

**Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
Apponequet High School Auditorium  
November 13, 2018  
6:30 PM**

On November 18, 2018, the Finance Committee held a Special Meeting in the Auditorium at Apponequet High School to attend the Special Town Meeting. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Vlahopoulos at 6:33 PM. Member present: George Vlahopoulos, Daniel Holland and Katie Desrosiers. Members Absent: Cassandra Hudson and Jennifer Sipora. LakeCAM started recording the Special Town Meetings at 7:00 PM.

**Discuss and vote on Warrant Article Recommendations for the Special Town Meeting**

**Article 1:** Ms. Garbitt reviewed the three (3) motions for Article 1: the first motion to separate prior year bills from the remainder of the article, second motion to pay prior year bills, and third motion to transfer funds to pay unanticipated costs for FY19.

A motion was made by Chairman Vlahopoulos and seconded by Member Desrosiers to recommend approval of Article 1. After discussion regarding the stipend for the Emergency Management Director, IT Director wages, and the OPEB Contribution, the Committee

VOTED:       To recommend approval of Article 1.  
Unanimous in favor.

**Article 2:** Ms. Garbitt stated the Park Commission is transferring \$75,000.00 from their Retained Earnings for the construction of new athletic fields at the TW Camp and \$2,500.00 to purchase a new bunker rake.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Vlahopoulos and seconded by Member Desrosiers, the Committee

VOTED:       To recommend approval of Article 2.  
Unanimous in favor.

**Article 3:** Ms. Garbitt reviewed the four (4) Capital items totaling \$119,910.00 and transferring \$108,500.00 from Free Cash and \$11,410.00 from unexpended funds from prior year Capital items.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Vlahopoulos and seconded by Member Desrosiers, the Committee

VOTED:       To recommend approval of Article 3.  
Unanimous in favor.

**Article 4:** Ms. Garbitt stated \$68,025.00 will be transferred from the Freetown Lakeville Settlement Account (friendly lawsuit) for the purpose of making repairs to the Assawompset Elementary School.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Vlahopoulos and seconded by Member Desrosiers, the Committee

VOTED: To recommend approval of Article 4.  
Unanimous in favor.

**Article 5:** Ms. Garbitt stated this authorizes the Board of Selectmen to enter in to a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) Agreement for a solar facility on property located at 129 Crooked Lane.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Vlahopoulos and seconded by Member Desrosiers, the Committee

VOTED: To recommend approval of Article 5.  
Unanimous in favor.

**Article 6:** Ms. Garbitt stated this authorizes the Board of Selectmen to sell the current Police Station located at 296 Bedford Street.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Vlahopoulos and seconded by Member Desrosiers, the Committee

VOTED: To recommend approval of Article 6.  
Unanimous in favor.

**Article 7:** Ms. Garbitt stated this authorizes the Board of Selectmen to sell a small piece of Town owned property located at Cherry Street (Map 42 Block 12 Lot 15A).

Upon a motion made by Chairman Vlahopoulos and seconded by Member Desrosiers, the Committee

VOTED: To recommend approval of Article 7.  
Unanimous in favor.

**Article 8:** Ms. Garbitt stated this is a Zoning By-Law Amendment relative to Filling Stations not being allowed in the Industrial District. The Planning Board recommends approval.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Vlahopoulos and seconded by Member Desrosiers, the Committee

VOTED: To recommend approval of Article 8.  
Unanimous in favor.

**Article 9:** Ms. Garbitt stated this is a Zoning By-Law Amendment relative to Special Permits for Filling Stations. The Planning Board recommends approval.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Vlahopoulos and seconded by Member Desrosiers, the Committee

VOTED: To recommend approval of Article 9.  
Unanimous in favor.

**Article 10:** Ms. Garbitt stated this is a Petition to amend our Zoning by-Law by changing the Table of Uses for Adult-Use Marijuana Retailers from Special Permit to Not allowed and to amend Section 7.4.6 Specific Uses by Special Permit by deleting all references to Marijuana Retailers in Sections A-G. The Planning Board recommends approval of the Petition.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Vlahopoulos and seconded by Member Desrosiers, the Committee

VOTED: Not to recommend approval of Article 10.  
In favor: Member Vlahopoulos and Member Holland  
Against: Member Desrosiers

**Article 11:** Ms. Garbitt stated this is a Petition to increase the Board of Selectmen from three (3) Members to five (5) Members.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Vlahopoulos and seconded by Member Desrosiers, the Committee

VOTED: Not to recommend approval of Article 11.  
In favor: Member Vlahopoulos and Member Holland  
Against: Member Desrosiers

**Article 12:** Ms. Garbitt stated this is a Petition to petition the General Court for special legislation so that part-time Elected Officials who receive a stipend shall not be eligible for participation in the Town's contributory health and life insurance plans, but they may pay the full monthly cost, plus any administrative costs to be eligible to participate.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Vlahopoulos and seconded by Member Desrosiers, the Committee

VOTED: Not to recommend approval of Article 12.  
Unanimous in favor.

At 7:02 PM, the Special Town Meeting was called to order.

The Special Town Meeting adjourned at 10:03 PM.

### **Adjournment**

After the Special Town Meeting was adjourned, upon a motion made by Finance Committee Member Katie Desrosiers and seconded by Finance Committee Member Daniel Holland, the Finance Committee

VOTED: To adjourn their Meeting at 10:04 PM.  
Unanimous in favor.