



# 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, March 11, 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 4:05 pm by Ms. Kronau

Staff in attendance: Brian Turbitt, Director of Finance; Rick Sears, Deputy Director of Finance

Attending Members: Kronau, Grause, McEachern, Roche, Glowacki, Vieth, Harrington

Absent Members: Maury, Schaeffer

Documents used: Warrant Articles for 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

Adoption of Agenda.

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

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

### I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

### III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

1. None

### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Contract Review Committee: Vieth  
Discussion about whether or not to vote on Article 9 on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

### V. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION WARRANT ARTICLES FOR 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (ATM)

1. Article 11 (Appropriation: Newtown Road Transportation Improvements)  
Discussion **Turbitt** – Carried over from last year and FinCom gave it a positive motion. This year, it was recommended by Capital Program Committee (CapCom) at \$1.2m, which is higher than last year and might need to be revoted due to that.  
Motion **Motion to Reopen.** (made by: Harrington) (seconded)  
Roll-call Vote Carried 7-0//McEachern, Grause, Glowacki, Roche, Vieth, Harrington, and Kronau-aye  
Discussion **Sears** – The difference is about \$60,000 more than last year.  
Motion **Motion to Adopt.** (made by: Grause) (seconded)  
Roll-call Vote Carried 7-0//McEachern, Grause, Harrington, Roche, Glowacki, Vieth, and Kronau-aye  
2. Article 12 (Appropriation: Reconstruction of Lover's Lane)  
Discussion **Turbitt** - Carried over from last year; it is a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion so there is a companion ballot article. CapCom gave it a positive recommendation. The amount is \$3,272,892.  
**Glowacki** – Asked how this did at the ballot last year.  
**Turbitt** – He'd have to look, but if he recalls, it did not pass the ballot.  
**Glowacki** – Asked if there is a reason to reopen this based upon a comment from FinCom would be helpful against a negative vote at the ballot.  
**Kronau** – Doesn't know if a comment would help. Her preference is to leave as is.

Motion Not reopened so positive motion from last year stands.

Roll-call Vote N/A

3. Article 13 (Appropriation: Construction and Improvements to Children's Beach Storm Water Pump Station)

Discussion **Turbitt** - Carried over from last year; it passed at the 2020 ATM and at the ballot at \$3.3m. Asked this be reopened because subsequent to CapCom recommendation again at \$3.3m, revised estimates rose to \$4.3m.

Motion Motion to Reopen. (made by: Glowacki) (seconded)

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

Discussion **Vieth** – Asked if residents are willing to bridge the gap on the funding.

**Turbitt** – Not to his knowledge.

**McEachern** – This goes back to 2008, the community didn't resolve problems with design flaws and are paying for that through a lot of water; this will pump the water out at a higher rate. He doesn't look at this as an issue for the residents to be contributing to adequately removing rain water and flood waters.

**Glowacki** – Asked Mr. McEachern to explain CapCom's positive recommendation for the 25% cost increase.

**McEachern** – We are increasing the size and capacity of the pumps and keeping the hard-plumbed distribution system. Last time we undersized the pump, which caused a lot of flooding. The specs increased the capacity and therefore the price went up.

Motion **Motion to Adopt at the \$4.3m.** (made by: Glowacki) (seconded)

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

4. Article 18 (Appropriation: Waterways Improvement Fund)

Discussion **Turbitt** – This was part of the NPD budget presentation. Recommending \$367,000 for harbor and Town pier repair and maintenance. About \$1m is available for dredging.

**Harrington** – Asked if this could be used in Madaket Harbor.

**Turbitt** – It could be used on the piers. The article is written in accordance with the statute, so it can be used for maintenance, dredging, cleaning, and improvement of a harbor. It could be used on breakwaters and piers.

**McEachern** – We could add another zero and still not have enough money to do what must be done to improve our waterways.

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

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

5. Article 19 (Appropriation: Ambulance Reserve Fund)

Discussion **Turbitt** – Presentation was part of NFD's budget. Requesting \$736,841 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund; except for \$152,000, it will be used to fund 6 full-time advanced life support (ALS) emergency medical technicians. The \$152,000 is to continue upgrade to ALS of ambulances and purchase necessary ambulance supplies.

**Harrington** – Asked if this appropriation could become part of NFD's budget.

**Turbitt** – It is not part of NFD's general fund budget; the ambulance fund is a supplement to their budget for the ambulance services.

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

Roll-call Vote Carried 7-90//McEachern, Grause, Harrington, Roche, Glowacki, Vieth, and Kronau-aye

6. Article 20 (Appropriation: Ferry Embarkation Fee)

Discussion **Turbitt** – This is part of the NPD budget presentation. It was originally requested at \$225,000, but we are recommending it at \$250,000. Money comes from fees from the Hyline and Steamship Authority and is used for CSOs in the core district.

**Kronau** – At the budget presentation, the Chief said they had very few applications for CSOs. Asked if there is an update on that.

**Turbitt** – We are still short; this has been a struggle this year. There is hope they will reach the number they need.

- Motion **Motion to Adopt.** (made by: Harrington) (seconded)  
Roll-call Vote Carried 7-0//McEachern, Grause, Roche, Vieth, Glowacki, Harrington, and Kronau-aye
7. Article 21 (Appropriation: County Assessment)  
Discussion **Turbitt** – The recommended assessment is \$174,455.  
Motion Motion to Adopt. (made by: McEachern) (seconded)  
Roll-call Vote Carried 7-0//McEachern, Grause, Harrington, Roche, Glowacki, Vieth, and Kronau-aye
8. Article 22 (Appropriation: Finalizing Fiscal Year 2022 County Budget)  
Discussion **Turbitt** – Ask for a motion to take no action; this only needs to be utilized if the Select Board, in their role as County Commissioner, and FinCom, in its role as County Review Committee, can't come to an agreement or approve the budget.  
Motion **Motion to Take No Action.** (made by: McEachern) (seconded)  
Roll-call Vote Carried 7-0//McEachern, Grause, Harrington, Roche, Glowacki, Vieth, and Kronau-aye
9. Article 26 (Appropriation: Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund)  
Discussion **Turbitt** – Last year we delayed and did not put funds into OPEB. The Town Manager and Finance recommend \$500,000 to be appropriated and transferred into the Trust Fund.  
**Grause** – Asked the shortfall between what is in the fund and what is required.  
**Turbitt** – About \$90m plus; that's for Nantucket only. We are doing better than many Commonwealth communities.  
Motion **Motion to Adopt.** (made by: Grause) (seconded)  
Roll-call Vote Carried 7-0//McEachern, Grause, Harrington, Roche, Glowacki, Vieth, and Kronau-aye
10. Article 29 (Appropriation: Fiscal year 2021 Senior Work-off Program)  
Discussion **Turbitt** – We did not utilize this is FY2021 due to the pandemic. Hoping to have it in FY2022. Recommending \$25,000 transferred from overlay surplus.  
**McEachern** – Asked what the program is.  
**Turbitt** – Allows people over 65 to work in Town Departments up to 200 hours a year at an equivalent of \$7.50 an hour; that is transferred to their tax bill. It can't be used to generate a refund on their tax bills.  
Motion **Motion to Adopt.** (made by: Grause) (seconded)  
Roll-call Vote Carried 7-0//McEachern, Grause, Roche, Harrington, Vieth, Glowacki, and Kronau-aye

## VI. NEXT MEETING DATE/ADJOURNMENT

Date: Monday, March 15, 2021; 4:00 p.m.  
Zoning Articles.

**Vieth** – Asked when FinCom will discuss the Nobadeer Fields.

**Turbitt** – That is part of Article 10. He thinks that article will be discussed on March 22 or March 26.

Adjournment:

Motion **Motion to Adjourn at 4:46 p.m.** (made by: McEachern) (seconded)  
Roll-call Vote Carried 7-0//McEachern, Vieth, Roche, Glowacki, Harrington, Grause, and Kronau-aye

Submitted by:

Terry L. Norton