



Town of Nantucket Finance Committee

September 21st, 2023 – Minutes

PSF COMMUNITY ROOM, 4 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD AND REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA
ZOOM WEBINAR

Staff:	Brian Turbitt, Finance Director; Libby Gibson, Town Manager, Mariya Basheva, Assistant Town Accountant
Attending Members:	Stephen Maury, Vice Chair, Peter Schaeffer, Jill Vieth, Jeremy Bloomer, Joanna Roche, Rob Giacchetti,
Absent Members:	Christopher Glowacki, Denice Kronau, Joseph Wright

Approval of Agenda and Public Comment

- Stephen Maury calls the meeting to order at 4 PM on Thursday, September 21, 2023.
- Motion to approve the agenda made by Peter, seconded by Jill, **Roll call vote: Jeremy Aye, Jill Aye, Peter Aye, Stephen Aye.**
- Stephen Maury opens the floor for public comment, with no comments from the room or online.

Public Hearing on Citizen Warrant Articles for the 2023 Special Town Meeting – Articles Five - Nine

- The next item is a public hearing on citizen warrant articles, with Stephen Maury noting that the chair is absent, and motions are unlikely.
- Stephen Maury begins with Article Five, a zoning map change, with no comments from the committee or audience.
- Articles Six through Nine are announced, including real estate conveyance, acquisition, and home rule petitions, with no comments from the committee or audience.

Public Hearing on Citizen Warrant Articles for the 2023 Special Town Meeting - Discussion on Articles Ten and Eleven

- Jill Vieth discusses Article Ten, an appropriation for a new field at Nobadeer Field, emphasizing the need due to a shortage of grass fields.
- Stephen Maury confirms the Capital Program Committee's endorsement of the project.
- Article Eleven is discussed, a supplemental appropriation for upgrades to the South Valley sewer pump station, with no comments from the committee or audience.

**Public Hearing on Citizen Warrant Articles for the 2023 Special Town Meeting -
Discussion on Articles Twelve, Thirteen and Fourteen**

- Article Twelve and Thirteen are opened for discussion, with no comments from the committee or audience.
- Stephen Maury pauses the meeting to wait for the finance director to join.
- The meeting resumes with opening discussion on Article Fourteen, the national opioid settlement payments, with no comments from the committee or audience.

**Public Hearing on Citizen Warrant Articles for the 2023 Special Town Meeting -
Discussion on Articles Fifteen, Sixteen and Seventeen**

- Article Fifteen is opened for discussion, amending the description of Public Works facility improvements, with no comments from the committee or audience.
- Article Sixteen is opened for discussion, a real estate acquisition for Eight Nichols Road, with no comments from the committee or audience.
- Article Seventeen is opened for discussion, an elected official compensation schedule amendment, with no comments from the committee or audience.

**Public Hearing on Citizen Warrant Articles for the 2023 Special Town Meeting -
Discussion on Articles Eighteen**

- Article Eighteen is opened for discussion, a bylaw amendment for the board of sewer commissioners, with Drew Seevers opposing the sewerage of Codfish Park due to high costs and lack of need.
- Margaret Van Deusen and Karel Greenberg express concerns about the sewerage of Codfish Park, citing potential destabilization and high costs.
- Stephen Maury thanks the speakers and notes the importance of their comments.

**Public Hearing on Citizen Warrant Articles for the 2023 Special Town Meeting -
Discussion on Articles Nineteen and Twenty**

- Article Nineteen is opened for discussion, a bylaw amendment for the board of sewer commissioners for Sankaty Road, with no comments from the committee or audience.
- Article Twenty is opened for discussion, a bylaw amendment for the board of sewer commissioners for Burnt Swamp Lane, with no comments from the committee or audience.

Public Hearing on Citizen Warrant Articles for the 2023 Special Town Meeting - Discussion on Article One

- Jill Vieth introduces Article One – General Bylaw Amendment – Regulating the Operation of Short-Term Rentals, discussing the purposes and intents of the short-term rental work group.
- Peter Schaeffer and Jeremy Bloomer discuss the data and rationale behind the short-term rental regulations, with Jeremy questioning the problem definition and data.
- Dave Iverson explains the need to address ambiguity in the zoning bylaw to prevent lawsuits and protect the local economy.

Technical Issues and Continuation of the Meeting on September 26th, 2023

- Brooke Mohr and John Giorgio raise concerns about public access issues with the Zoom link.
- John Giorgio suggests continuing the public hearing to the next Tuesday at 4 PM.
- Motion to continue the public hearing next Tuesday, September 26th at 4pm, made by Joanna, seconded by Jeremy **Roll call vote: Rob Aye, Joanna Aye, Peter Aye, Jeremy Aye, Jill Aye. Passes Unanimously.**
- Motion to Adjourn made by Peter, seconded by Jeremy **Roll call vote: Rob Aye, Joanna Aye, Peter Aye, Jeremy Aye, Jill Aye. Passes Unanimously.**
- The meeting is adjourned, with plans to continue the discussion on Tuesday, September 26, 2023.