



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 ~~

Monday, September 13, 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 4:02 p.m. and announcements made by Ms. Kronau

Staff in attendance: Libby Gibson, Town Manager; Brian Turbitt, Director of Finance; Rich Sears, Deputy Director of Finance; Terry Norton, Town Minutes Taker
Attending Members: Kronau, Maury, Grause, Roche, Schaeffer, Glowacki, Vieth, Harrington
Absent Members: McEachern,
Late Arrivals: Glowacki, 4:06 pm
Early Departures: None
Documents used: Draft minutes as listed; PowerPoint FY2023 Budget Projections

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

1. July 27, 2021

Motion **Motion to Approve as drafted.** (made by: Vieth) (seconded)

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

IV. REVIEW OF FY2023 BUDGET PROJECTIONS

Turbitt – These budget projections are very preliminary; the FY2022 tax rate hasn't been certified yet. Reviewed projections: Proposition 2½; Preliminary FY2023 Levy Limit maximum projected \$100,563,680; FY2023 Projected Local Receipts total \$14,472,300; FY2023 Review Projections total General Fund revenue \$118,566,180; Historical Actual Revenue FY2017-FY2020 Actual; FY23 Preliminary Expenditures total General Fund \$99,461,953; FY23 Preliminary Expenditures other funds projected excess levy capacity \$1,776,059; Historical Actual Expenses FY2017-FY2021; and To Be Determined – Free Cash, Local Receipts, Union Negotiations, Health Insurance, Retirement Assessment, Local Aid, Year-round NRTA, PFAS, Cap and Islands Water Protection Fund, and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement Fund (WIIF).

Gibson – This is scheduled to go through the Select Board at the September 22 meeting; we're trying to set up a budget ad hoc meeting to go through the budget and discuss the situation and prioritize. Citizen Warrant articles should be considered by FinCom but we don't know what those will be; we don't normally budget for them. She's finalizing the Citizen Warrant Article Guide and adding about budgeting.

Grause – The \$700,000 under Revenue Budget as new growth looks conservative.

Turbitt – It was about \$1m in FY2021; it will be higher than the \$700,000 of FY2022. If it looks like we will submit substantially more to the state, we'll discuss increasing it with the assessor.

Grause – He recalls a discussion about growth rate of overall revenue and expenses; general property expenses grow at about 6.8% but revenue doesn't grow that fast. Asked if the Town is running out of levy limit room.

Turbitt – It is getting shorter; right now, there are costs that are difficult to control such as property insurance.

Schaeffer – The tax revenue from new construction, asked if we have those numbers from FY2021 and FY2022.

Turbitt – He has all the Building Permit information but not on hand. Issuance of a Building Permit doesn't constitute new growth; that comes later in the construction process.

Vieth – Salary growth, asked if that is related to increased hiring or rising pay.

Turbitt – The number for the Schools is a roll over. It's based on contracts we have at this time. It doesn't include new positions. The roll over includes any approved vacant positions currently in the budget.

Vieth – Asked if the Marijuana Tax will make up for money the Town is giving or is it just in addition to the \$650,000.

Turbitt – The Marijuana Tax money goes into a Stabilization Fund used specifically for substance abuse. The \$650,000 doesn't fund things that don't fit the criteria for the Stabilization Fund.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Capital Program Committee: Vieth

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE/ADJOURNMENT

Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2021; 5:30 pm.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion **Motion to Adjourn at 4:36 pm.** (made by: Vieth) (seconded)

Roll-call Vote Carried 8-0//Schaeffer, Grause, Roche, Vieth, Glowacki, Maury, Harrington, and Kronau-aye

Submitted by:

Terry L. Norton