

**Needham Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting of May 6, 2019**

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair Barry Coffman at approximately 6:40 pm at the Needham Town Hall.

Present from the Finance Committee:

Barry Coffman, Chair; Tom Jacob, Vice Chair

Members: Joshua Levy, Richard Lunetta, Carol Smith-Fachetti

Others present:

David Davison, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director

Kalpana Shah, Town Resident

Citizen Requests to Address Finance Committee

Ms. Shah handed out a document outlining her position. She stated that she is a resident of Linden Chambers, and urged the Committee to vote against Article 30. She stated that using Needham Housing Authority (NHA) funds on this project is inappropriate when there is greater need at Linden than the other buildings. She stated that the Linden residents have been told that there is insufficient funding for maintenance work on their property while the NHA plans to use \$150K for this project. She stated that it does not make sense to prioritize the other buildings because there is federal program. She stated that she has raised the issue with the NHA Executive Director. Mr. Jacob stated that the Finance Committee had already voted on the article, but suggested that she contact a Town Meeting member to raise her issue, and to make sure that the article is discussed on Town Meeting floor.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

MOVED: By Mr. Jacob that the minutes of April 24, 2019 be approved as distributed. Mr. Levy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Mr. Coffman stated that there are currently two known motions to amend. One motion amends Article 32. The Committee already voted for the article as amended. The second motion would amend Article 51. It is not a substantive change, and the Committee already voted to take no position. There is no need to revisit the issue.

Finance Committee Updates

Mr. Coffman stated that the final year-end wrap up meeting would be on June 19 at 6:30 pm, and would address necessary Reserve Fund Transfers.

Adjournment

MOVED: By Ms. Miller that the Finance Committee meeting be adjourned, there being no further business. Mr. Jacob seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0 at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Documents: Annual Town Meeting warrant; Motion to Amend Article 32; Motion to Amend Article 51.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Mizgerd
Staff Analyst

Approved June 19, 2019