

Town of Northbridge
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2020 at 6:30PM

Committee Members in Attendance via Zoom: Plato Adams, Jim Barron, Steve Gogolinski, Joseph Laydon and Chris Pilla

Finance Committee Member not in Attendance: David Graham

Town of Northbridge Administration in Attendance:

Neil Vaidya, Town Accountant - Town of Northbridge, MA

Finance Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Plato Adams of the Finance Committee at 6:30 PM.

Approval of Prior Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the following Finance Committee Meeting Minutes was made by Steve Gogolinski, seconded by Joseph Laydon and unanimously approved:

October 8, 2019
October 22, 2019
March 4, 2020
March 11, 2020
April 8, 2020

Vote on Remaining 2020 Spring Annual Town Meeting Articles

ARTICLE 10: (Community Preservation Committee) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues, the amounts of money recommended by the Northbridge Community Preservation Committee for community preservation projects in the categories of Historic Resources, Community Housing, Open Space & Recreation, and Budgeted Reserve, and other expenses for the Fiscal Year 2021; or take any action relative thereto.

- a. From FY 2021 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve – the sum of \$19,147
- b. From FY 2021 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve – the sum of \$19,147
- c. From FY 2021 estimated revenues for Open Space and Recreation Reserve – the sum of \$19,147
- d. From FY 2021 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve – the sum of \$19,147

A motion to approve the proposed Article 10 as written was made by Steve Gogolinski, seconded by Chris Pilla and unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 11: (Community Preservation Committee) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,573 from the Community Preservation Fund revenues to the Northbridge Community Preservation Committee for expenses associated with the implementation of the Community Preservation Act, including but not limited to clerical assistance, office supplies, property surveys, appraisals, attorney fees, and other professional services, recording fees, printing and all other necessary and proper expenses for the Fiscal Year 2021; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion to approve the proposed Article 11 as written was made by Steve Gogolinski, seconded by Chris Pilla and unanimously approved.

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ARTICLE 23: (Petition) To see if the Town will vote to amend its zoning bylaws by adding a Planned Unit Development Bylaw as follows: (attached); or take any other action related thereto.

- A. Provide housing opportunities to meet the needs of a population with is diversified with respect to the number of persons per household age and income.
- B. Ensure that the development of additional housing units does not detract from the livability, scale, character or economic value of existing neighborhoods.
- C. Provide Greater flexibility and design freedom in the development of those tracts which lend themselves to planned unit development and promote a high standard in the design and development of sites and individual buildings.
- D. Encourage the preservation of open space for conservation, outdoor recreation or park purposes in conjunction with residential development.
- E. Encourage the preservation and minimum disruption of the existing natural attributes of land, minimize impacts on environmentally sensitive lands.
- F. Permit comprehensive and integrated development of tracts by allowing a mixture of land uses combined to form a planned interrelationship of residential and commercial opportunities.
- G. Assure that the development allowed will be compatible with surrounding land uses and will not have an adverse impact on traffic and public services.
- H. Promote the efficient and economic provision of public facilities and services such as utilities, streets and recreational opportunities.

A motion to pass over Article 23 was made by Steve Gogolinski, seconded by Joseph Laydon and unanimously approved.

Next Scheduled Meeting


The next tentatively scheduled meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 6:00PM via Zoom. The topics will include:

- FY 2020 End of Year Transfers
- Town Manager Update
- Approve of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes:
- Other Business

Adjournment

Since no further business was to be transacted, a motion to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 6:40PM was made by Joseph Laydon, seconded by Steve Gogolinski and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



James P. Barron, Clerk, Town of Northbridge Finance Committee