



Town of Nantucket
Finance Committee Joint Meeting
With Select Board and Planning Board
March 20th, 2023 – Minutes

REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM

Staff:	Libby Gibson; Town Manager, Brian Turbitt; Finance Director, Andrew Vorce; Director of Planning, Leslie Snell; Deputy Director of Planning
Attending Members:	Denice Kronau, Chair, Peter Schaeffer, Jeremy Bloomer, Stephen Maury, Chris Glowacki, Joseph Grause, Joanna Roche
Absent Members:	Peter McEachern, Jill Vieth,

CALL TO ORDER

Finance Committee Chair Denice Kronau calls the meeting to order, and requests roll call: Joe Here, Peter Here, Joanna Here, Stephen Here, Jeremy Here, Chris Here, Denice Here.

I. JOINT MEETING WITH SELECT BOARD AND PLANNING BOARD TO REVIEW FINAL 2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT WITH MOTIONS.

Select Board Chair Bridges reviewed the purpose of the meeting: an opportunity for the Select Board members to ask the Finance Committee and Planning Board any questions about their motions to the warrant articles. Select Board Chair Bridges asked the Select Board members if they had any questions about any of the motions. Ms. Mohr asked about the Planning Board motion to Article 43 (Zoning: Tertiary Lots). Director of Planning Andrew Vorce and Planning Board member Nat Lowell explained the purpose of the article/motion, noting it is an amendment to the existing bylaw. Ms. Mohr asked about Article 39 (Zoning: Swimming Pools). Deputy Planning Director Leslie Snell explained the purpose of the article, which is to clarify the definitions of “outdoor water features”. Ms. Mohr asked how this article compares to citizen articles relating to swimming pools. Ms. Snell responded. Ms. Holdgate asked about Article 76 (Outdoor Lighting). Ms. Kronau explained the Finance Committee’s motion to this article, noting that it is a complicated article, and the motion has somewhat modified the original article with the citizen sponsor’s approval. Finance Committee member Stephen Maury added that some of the enforcement requirements have been lessened so as to reduce the burden on Town staff. Ms. Kronau said there was quite a bit of citizen support for this article. Ms. Mohr asked how enforcement would be initiated. Mr. Maury said it would be “complaint-based”. Some discussion followed.

Ms. Kronau asked about a request from the Human Services Contract Review Committee made to and approved by the Select Board at its March 15th meeting, which was also discussed prior to that and not recommended by the Finance Committee, for additional funding of \$175,000 for FY 2024.

Select Board Chair Bridges left the meeting at 4:19 PM; Ms. Holdgate assumed the position of Select Board Chair.

Ms. Kronau reviewed the Finance Committee's concerns about the additional funding at this time. She noted that the Town's annual contribution to health and human services agencies is significant and generous. She added that while the funding seems intended for the School, the School did not ask for the funds, nor did any other agency; and, that the general position of the Committee was that a request like this should follow the normal process and there were too many unanswered questions about its use. Finance Committee Vice Chair Joe Grause said that he is not sure where the additional funding would come from and reiterated that no specific agency requested these funds. Finance Committee member Jeremy Bloomer said that the request did not seem complete. Finance Committee member Joanne Roche spoke in support of the request, noting that she is the Finance Committee representative to the Human Services Contract Review Committee. Ms. Holdgate and Ms. Mohr explained the Select Board's decision making with respect to approval of the request, noting community concerns as to mental health. Dr. MacNab concurred and noted there was concern as to the source of funding; and, that "success criteria" should be developed. Finance Committee member Peter Schaffer said that while a problem was presented, there was no program presented to address it, which was a Finance Committee concern. Ms. Kronau added that the Finance Committee did suggest that the request be made at the fall special town meeting. Some discussion followed on what that would entail.

Ms. Kronau thanked everyone involved in the development of the warrant and article motions for Town Meeting. Ms. Holdgate concurred and thanked the Finance Committee for its work.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Peter Schaeffer made the motion to Adjourn, seconded by Joe Grause. **Roll Call Vote: Jeremy Aye, Stephen Aye, Peter Aye, Joe Aye, Chris Aye, Denise Aye. Passes unanimously.**