



# 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, June 4, 2020

*This meeting was held via remote participation using ZOOM and YouTube,  
Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Regarding Open Meeting Law*

FinCom called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Ms. Kronau

Staff in attendance: Brian Turbitt, Director of Finance; Alexandria Penta, Financial Analyst  
Attending Members: Kronau, Maury, Schaeffer, Glowacki, Harrington  
Absent Members: Grause, McEachern, Roche, Vieth  
Documents used: Revised Town Warrant Articles 8, 15, 16 & 17 for 2020 Annual Town Meeting (ATM)

### I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action **Motion to Approve the Agenda.** (made by: Harrington) (seconded)  
Vote Carried unanimously // Schaeffer, Maury, Glowacki, Harrington, and Kronau-aye

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

### III. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. None

### IV. DELIBERATION AND RULING ON AMENDED ARTICLES

1. Article 8 (Appropriation: FY2021 General Fund Operating Budget)  
Discussion **Turbitt** – The general fund budget cuts for Article 8 include \$565,000 for about 11 unfilled positions deemed non-essential to current operations, which have been defunded for FY2021. \$162,000 increase under Position Expense was also defunded for FY2021. Reductions total under \$2.1m. Asking to approve the revised the General Budget at \$9,599,000.  
**Glowacki** – Asked if the \$6m in free cash isn't used, will it show up in next year's budget.  
**Turbitt** – Yes.  
**Kronau** – We will need significant corrective action next year.  
**Turbitt** – We are now funding more than 50% of Our Island Home (OIH) operations; we will have a gap next year, unless things rebound, and they can provide \$3.5m revenue. That question will have to be addressed probably in FY2022.  
Motion **Motion to Accept the motion as ready by Mr. Turbitt.** (made by: Harrington) (seconded)  
Roll-call Vote Carried unanimously // Schaeffer, Glowacki, Harrington, Maury, and Kronau -aye

2. Article 15 (Appropriation: Fiscal Year 2021 Enterprise Funds Operations)

Discussion **Turbitt** – This was originally supposed to address OIH, but the Airport faces a deficit. The Airport budget was cut down to \$5,930,300. The gap between this and the original budget will be funded by KERZAC money, a federal grant. Looked to make revenue increase, but given the fluctuation in census, he was reluctant to do that and left it at \$3.7m. No change in sewer budget, except reduced user fees and increased retained earnings. Siasconset Water Company anticipated a decline in revenue so reduced that to \$730,046. No changes to Solid Waste. Wannacomet Water Company, had minor changes related to personnel budget; their budget came down \$265,000 from the original budget; they have reduced their anticipated revenue in response to \$4.6m. The all-told budget equals \$41,912,132.

**Harrington** – Asked if Nantucket isn't the only municipality handling things this way.

**Turbitt** – He gets the sense this is happening to everyone. He's worked to build a reserve for just such an event.

**Kronau** – Her concern is the follow up with OIH to resolve issues due to the level of fiscal support they require.

**Turbitt** – The first step was the override question on the ballot; we were at \$3.1m within the levy limit because their Retained Earnings were going down. This is a short-term solution, a fact everyone is aware of.

**Kronau** – Wants a comment explaining why the OIH override was removed but we support it.

**Maury** – He thinks it'll be good to have it on record and published.

**Harrington** – He supports that addendum to the motion.

**Glowacki** – He's okay either way.

**Schaeffer** – Agrees we should have it. The warning should be there, and that the reaction should be sooner rather than later.

**Kronau** – She will work with Joe Grause to create the comment.

Motion **Motion to Adopt the revised appropriation of \$41,912,132 with a subsequent comment to come addressing OIH shortfall for FY2022.** (made by: Harrington) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried unanimously//Schaeffer, Glowacki, Harrington, Maury, Kronau-aye

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

4. Article 17 (Enterprise Funds: Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Transfers)

Discussion **Turbitt** – He is working with department heads to ensure we have all transfer requests. We will be transferring \$435,000 from free cash into the COVID Fund along with applying for additional KERZAC money. We will try to catch them all before the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**V. NEXT MEETING DATE/ADJOURNMENT**

Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS & OTHER BUSINESS**

1. None

**Motion to Adjourn FinCom at 12:34 p.m.** (made by: Maury) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried unanimously//Schaeffer, Glowacki, Harrington, Maury, Kronau-aye

Submitted by:

Terry L. Norton