



Town of Nantucket

Finance Committee

May 2, 2023, Minutes

1:00PM Remote Participation Via Zoom

Staff:	Brian Turbitt, Finance Director; Susan Carmel, Assistant Finance Director; Mariya Basheva, Assistant Town Accountant; Libby Gibson, Town Manager; Leslie Snell, Director of Planning; Megan Trudell, Senior Planner
Attending Members:	Denice Kronau, Chair, Peter Schaeffer, Jeremy Bloomer, Stephen Maury, Jill Vieth, Joanna Roche,
Absent Members:	Peter McEachern, Christopher Glowacki, Joseph Grause

Opening and Roll Call

- Denice Kronau calls the Finance Committee meeting to order, noting it is being audio and video recorded and will be conducted via Zoom.
- Attendees are asked to confirm their presence and register to participate.
- The meeting is conducted remotely to ensure public access, and public comment will be allowed through the chair.

Approval of Agenda and Public Comments

- Denice Kronau requests approval of the agenda, which is moved by Schaeffer and seconded by Bloomer.

Roll Call Vote: Schaeffer, Bloomer, Maury, Roche, Vieth - Aye

- Denice Kronau opens the meeting for public comments, but no one raises their hand for comments.
- The meeting proceeds to the review and discussion of technical amendments to articles in the 2023 annual town meeting warrants.

Review of Technical Amendments to Article Six

- Brian Turbitt explains the first technical amendment to Article Six, requesting \$450,000 for the school department's special education reserve fund due to increased costs.
- The town manager and Brian Turbitt recommend transferring \$139,000 from the DPW's operating budget and \$5,627 from the insurance line to cover these costs.

- Jeremy Bloomer questions the \$450,000 allocation, and Brian Turbitt explains the need for the reserve fund to cover potential future costs.
- Jill Veith asks about the emergency nature of the request, and Brian Turbitt explains the potential strain on the school budget if the funds are not provided.

Discussion on Special Education Reserve Fund

- Jeremy Bloomer questions the increasing costs of special education and the need for a reserve fund.
- Brian Turbitt explains the history of the reserve fund and the current request based on the school department's analysis.
- Peter Schaeffer questions the obligation to pay the costs, and Brian Turbitt confirms the town's obligation.
- Joanna Roche asks about the rollover of unused funds, and Brian Turbitt explains that the funds would stay in the reserve as a buffer for future years.
- Motion to adopt made by Schaeffer, Seconded by Roche.

Roll Call Vote: Schaeffer, Bloomer, Maury, Roche, Vieth, Kronau - Aye

Review of Technical Amendments to Article Eight

- Brian Turbitt introduces the request to amend Article Eight for health and human services by \$175,000, based on the CRC committee's recommendation.
- The Select Board directed town administration to find a way to fund this request, and the Finance Committee is asked to consider it.
- Jeremy Bloomer questions the lack of a plan for the funds, and Brian Turbitt explains the ongoing efforts to develop an RFP and collaborate with organizations.
- Joanna Roche and Jill Veith support the request, citing the Select Board's endorsement and the urgent need for the funds.

Debate on CRC Funding Request

- Peter Schaeffer expresses concern about the lack of a plan and the timing of the request.
- Brooke Mohr explains the Select Board's perspective, emphasizing the urgency and the need for timely action.
- Denise Kronau expresses reluctance to reopen the article on the town meeting floor but is open to supporting the request based on the progress made.
- Motion to Adopt made by Schaeffer, seconded by Roche.

Roll Call Vote: Schaeffer, Maury, Vieth, Roche, Bloomer, Kronau - Aye

Discussion on Zoning Article 44

- Leslie Snell introduces Article 44, which revises parking requirements for duplexes and garage apartments to align with state housing choice legislation.
- Stephen Maury expresses concern about the potential impact on neighborhoods and the reduction in parking requirements.
- Brooke Mohr explains the state's direction to reduce parking requirements to encourage housing production.
- Vieth makes a motion to support the planning boards motion, seconded by Schaeffer.

Roll Call Vote: Schaeffer Aye, Bloomer Aye, Vieth Aye, Maury No, Roche Aye, Kronau Aye – Adopted 5-1

Technical Amendment to Article 47

- Leslie Snell introduces a technical amendment to Article 47 to add a property on Sal Rose Road to the zoning map change.
- Joanna Roche moves to accept the planning board's recommendation, and the motion is seconded by Peter Schaeffer

Roll Call Vote: Schaeffer, Bloomer, Vieth, Maury, Roche, - Aye

Discussion on Article 81

- Denice Kronau dicusses an amendment to Article 81 to allow for a more realistic timeline for the transition to a town council structure.
- Peter Schaeffer and Stephen Maury express concerns about the amendment, citing the need for a clear deadline and the potential impact on the process.
- Members of the Finance Committee express reservations about the message it sends.
- A motion to adopt is made by Vieth, Seconded by Bloomer

Roll Call Vote: Schaeffer Aye, Bloomer Aye, Vieth Aye, Roche Aye, Maury No, Kronau Aye - Adopted 5-1

Committee Reports and Adjournment

- Peter Schaeffer provides an update on the short-term rental committee's work and upcoming meeting.
- Joanna Roche provides a CRC update, mentioning an upcoming meeting to finalize the RFI and PowerPoint presentation.

- Motion to Adjourn by Roche, Seconded by Schaeffer

Roll Call Vote: Schaeffer, Bloomer, Vieth, Maury, Roche, Kronau - Aye