



Town of Nantucket Finance Committee

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Committee Members: David Worth(Chair), Stephen Maury(Vice-chair), Clifford Williams, Joseph T. Grause Jr., Peter McEachern, Henry Sanford, Joanna Roche, Denice Kronau, Peter Schaeffer

MINUTES

Monday, March 25, 2019

4 Fairgrounds Road, Community Room – 4:00 p.m.

Called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Staff in attendance: Libby Gibson, Town Manager; Gregg Tivnan, Assistant Town Manager; Brian Turbitt, Director of Finance; Alexandria Penta, Financial Analyst; William Pittman, Chief of Police; Sheila Lucey, Harbormaster

Attending Members: Worth, Maury, Williams, Grause, Roche, Kronau, Schaeffer

Absent Members: McEachern, Sanford

Late Arrivals: Maury, 4:02 p.m.

Early Departures: None

Documents used: 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

II. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

1. February 21, 2019: **Motion to Approve.** (made by: Schaeffer) (seconded by: Grause) Carried unanimously
2. March 4, 2019: **Motion to Approve.** (made by: Schaeffer) (seconded by: Grause) Carried unanimously
3. March 5, 2019: **Motion to Approve.** (made by: Schaeffer) (seconded by: Grause) Carried unanimously

III. REVIEW BID(S), BID AWARD RECOMMENDATION AND MOTION FOR ARTICLE 13

Article 13 (Appropriation: Town Pier)

Sitting Worth, Maury, Williams, Grause, Roche, Kronau, Schaeffer

Discussion **Worth** – The FinCom took a vote on this but difficulties have arisen.

Turbitt – We had originally anticipated this to have been put out to bid and be able to go into the warrant and start work in Fall 2019. We got the engineering done and bidding went out last week. There were three bids with the lowest under \$3.3M and the high bid just over \$4M. During the course of discussion, we found there might be issues with the bid and have determined the most appropriate way to handle this is to reject all bids and put them out as separate pieces. We are making a request to put into the technical amendment a request \$4.5M. Upon successful completion of Town Meeting and Ballot vote, we will put the dredging portion out to bid immediately. We believe we can meet the original timeframe and have it in place by June 30, 2020.

Worth – The \$4.5M is to be voted on and needs 2/3rd vote and 50% at the ballot.

Roche – Asked if the \$4.5M will be enough, if there is concern about the amount of money.

Turbitt – The low bid of \$3.3M included the dredging; we feel the \$4.5 is sufficient. There is money from insurance on top of the request.

Kronau – Asked if they could dredge now and work in the fall without redredging.

Turbitt – Yes. The one manufacturer of the floating piers made alterations to what we had therefore made it non-conforming to the request for bids we put out. The hope is we don't lose any time.

Grause – His concern is that the competitive bidding would be made less competitive with the request for \$4.5M.

Turbitt – That is a possibility, but he can't ensure a quorum at ATM.

Schaeffer – Asked if the Town specification were more or less than the manufacturer's.

Turbitt – More. The technical amendment needs to be voted on.

Worth – Confirmed that the technical amendments can be voted on at this meeting.

IV. REVIEW OF TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

Sitting Worth, Maury, Williams, Grause, Roche, Kronau, Schaeffer

Discussion **Turbitt** – Article 8 technical amendment impacts Article 19 and changes the operating budget up to \$28.7M and the total budget up to \$89.5M; the sewer number goes up about \$630,000. Article 10 technical amendment changes the new total to \$13.6M. Article 13 was just discussed. Article 20, the airport has to repair Apron 3 so are asking for authorization to go to market and involve the necessary funds, \$800,000, then repay with grant funds when those are reimbursed to the Town.

Worth – Asked about the transaction costs associated with the additional borrowing.

Turbitt – It will cost about \$4,000 as long as we don't have to borrow the full \$800,000.

Gibson – Article 66 didn't include the hours; that will be a technical amendment.

Action **Motion to Accept those changes as presented.** (made by: Williams) (seconded by: Schaeffer)

Vote Carried unanimously

V. DISCUSSION REGARDING ARTICLE 71 RELATIVE TO MULTI-USE PATHS AND SIGNAGE

Article 71 (Bylaw Amendment: Bicycles) Ian Golding

Sitting Worth, Maury, Williams, Grause, Roche, Kronau, Schaeffer

Discussion **Ian Golding**, sponsor – We are asking for a reconsider of the vote because of the removal of the driveway component in 87-14B. There are at least 231 driveways cross-crossing the bike path; and eliminating signs at those points will cut the cost for signage by up to 80%. That leaves less than 14 signs for major intersections. At Bicycle, Pedestrian Access Committee (BPAC), Kevin Marshall was the only dissenting vote due to the Police Chief's reservations.

Worth – Asked if the Department of Public Works (DPW) has weighed in on the revised article.

Golding – No; DPW Director Rob McNeil stated he will do what the law requires.

Roche – Asked about the street painting.

Golding – He doesn't have the ability to put a cost on that. A number of people have stated that they would be happy to provide funds.

Gibson – Initially we felt it was costly; after talking with Mr. Golding and departments involved, we don't have any major objections and are pleased about the reduction in signage. There might be an issue about the provision of medical/injury reports out of the hospital and who requests them.

Grause – Asked if the police still have concerns about the enforceability of this.

Gibson – That hasn't changed. Her understanding is that there are laws in progress now to address some of these things.

Golding – The data collecting at the hospital, is from Rick Knopf who comes once a month and volunteered to set up the data collection if this is approved.

Williams – Every time we build something, we have to adhere to the Department of Transportation (DOT) sign regulations. Asked if when the Bike Path was put in, wasn't the property painting and signs installed and aren't those kept up.

Golding – His understanding is that depends on when and the source of the funding. Harvey and he found every bike path seems to have its own parameters for signage; he thinks this would make the bike paths more consistent.

Williams – We have to follow the DOT guidelines on whatever we do.

Kronau – Looking at 57-14A&B, it states cyclists and pedestrians have right of way except at major intersections. She's concerned this is setting up two different ways causing confusion at different intersections as to who has the right of way.

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Golding – He’s asking for a common-sense approach, especially on minor roads. He is talking about being on a defined multi-use path.

Worth – Appreciates the work done to try and improve this and create a better article. We need to vote to bring this back; the original motion was to take no action.

Motion to Reconsider. (made by: Maury) (seconded by: Kronau) Carried unanimously

Grause – Asked about the accident database to be maintained by the Police Department.

Golding – The NPD has an accident database that can be searched with sufficient manpower.

Grause – He assumed the previous language was being modified from a special database of vehicular-bicycle accidents to using existing databases. Asked if under C the word “bicycle” is necessary.

Golding – It seems to him it would be smart to strike out “bicycle”; currently there is not a separate database for bicycles.

Schaeffer – We don’t talk about money at all; asked if a maximum cost can be added.

Golding – He is raising the money to support the changes.

Williams – Suggested adding that to the motion for liability purposes.

Action **Motion to Adopt as presented in Version 2 at this meeting with striking the word “bicycle” under Section C; and with typographical corrections.** (made by: Roche) (seconded by: Maury)

Vote Carried unanimously

V. DISCUSSION REGARDING 2019 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES OR BALLOT QUESTIONS

VI. DISCUSSION REGARDING HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE (CRC) PROCESS

Sitting Worth, Maury, Williams, Grause, Roche, Kronau, Schaeffer

Discussion **Worth** – We couldn’t get anyone from CRC to be hear. If she’s back in time, asked would members like her to attend the Wednesday, March 27 meeting.

Kronau – She and Dorothy Hertz, CRC Chair, discussed a proposal that would set a limit for any requests; that goes out with the 2021 instructions. The limit has yet to be determined.

Worth – He would like to hear from Ms. Hertz.

Gibson – At some point the CRC has to endorse the proposal for a limit. The informational letter is a good idea.

Worth – If Ms. Hertz is available, he’d like her to be at the March 27 meeting.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE/ADJOURNMENT

Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2019; 1:00 p.m.; 4 Fairgrounds Road, Community Room

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS/OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. None

Motion to Adjourn at 4:45 p.m. accepted by unanimous consent.

Submitted by:

Terry L. Norton