



Town of Acton Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 14th, 2017
Town Hall Room 204 • 7:30 pm

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Members in attendance: Bob Evans, David Wellinghoff (Clerk), Steve Noone (Chair), Christine Russell (Associate), Jeff Bergart, Mike Majors, Jason Cole (Vice-chair), Christiana Andersen, Roland Bourdon, John Benson (Associate)

Members absent: Tom Farley

Other: Janet Adachi (BoS),

Chair Noone called meeting to order at 7:33.

Public participation – None.

Warrant Article Discussion – Discussion regarding the moratorium on marijuana establishment uses Amherst as an example where one dispensary generated \$78,000-163,000 in tax revenue but cost \$550,000 due to additional police and EMT personnel. Comment that Amherst is not comparable to Acton not being a college town. Argument that costs are already present in the budget but revenue is non-existent. Motion to recommend Article 6 (Amend Zoning Bylaw – Marijuana Establishment Temporary Moratorium), passes unanimously. Motion to Take No Action on Article 7 (Non-binding resolution – Ballot Question on Recreational Marijuana Establishment). Motion failed with 3 votes in support. Motion to not recommend Article 7. Motion passed with one opposed and one abstention.

Article 2 discussion on 161 Newtown Road. Town will pay appraised value with difference of \$30,000 to be paid for privately potentially. Motion to approve, motion passes unanimously.

Motion to recommend Articles 3 and 4, both pass.

Article 5 is being pulled by Board of Selectman.

Motion to recommend Articles 8-12, motions pass.

Report on ALG Meeting from 10/26 – Steve provides an update on the ALG meeting.

Finance Committee Business – Various committees provide updates.

Motions to approve Sept 26th and Oct 24th minutes, approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Wellinghoff
Finance Committee Clerk