

August 13, 2015

Town of Mashpee

*16 Great Neck Road North
Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649*

FINANCE COMMITTEE – PUBLIC SESSION **Mashpee Town Hall – Waquoit Meeting Room 1** **Thursday, August 13, 2015 – 6:30 PM**

Committee Members Present:

Christopher Avis, Chairman
David DelPonte, Vice Chairman
Tom Murphy, Clerk
Theresa Cook
Oskar Klenert

Absent:

Charles Gasior

Also Present:

Rodney Collins, Town Manager
John Cotton, BOS Liaison
Jeffrey Pettengill, Candidate
Mike Richardson, Candidate

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chris Avis called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Approval of Minutes – 6/18/15**

Theresa Cook made a motion that the minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday, June 18, 2015 be approved as presented. Oskar Klenert seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote:** Avis, yes; DelPonte, yes; Murphy, yes; Cook, yes; Klenert, yes. The motion was approved by a vote of (5-0-1) Gasior absent.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Welcome to Town Manager Rodney Collins.**

Chairman Chris Avis welcomed Rodney Collins to the meeting and congratulated him on his appointment to the position of Mashpee Town Manager.

- **Welcome to John Cotton, BOS Liaison**

John Cotton was welcomed to the meeting as the newly appointed BOS liaison to the Finance Committee meetings.

- **Jeffrey Pettengill: Interview for Finance Committee Vacancy**

Jeffrey Pettengill introduced himself to the committee, and stated that he was presenting himself for consideration for the opening on the Mashpee Finance Committee. Mr. Pettengill stated that he had become a fulltime Mashpee resident two years ago, and was eager to put his skills and experience to use in serving the community. Mr. Pettengill stated that he had spent his entire career working for the state, 12 years in Maine and 8 years working in the health care industry in Massachusetts. Mr. Pettengill is currently working on a temporary basis as a Financial Analyst. Mr. Pettengill stated that he very much wants to be a part of contributing to the community where he lives. His career path has been all about making sure that the needs of the greater community are financially met. Mr. Pettengill then entertained questions from each of the Finance Committee members.

- **Mike Richardson: Interview for Finance Committee Vacancy**

Mike Richardson introduced himself to the committee, and gave a brief recap of his background and business experience. Mr. Richardson stated that he had worked for 40 years in the insurance business, and retired as a Senior Vice President of ACE Insurance Company. Mr. Richardson stated that he has been involved in local politics with many communities where he has resided, and most recently served two terms as Selectman in Mashpee. As Selectman he acted as liaison to many committees including the Finance Committee for six years and thus feels that he has a good understanding of how the budget process works in Mashpee, and the overall attitude of the residents as to how we manage our finances. Mr. Richardson concluded his remarks by stating that he is now retired, has time on his hands, loves to work, and feels that he could bring a level of thoughtful efforts to all Finance Committee processes. Mr. Richardson then entertained questions from each of the Finance Committee members.

Chris Avis stated that it was now up to the Finance Committee members to recommend to Town Moderator Jeremy Carter their candidate of choice to fill the current vacancy on the Finance Committee. Candidates would be kept informed of the status of the final appointment by Mr. Carter.

- **Finalize Candidate Recommendations to Moderator Jeremy Carter**

Terrie Cook stated her recommendation that the Finance Committee recommend Mike Richardson to be appointed to fill the immediate vacancy on the committee, and appoint Jeff Pettengill to the vacancy that would occur as of Oct. 6, 2015. Ms. Cook felt that both candidates were very well qualified, and would like to lock in positions of both candidates on the committee immediately. Oskar Klenert stated that according to the Charter, eligibility for receipt of applications for the vacancy on the Finance Committee would remain open until the Oct. 6th vacancy officially occurred, and thus Jeff Pettengill's appointment would not be possible until that time. Chris Avis stated that he would get clarification as to the proper process of recommending for a vacancy that would occur as of Oct. 6th and report back to the Committee at its next meeting.

Theresa Cook made a motion that the committee recommend Mike Richardson to be appointed to fill the immediate vacancy on the Finance Committee. Oskar Klenert seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote:** Cook, yes; Klenert, yes; Murphy, yes; DelPonte yes; Avis, no. The motion was approved by a vote of (4-1-1) Avis voted no, Gasior absent.

- **Scheduling of Finance Committee Meeting Dates**

Town Manager Rodney Collins stated that he would review the outlined schedule of necessary Finance Committee meeting dates prepared by Joyce Mason prior to the next Finance Committee meeting. The Committee secretary will forward to the committee members a list of the dates from the prior year for their review in preparation for selection of meeting dates for the coming year. The schedule of meeting dates will be on the agenda for the Sept. 10, 2015 meeting.

- **Liaison Assignments**

The Committee secretary will forward the current list of liaison assignments to the committee members prior to the next Committee meeting for their review. Liaison assignments for the coming year will be made at the meeting on Sept. 10, 2015. Chris Avis recommended that committee members think about their preferences as to liaison assignment(s) prior to the 9/10/15 meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 9/10/15, at 6:30 PM, Mashpee Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Theresa Cook made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Oskar Klenert seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote:** Murphy, yes; DelPonte, yes; Avis, yes; Klenert, yes; Cook, yes. The motion was approved by a vote of (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ina G. Schlobohm
Recording Secretary