



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

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Called to order at 4:00 pm by Ms. Kronau

Staff in attendance: Rick Sears, Deputy Director of Finance; Mariya Basheva, Financial Analyst; Terry Norton, Town Minutes Taker

Attending Members: Kronau, Maury, Roche, Schaeffer, Glowacki, Vieth

Absent Members: Grause, McEachern, Harrington

Late Arrivals: Roche, 4:09 pm

Documents used: Draft minutes as listed; Warrant Articles for 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

Adoption of agenda.

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

Roll-call Vote Carried 5-0//Schaeffer, Glowacki, Maury, Vieth, and Kronau-aye

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

1. February 15, 2022

Motion No action at this time.

Roll-call Vote N/A

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

V. WARRANT ARTICLES FOR 2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (ATM)

1. Article 5 (Appropriation: Reserve Fund)

Speakers Libby Gibson, Town Manager

Discussion **Sears** – The reserve fund is established for unforeseen events. This year’s recommendation is to appropriate \$500,000. Funds not used go to free cash

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

Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//Schaeffer, Glowacki, Vieth, Maury, Roche, and Kronau-aye

2. Article 40 (Bylaw Amendment: Finances/Creation of New Revolving Account – Short-term Rental Registration Program)

Speakers Libby Gibson, Town Manager

Discussion **Gibson** – If Article 39 goes forward, we need to establish the revolver fund; Article 41 puts funds into the fund.

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

Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//Schaeffer, Glowacki, Vieth, Maury, Roche, and Kronau-aye

3. Article 41 (Short-term Rental Revolving Account: Spending Limits for FY 2023)

Speakers Libby Gibson, Town Manager

Discussion **Gibson** – This would set the spending limit at \$200k.

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

Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//Schaeffer, Glowacki, Vieth, Maury, Roche, and Kronau-aye

4. Article 73 (Bylaw Amendment: Board of Sewer Commissioners/Sewer District Map Changes)
- Speakers David Gray, Sewer Director
- Discussion **Gray** – This adds numerous lots along Hawthorne Lane and Hummock Pond Road, all within CWMP listed needs area. The Select Board endorsed this.
Schaeffer – Asked if these are the new houses.
Gray – These are beyond those. Those had a new sewer installed.
Vieth – Asked to see a map of the affected lots.
- Motion **Move that Chapter 41 (Board of Sewer Commissioners), Section 41-3A (Town Sewer District) of the Code of the Town of Nantucket is hereby amended by adding the as-listed parcels to the Town Sewer District.** (made by: Glowacki) (seconded)
- Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//Schaeffer, Glowacki, Vieth, Maury, Roche, and Kronau-aye
5. Article 74 (Bylaw Amendment: Board of Sewer Commissioners/Town Sewer District Map Change: 44 Skyline Drive)
- Speakers David Gray, Sewer Director
- Discussion **Gray** – This did not meet criteria for recommendation. The Select Board did not endorse this.
Gibson – This motion will be accompanied by a note.
- Motion **Motion to not to adopt.** (made by: Roche) (seconded)
- Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//Schaeffer, Glowacki, Vieth, Maury, Roche, and Kronau-aye
6. Article 75 (Bylaw Amendment: Board of Sewer Commissioners/Town Sewer District Map Change – 15 Milestone Crossing)
- Speakers David Gray, Sewer Director
- Discussion **Gray** – Over the past town meetings, we added lots 17 and 13, which are either side of this; all 3 are adjacent to a sewer district. This only had 7 of 9 criteria but is within a wellhead protection zone. Recommend approving.
Maury – Asked how often a property doesn't meet criteria but still gets added. Asked if we're setting a precedent for the subdivision.
Gray – It has happened a few times; this lot can't get increased density or be subdivided. He hasn't heard from others in the subdivision. The Hinsdale line was designed for the capacity of this area. These lots were counted within the capacity and flow for the most recent Sewer Master Plan.
Gibson – This motion will also be accompanied by a note.
- Motion **Motion to Adopt.** (made by: Schaeffer) (seconded)
- Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//Schaeffer, Glowacki, Roche, Vieth, Maury, and Kronau-aye
7. Article 77 (Home Rule Petition: An Act Amending the Nantucket Sewer Act (Chapter 396 of the Acts of 2008))
- Speakers Libby Gibson, Town Manager
- Discussion **Gibson** – This results from instances that involved property owners requesting waiver for sewer fees from sewer being installed by private parties; because of how our laws are written, they must tie in. This would be for a well-documented hardship case.
Glowacki – This doesn't sound like it'll have many applications so asked why the homerule petition.
Gibson – The Select Board wants this as a charter amendment.
- Motion **Motion to Adopt.** (made by: Schaeffer) (seconded)
- Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//Schaeffer, Glowacki, Vieth, Roche, Maury, and Kronau-aye

8. Article 78 (Home Rule Petition: An Act Amending the Charter of the Town of Nantucket To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Town Government Study Committee)

Speakers Libby Gibson, Town Manager

Discussion **Gibson** – These are changes that came up during Government Study Committee meetings. Some are already happening. Reviewed the proposed changes.

Maury – Asked if increasing the signature requirement to 50 has a good chance of passing.

Gibson – A couple of other Towns might have done this; the feedback is, if it's important, it'll get the signatures.

Glowacki – He's concerned this would restrict access for some folks.

Schaeffer – Asked if getting the warrant out earlier could be a problem.

Gibson – There already was a requirement to get it out 14 days earlier and that passed. It's doable.

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

Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//Schaeffer, Glowacki, Vieth, Maury, Roche, and Kronau

9. Article 107 (Appropriation: Free Cash)

Speakers None

Discussion **Sears** – This is an annual warrant. Recommend take no action

Motion **Motion to Take No Action.** (made by: Maury) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//Schaeffer, Vieth, Roche, Maury, Glowacki, and Kronau-aye

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Contract Review Committee: Roche

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE/ADJOURNMENT

Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022; 4:00 p.m.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Adjournment:

Motion **Motion to Adjourn 4:35 pm.** (made by: Schaeffer) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried 6-0//Glowacki, Vieth, Schaeffer, Maury, Roach, and Kronau-aye

Submitted by:

Terry L. Norton