Meeting of the Truro Finance Committee Friday, September 22nd, 2023

10:03 am-Executive Session commenced.

10:15 am Executive Session concluded.

10:20 am-Regular session commenced, and recording began.

Members present. Bob Panessiti-chair, Lori Meads, Kristen Roberts, Raphael Richter, Michael Fee.

Others present-Kelly Clark, Darren Tangeman, Alex Lessin, Jared Cabral.

Slate of officers for the next year was suggested as follows.

Chair-Bob Panessiti

Vice Chair-Raphael Richter

Clerk-Kristen Roberts

A motion was made by Michael Fee and seconded by Lori Meads to approve and was voted unanimously. Michael Fee volunteered to be the Human Services Liaison. No vote was taken.

An Article was presented to amend the general bylaws to add new Chapter IX Stormwater Management by Drainage, Erosion and Sediment control. The article was discussed but no vote was held as none was required.

An article was presented to amend General Bylaws Chapter IV public safety to add new section 8 curb cuts. The article was discussed but no vote was held as none was required.

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An article regarding the Truro Central school debt exclusion was presented and a motion was made by Raphael Richter and seconded by Kristen Roberts. The Finance committee voted five in favor, zero opposed and zero abstentions to approve the article.

An article regarding the change of use of 340 Route 6 was presented. The article was discussed but no vote was held as none was required.

An article regarding the borrowing authorization for the engineering and construction of the public works facility was presented. Alex Lessin explained the taxpayer's implication for each vote based on current assessments. Raphael Richter asked him to provide information regarding debt service for the Town Hall and the Community Center as it is relevant to tax implications. A motion was made by Michael Fee and seconded by Kristen Roberts for discussion. After discussion, the Finance Committee voted five in favor, zero opposed and zero abstentions to approve the article.

An article regarding the borrowing authorization for engineering only of the public works facility was presented. A motion was made by Michael Fee and seconded by Kristen Roberts for discussion. After discussion the Finance Committee voted three in favor, one opposed and one abstention. A discussion was held regarding whether the Finance committee could submit a statement to explain the split vote on this article and the unanimous vote on the previous one. Kelly Clark said that a statement could be submitted for approval by the select board but ultimately it was their warrant and up to them whether it was included.

An article regarding the Local Comprehensive plan was presented for discussion. A discussion was held but no vote was held as none was required.



An article regarding an Ad Hoc Walsh Property Advisory Committee was presented for discussion. A discussion was held but no vote was held as none was required.

An article submitted for the adoption of the Walsh Property Community Planning Committee was presented for discussion. A discussion was held but no vote was held as none was required.

Two articles submitted for a senior pass program. A motion was made by Raphael Richter and seconded by Lori Meads for discussion. The Finance Committee voted unanimously to oppose both of these articles until some details could be flushed out.

There being no further business a motion was made by Michael Fee to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 am. Motion was seconded by Lori Meads and the Finance committee voted unanimously by rollcall to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kristen Roberts - Clerk-Finance Committee

