



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

Wednesday, June 2, 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 1:01 pm by Ms. Kronau

- Staff in attendance: Libby Gibson, Town Manager; Brian Turbitt, Director of Finance; Rich Sears, Deputy Director of Finance, Terry Norton, Town Minutes Taker
- Attending Members: Kronau, Maury, Grause, Roche, Schaeffer, Glowacki, Vieth
- Absent Members: McEachern, Harrington
- Attendees: Dawn Hill Holdgate, Select Board chair; Jason Bridges, Select Board
- Documents used: March 23, 2021 & May 24, 2021 minutes; Warrant Articles for 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

Adoption of Agenda.

- Motion **Motion to Approve as drafted.** (made by: Vieth) (seconded)
- Roll-call Vote Carried 7-0//Schaeffer, Roche, Maury, Vieth, Glowacki, Grause, and Kronau-aye

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1. None

III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

- 1. March 23, 2021

Motion **Motion to amend previously adopted Finance Committee minutes of March 23, 2021 as follows: Page 5 of 6, Article 38 discussion, Ms. Kronau's comment to read "\$6.5m with borrowing on Article 10 and \$7.5m from appropriation with \$1m left over from Article 10."** (made by: Roche) (seconded)

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

- 2. May 24, 2021

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

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

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. None

V. WARRANT ARTICLES FOR 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (ATM)

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

Discussion **Turbitt** – The technical amendment request doesn't impact the bottom line. Explained the change taking \$50,000 from the Education line item and adding it to the Town Administration payroll.

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

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

Discussion **Gibson** – Town Administration will run programs previously run by the Community School

Motion **Motion to Approve the new Article 8.** (made by: Vieth) (seconded)

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

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

Discussion **Turbitt** – The Airport originally requested \$1.5m for repair of the fuel farm; the bid came in too close to allow for construction contingencies; the Airport is asking for an increase to \$1.9m

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

Roll-call Vote Carried 7-0//Maury, Roche, Glowacki, Vieth, Grause, and Kronau-aye

Discussion **Maury** – Asked if this is the only mechanism for dealing with an overage in construction costs.
Turbitt – We could force the Airport to take it out of their operating budget. The other option would be to put the project on hold, but this is critical to the function of the Airport.

Maury – The contractor would know that, asked what is to prevent them from running over.

Turbitt – We have a project engineer providing oversight. Explained the process the contractor would have to go through to get additional payment.

Maury – Asked the percentage of the total project cost, if it's \$400,000.

Turbitt – It's about 8% of the total cost. Requests always carry contingencies; this project has been through several rounds of bidding.

Maury – Projects do run over budget; once the money has been allocated, he's not sure how it would be reined in later.

Roche – Asked what prevents someone from increasing the request on ATM floor.

Turbitt – Without supplemental funding, the project can't go forward. There's nothing to prevent someone from proposing an increase in funds on ATM floor.

Grause – Asked if the 8% is a typical contingency.

Turbitt – It can be between 5% and 10%; 8% is what the Airport requested. The 8% was arrived at after discussion with the engineer and all parties involved. They are confident this is the outer limit of what would be needed.

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

Roll-call Vote Carried 5-2//Schaeffer, Vieth, Grause, Glowacki, and Kronau-aye; Maury and Roche-nay

3. Article 14 (Appropriation: Supplemental Funding for Construction of Nobadeer Field House)

Discussion **Kronau** – Asked when FinCom would vote on the technical amendment for the field house.

Gibson – We'll know if the project will be pursued or held after the Select Board meeting tonight. FinCom could vote on the technical amendment right before ATM on Saturday.

Motion No action at this time.

Roll-call Vote N/A

4. Article 46 (Zoning Map Change: R-20 and LUG-2 to VR – Osprey and Tautemo Way, and Hummock Pond) Road))

Discussion **Gibson** – This is a Planning Board technical amendment; they are adding an effective date change.

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

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

Discussion **Gibson** – This is a zoning map change and the amendment changes the effective date.

Motion **Motion to Endorse Planning Board motion.** (made by: Vieth) (seconded)

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

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE/ADJOURNMENT

Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021; ATM

Kronau – After the moderator finishes reading all the articles, she will make a motion to take Articles 90, 38, 8, 10 & 97 out of order.

Gibson – Regarding Article 90, there isn't unanimity to doing it first; if Article 90 passes the question becomes what's the trickle-down effect. The question now is the best order in which to take the articles out of order.

Turbitt – Article 38 was partially born out of Article 90; if Article 90 is voted down, Article 38 becomes less important. We have to call Articles 8 & 10 because Article 38 will impact them. If Article 38 were to pass, we would have to make changes to Articles 8 & 10 or have Special Town Meeting before December to change the budget.

Hill Holdgate – Asked if a motion has to be made to amend Article 38. If it passes, it will impact the Town budget in a big way.

Roche – Asked if Mr. Turbitt or Chairwoman Kronau would explain the problem with the article.

Kronau – Either herself or Mr. Turbitt will explain the need for Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) to be able to move swiftly and effectively.

Maury – For him, 25% is an unpalatable figure; the more the figure is reduced, the easier the decision become for the voters. He'd prefer to keep it at 2/3rd.

Grause – We voted not to adopt Article 38. We need affordable housing, but this isn't the way to do it.

Kronau – Feels that with the 2/3rd vote, it has a better chance of failing; it has many flaws and doesn't meet the needs of the AHTF.

Adjournment:

Motion **Motion to Adjourn at 1:47 p.m.** (made by: Schaeffer) (seconded)

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

Submitted by:

Terry L. Norton