



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

Thursday, February 4, 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 4:00 p.m. by Ms. Kronau.

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

Attending Members: Kronau, Grause, Schaeffer, Glowacki, Vieth, Harrington

Absent Members: Maury, McEachern, Roche

Documents used: Draft Minutes January 28, 2021; FY2022 County of Nantucket Budget; Citizen Warrant Articles for 2021 Annual Town Meeting.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0/Grause, Glowacki, Schaeffer, Vieth, Harrington, and Kronau-aye

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

1. None

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. None

V. COUNTY FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE: REVIEW OF FY2022 COUNTY BUDGET

Discussion **Turbitt** – The FY2022 County budget was adopted on January 27, 2021 by the County Commissioners and now requires County Finance Review Committee approval. Reviewed the county budget: revenue \$1.1m, funding requirement \$346,055, and expense \$1m. Compared the FY2022 to FY2021 request.

Vieth – The Registry of Deeds 3 full-time employees; this number is payroll. Asked if they will need to hire more people.

Turbitt – The number is not just salary but all ancillary benefits. There is no indication they need additional staffing. When the Commonwealth took over the Sherriff, the agreement was they would help cover some costs of the Public Safety Facility.

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

Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//Grause, Vieth, Schaeffer, Glowacki, Harrington, and Kronau-aye

Motion **Motion to adjourn the County Finance Review Committee at 4:17 p.m.** (made by: Schaeffer) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//Grause, Vieth, Schaeffer, Glowacki, Harrington, and Kronau-aye

VI. WARRANT ARTICLES FOR 2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (ATM)

1. Article Q (New General Bylaw: Safety of Drinking Water) Meghan Glowacki
Speakers Bruce Mandel
Discussion **Kronau** – Ms. Glowacki couldn't attend.
Mandel – His interest is the subject of PFAS coming up in Madaket.
Kronau – We discussed that at a prior meeting; Ms. Glowacki sent out some material.

2. Article P (Charter Amendment: Sec. 2.5(c), Town Meeting Warrant) Thomas Barada
Speakers Thomas Barada
Discussion **Barada** – This would change mailing out the warrant from 7 days to 14 days prior to Town Meeting in order to get the Warrant Articles out earlier and allow people time to review them.
Schaeffer – Asked why the 7 days.
Gibson – That's how the 1996 Charter was written. The warrant goes to the printer about 3 to 4 weeks in advance; the printer gets it to the Post Office. This change would require starting earlier than we're used to. There are no cost implications.
Vieth – Asked how soon the warrant is posted on-line.
Gibson – As soon as it goes to the printer; well in advance before it goes to the post office.
Grause – Asked if there is information supporting that the public feels 7 days is insufficient.
Barada – As a recipient, he's gotten it the Friday before ATM. If more people are going to participate, you have to get it out them earlier. A lot of people prefer the paper version to going on line.
Kronau – If we can send it earlier, it should be workable.

3. Article W (Amend General Bylaws §127-19 and §127-20: Road Construction) Kevin B. Kuester
Speakers Kevin Kuester
Bruce Mandel
Hillary Rayport
Discussion **Kuester** – This is about getting regulations in place so that when regulatory signs go up, we use the minimum size and minimum number allowable as well as have say in the location and color.
Grause – An email was circulated on this article the gist of which was we already minimize the size and control the number and color.
Gibson – Yes unless it's a State project; they have State regulation to follow. The signs are installed for safety purposes, and it's unclear in what manner we would impose this; we need to adhere to the readability of colors. We know Nantucket has its own way of handling signs, but there are legal implications if signs are not installed per State regulations.
Harrington – Ten years ago, our traffic was much different than today, and signs are more important now. You can't ignore cyclists or skateboarders and responsibility falls on the driver.
Glowacki – Asked about the Manual on Uniform Traffic Signs.
Gibson – It's a guideline for all traffic control devices; if you don't follow these you could have potential liabilities.
Grause – Wonders if amending the bylaws is using a hammer to kill a fly and if there is another way to ensure that the Town uses all efforts to minimize the intrusiveness of signs.
Barada – Asked why the speed-limit signs are not reflective.
Gibson – She'd have to check on that.
Mandel – He submitted a few articles and he always had to put together a financial report on the financial impact of an article. Asked if this would have financial implications.
Kronau – Not everyone fills that out.
Rayport – She cares a lot about signs; she learned many signs have a low safety benefit. We're in a situation where off-Island designers are designing and making these signs without coming here; often they don't select the minimum size for signs. We are a low-speed, rural community and don't need full-sized signs, but we aren't asking for the smaller signs. She thinks we need a

bylaw because it would help preserve the Island aesthetic. Feels this will save money by keeping signs smaller and fewer. If the speed-limit signs aren't reflective, it's because they are old.

Glowacki – Asked if there are other Town agencies that would have input into this article, such as Historic District Commission (HDC).

Kronau – Asked if Mr. Kuester spoke to the Police or the HDC.

Kuester – He's on the Sign Advisory Council, an advisory board to the HDC, and discussed this with them; every member would like to see this done. We found clear direction and policy make it easier to follow guidelines without compromising safety.

Vieth – Asked how things would look different than they do now.

Rayport – She put together a packet of signs that could be eliminated. The important point is signs at a pedestrian walk zone will never go away and need to be at least 24" across; signs telling you you're coming to a crosswalk would go away. Yellow warning signs need to be 1000 feet apart.

Kuester – You would see fewer and smaller signs. It's more about a minimal, standard approach than in its totality is simpler and uncluttered.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE/ADJOURNMENT

Date: Saturday, February 6, 2021; 8:15 a.m.: Departmental budget review

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Grause** – He's had some issues getting into the Open Gov website. Asked the status on that.
Turbitt – He's sent Open Gov an email on the issue. We've sent NCTV a list of panelists.

Adjournment

Motion **Motion to Adjourn at 4:48 p.m.** (made by: Schaeffer) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//Grause, Vieth, Glowacki, Schaeffer, Harrington, and Kronau-aye

Submitted by:

Terry L. Norton