



Town of Concord
Meeting of the Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2023
Hybrid Meeting

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order at 10:03 pm by roll call vote.

Members present:

Peggy Briggs, Chair
Parashar Patel, Vice Chair
Dee Ortner
Brian Taylor (remote)
Christine Reynolds
Don Kupka
Eric Dahlberg
Kathy Cuocolo (remote)
Lois Wasoff
John Garofalo (remote)
Lyndsey Lis
Suresh Bhatia
Amrith Kumar (remote)

Members absent:

Greg Guarriello

Chairperson Peggy Briggs opened the meeting by stating the objective of the meeting was for the Finance Committee to vote on the Articles just presented, if the Committee felt they were ready, or postpone until a future meeting.

Dee Ortner moved that the Committee recommend Affirmative Action on Article 15, seconded by Parashar Patel, passed unanimously.

Amrith Kumar moved that the Committee recommend Affirmative Action on Article 16, seconded by Ray Andrews, passed unanimously.

Amrith Kumar moved that the Committee recommend Affirmative Action on Article 17, Parashar Patel amended the motion to a lower amount, Kathy Cuocolo seconded Mr. Patel's motion. Mr. Kumar withdrew his motion. Lois Wasoff made a motion to postpone vote on Article 17. A discussion ensued concerning the merits of postponement. A request was made by Eric Dahlberg that a vote be taken of how many Committee members were ready to vote this evening. 6 members indicated their readiness and since that was not a majority, Article 17 was moved to the meeting of March 15th.

Don Kupka moved that the Committee recommend a vote of No Action on Article 18, seconded by Amrith Kumar. A conversation ensued lead by Don concerning the need for further information on the replacement of boilers and their useful life. Don withdrew his motion and Article 18 was moved to the meeting of March 15th.

Chair Peggy Briggs noted that a vote on Article 19 should be postponed until such time as bids for the new Middle School are received and a determination can be made as to whether the article is necessary.

Kathy Cuocolo moved to that the Committee recommend Affirmative Action on Article 20, seconded, passed unanimously.

Lois Wasoff noted that drafts of three sets of minutes were circulated with the agenda: meeting and public hearing held on November 23rd, meeting held January 26th, and meeting held February 15th. Chris Reynolds moved that the three sets of minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Amrith Kumar and passed unanimously.

The agenda item regarding the workings of the Committee and ideas for future processes was tabled until the next Finance Committee meeting on March 15th.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35pm.

Kathy Cuocolo
Finance Committee Member