



Town of Nantucket Finance Committee

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Committee Members: Denice Kronau (Chair), Stephen Maury (Vice-chair), Joseph T. Grause Jr., Peter McEachern, Joanna Roche, Peter Schaeffer, Chris Glowacki, Jill Vieth, George Harrington

MINUTES

Monday, April 12, 2021

*This meeting was held via remote participation using ZOOM and YouTube,
Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Regarding Open Meeting Law*

Called to order at 4:02 pm by Ms. Kronau.

Staff in attendance: Libby Gibson, Town Manager; Brian Turbitt, Director of Finance; Rick Sears, Deputy Director of Finance; Terry Norton, Town Minutes Taker

Attending Members: Kronau, Maury, McEachern, Schaeffer, Glowacki, Vieth, Harrington

Absent Members: Grause, Roche

Documents used: Draft FinCom Warrant Article comments; warrant Articles for 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

Adoption of Agenda.

Motion **Motion to Approve.** (made by: Schaeffer) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried 7-0//Schaeffer, Harrington, Vieth, Maury, McEachern, Glowacki, and Kronau-aye

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

1. None

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. None

V. REVIEW OF COMMENTS FOR SELECTED WARRANT ARTICLES FOR 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (ATM)

1. Article 8 (Appropriation: FY2021 General Fund Operating Budget)

Discussion None

2. Article 10 (Appropriation: General Fund Capital Expenditures)

Discussion None

3. Article 15 (Appropriation: Fiscal Year 2022 Enterprise Funds Operations)

Discussion **McEachern** – First line has space between 2 and 1/2; should be 2½. Asked what happens to the \$5m if in the future OIH ceases to be a business.

Turbitt – Prop 2½ override could be used to remove the ability or suggested for another use.

4. Article 16 (Appropriation: Enterprise Funds Capital Expenditures)

Discussion **Vieth** – The airport commission's need for a pro-active stance, feels like we're taking on water for the commission when people feel like they were not being pro-active.

Kronau – Suggested change to "needs for potential..."

5. Article 23 (Appropriation: Affordable Housing Trust Fund)
Discussion None
6. Article 24 (Appropriation: Affordable Housing Trust Fund)
Discussion None
7. Article 38 (Affordable and Year-round Housing Stabilization Fund)
Discussion **Vieth** – We have a lot of stabilization funds that the Town supports.
Kronau – There isn't the urgency to get the money out from the other funds as there would be for Affordable Housing.
Turbitt – We do have a lot of other funds that are anticipated for use on one-time unexpected events. You have to appropriate every year when you want to take money out.
8. Article 48 (Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Swimming Pool - Residential)
Discussion **Kronau** – Hasn't had the opportunity to update some items.
Schaeffer – The issue is an in-town problem: if they are going to do a survey, it should be concentrated.
Kronau – There are 700 existing lots that would not be able to have a pool if this were passed. One point that came up is that people in the ROH don't want pools, in our discussion the question was did they talk to the impacted folks in a similar manner.
9. Article 70 (Bylaw Amendment: Noise)
Discussion **Kronau** – Doesn't think this needs a comment.
10. Article 71 (Bylaw Amendment: Noise)
Discussion None
11. Article 74 (Bylaw Amendment: Car Rental Agencies, Registration of)
Discussion None
12. Article 80 (Bylaw Amendment: Noise – Gas-powered Leaf Blowers) Julia Lindner
Discussion **Schaeffer** – Asked if we know if there are industrial strength battery powered leaf blowers.
Kronau – No.
Vieth – Take out item “b”.
Kronau – We would need to add something about timing to “b” to address landscapers' concerns.
Glowacki – We voted no, we don't need to tell the sponsors how to fix their article.
McEachern – Agrees about not encouraging the sponsors.
Vieth – Agrees about not providing airtime.
13. Article 82 (Bylaw Amendment: Streets and Sidewalks)
Discussion **Vieth** – Didn't understand about who has oversight of signs; we don't have oversight for Milestone Road.
Gibson – Use “Town agencies.”
14. Article 90 (Bylaw Amendment: Short-Term Rentals)
Discussion **McEachern** – Asked if it was okay to talk about a letter received from Mr. Muller.
Gibson – Town Counsel didn't have much in the way of comments.
15. Article 97 (Home Rule Petition: Allocate Portion of Land Bank Real Estate Transfer Fee to Support Year-Round Housing)
Discussion None

VI. REVIEW AND REVOTE

16. Article 16 (Appropriation: Enterprise Funds Capital Expenditures)
Discussion **Turbitt** – Have a request that changes Article 16; had put in \$907,000 for AIP project; historically, we've authorized the full value to project cash-flow purposes. The grant money received back is used to paydown the debt. Requesting a reconsider to authorize borrowing \$16.6m for the AIP project.
Motion **Motion to Reopen.** (made by: Harrington) (seconded)
Roll-call Vote Carried 7-0//Harrington, Schaeffer, Maury, Vieth, Glowacki, McEachern, and Kronau-aye
Discussion None

Motion **Motion to Adopt.** (made by: Schaeffer) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried 7-0//Vieth, Glowacki, McEachern, Maury, Harrington, Schaeffer, and Kronau-aye

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE/ADJOURNMENT

Date: Monday, May 24, 2021 from 5 – 7 p.m.

Friday, June 4, 2021, Technical amendments.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

None

Adjournment:

Motion **Motion to Adjourn at 4:32 p.m.** (made by: McEachern) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried 7-0//Vieth, Harrington, Maury, McEachern, Glowacki, Schaeffer, and Kronau-aye

Submitted by:

Terry L. Norton