



The Town of Barnstable

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Chair:

Laura Cronin

Members:

Robert Ciolek
Cynthia Crossman
Ralph Krau
Jacqueline Michelove
Gregory Plunkett
Lillian Woo
John Schoenherr

Staff Liaison:

Mark Milne

Councilor Liaison:

John T. Norman

AMENDED MEETING MINUTES

07.27.15

7:00 PM

Growth Management Conference Room

CFAC Members Present: John Schoenherr, Ralph Krau, Laura Cronin, Robert Ciolek, Gregory Plunkett, and Cynthia Crossman

CFAC Members Absent: Jacqueline Michelove, Lillian Woo

Councilors Present: None

Staff Present: Nathan Empey

1. Call to Order

Laura Cronin called the CFAC meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Growth Management Conference Room of Town Hall.

2. Act on Minutes

The following minutes were approved by unanimous vote:

06.22.15

3. Communication from Committee Members/Councilors and Staff

4. Old Business

5. New Business

Reviewed Financial Overview Report by subcommittee members: Lillian Woo, Cynthia Crossman, and John Schoenherr

Suggestions & Takeaways

Cynthia C. suggested including standard test scores done by schools within the Financial Overview Report. This will allow citizens' to compare school systems at local and state level. The report could also include average home prices in Barnstable. Cynthia asked who our main target audience for the information report is. Bob C. suggested providing a list of criteria that a citizen moving to Barnstable would look for in a school system. The report could also include graduation rates within Barnstable. A higher graduation rate could mean a greater chance of secondary education.

Ralph K. suggested including information on the independent water districts.

Bob C. asked is there available appropriations in the budget to print nice reports? Do we need Town Council approval? How can we communicate to the public at large? John S. asked are we going to provide this report monthly, quarterly, or annually. Ralph K. electronic version of the financial report may not reach all readers. Maybe provide this report to the real estate companies as a distribution outlet. Laura C. a link to the report at the Town of Barnstable website, or e-blast a distribution list. Town Council can communicate to their constituency. Laura C. there is no cross-reference in emails list, who will manage the email distribution list?

Ralph K. noted to include the financial report as an insert with the citizens' tax bill. John S. commented the report could include a guideline on how to read a tax bill. Bob C. suggested providing breakouts for taxes to show the proportion each fire district receives. These proportions can be as high as 21% of a citizen's taxes going to the fire districts.

6. Adjourned

List of documents and other exhibits distributed at the meeting:

1. Financial Overview Report
2. June 22, 2015 Drafted Meeting Minutes