present at the Special Town Meeting to hear. The following transcript of the Finance Committee's public deliberations and vote, as taken from the Board of Selectman's minutes, is reproduced below:

Bob McCarthy - Fin. Comm - statement on why Finance *Committee* did not recommend tonight. Fin Comm did not vote on this after the changes were made because we did not meet since these changes occurred.

Dick Downey- Moderator- Are you voting on it now?

B. McCarthy- No we do not have a full committee

Moderator- have a quorum and you must make a recommendation, I believe.

B. McCarthy- Ok, Fin Comm to vote on the changes to S-i

Moderator clarifies to TM audience need to get Fin Comm recommendation - Fin Comm collaborating.

Finance Committee does not recommend Article S-i

Luann Cutaia, Wilson Or-

Q. *IV 2017* Expenditures do they need to be spent or begun to be spent

Kevin Sweet- TA

A. Not to be expended before June 30, *2017* and they are available through FY18

Myles Clancy, Whitney Ave

Q. Could Fin Comm give rationale to not recommending?

Don Rowe, Fin Comm

A. We haven't had an extended period to revisit this. I can only speak for my vote- it is a risky avenue to go down, moving money into free cash. I'm not comfortable for that reason.

M. Clancy-follow up

Q. Why the 11<sup>11</sup> hour flub? What do we do from here? low are we not planning more efficiently?

Chris DiSilva- Chair SoS

Discusses recent SC & BoS meetings regarding deficit in the SC budget and stressed it is extraordinary circumstances that caused this last mm. change.

Marie Gunnerson, Parker St

Q. If these things are so easily reduced why do we have them?

C. DiSilva

A. Next year we do not anticipate this expense. One-time extraordinary item.

Margaret Sullivan, Parker St.

Q. This money makes the cuts not so deep? Dawn Capello, chair SC

A. Correct, we are hopeful it's a one-time cost.

Ron Calabria, Deer Path

I do not believe Fin Comm can vote in a non-public meeting- I could be wrong.

Could we hear what the vote was?

Moderator- Town Meeting is a public meeting.

R. Calabria- We could not hear deliberations

M. Albota, Taylor Way

Watch the spending

Moderator - Instructs Fin Comm discuss votes

Bob McCarthy- We voted 3-1 against. I voted yes.

Bob McCarthy and Peter Campbell, Chair of Fin Comm attended BoS meeting In which SoS announced this decision they came to with Sc.

McCarthy- I don't believe the decision is wrong to do this. I believe it is just unfortunate- we have a time line leading up to the budget being created in January and it's reviewed In a disciplined way from Jan-May, which it has been by the way. This shortfall, which SC presented, came very late in the game and I think its harsh to say we haven't planned for it- it was unexpected. Fin Comm did not have opportunity to discuss prior and is leaving this to the voters to decide.

Jill Prendergast. Fin Comm

First time I have seen this- I voted no.

Sara Donnelley, Parker St

Q. If two members were at the meeting how did that information not get back to other members on committee? Why no discussion or meeting?

B. McCarthy, Fin Comm

A. Public hearing rules are strict and notice needs to be posted. We did not have time.

K. Larson, High St

Q. We already approved budget could this vote change that?

A. These numbers are not in that budget these are separate from that Article.

There being no further questions, the Fin Comm. Public Meeting adjourned to continue the rem\*ing business of the evening.

**Approved 7-17-17**