



Town of Wilmington

Finance Committee
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Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 15, 2022

Finance Committee Chairman, John F. Doherty III called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Theresa Manganelli, Vice-Chairman, Marianne Gallezzo, Secretary, Jonathan Dugas, Joseph Lavino and Scott Neville. Members present via video conferencing on ZOOM Andrew Lavigne and David Tamang. Leigh Martinson was absent.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ONE (1) SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLE

PRESENT IN INTEREST: Dr. Glenn Brand, Superintendent of Schools, and Paul Ruggiero, Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Finance

ARTICLE 1

Mr. Doherty read the article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for a feasibility study to consider replacement of the Wildwood School located at 182 Wildwood Street with a building that accommodates the existing grade configuration of pre-kindergarten and kindergarten or a grade consolidation to include additional elementary school grades, including all costs incidental or related thereto, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; or take any other action related thereto.

Mr. Doherty turned the meeting over to Dr. Brand who gave a slide presentation on the Wildwood Early Childhood Center. The slide presentation* highlighted the MSBA steps for the town to qualify and details about the school building.

Chair asks if the committee has any questions.

Ms. Manganelli asks how long will this take before we are back for another vote? Mr. Hull responds that the feasibility study phase will take about 18-24 months.

Chair asks if the committee has any questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

As there were no further discussion, Mr. Doherty entertained a motion to adjourn the public hearing, a motion was made by Ms. Manganelli and seconded by Ms. Gallezzo, it was unanimously and by roll call:

VOTED: That the Finance Committee adjourn the public hearing and begin a regular Finance Committee meeting.

VOTING FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ON THE WARRANT ARTICLE

Mr. Doherty called the meeting to order. The town is looking to appropriate funds in the amount of 1.2 million for a feasibility study of the Wildwood School building.

Chair asks if anyone would like to entertain a motion. A motion was made by Ms. Gallezzo and seconded by Ms. Manganelli. Chair asks if anyone would like to discuss.

Mr. Neville asks regarding the warrant article. Why isn't the dollar amount on there? Mr. Hull responds that it is typical when the article is created that we do not have the dollar amount until later in the process. We usually have it by the town meeting.

Chair asks if there are any further questions or comments.

ARTICLE 1

Mr. Doherty entertained a motion to approve article 1. By the affirmative vote of all, it was;

Voted: To recommend approval of Article 1.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OTHER BUSINESS


There was no other business.

At the conclusion of the discussion, there being no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Ms. Manganelli and seconded by Ms. Gallezzo, it was unanimously and by roll call:

VOTED: That the Finance Committee adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Swanson
Recording Secretary

*The presentation information is available to be viewed on the school website at <https://www.wpsk12.com/>.