



Town of Nantucket Finance Committee

November 2nd, 2023 1PM – Minutes

Remote Participation via Zoom

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

Technical Amendments and Initial Discussions

- Stephen Maury calls the meeting to order and notes the absence of in-person attendees.
- Libby Gibson mentions the lack of a formal agenda due to Maria's recent maternity leave and the need to approve technical amendments.
- Brian Turbitt and Libby Gibson discuss technical amendment number one, which involves striking language from Article Seven due to the absence of necessary appropriations.
- Jill Vieth and Brian Turbitt discuss the specific language being struck and the implications for the project.

Details of Technical Amendment One

- Libby Gibson explains that the project does not require new appropriations as funds are already available for easements.
- Jill Vieth expresses concern about the potential use of eminent domain, and Libby Gibson clarifies that voluntary easements are preferred but eminent domain may be necessary if voluntary easements are not obtained.
- Jeremy Bloomer inquires about the total cost of the project, and Libby Gibson clarifies that the appropriation is for acquiring easements, not the entire project cost.
- Brian Turbitt mentions that some easements may require payments, and Jeremy Bloomer summarizes the project's scope and potential costs.
- Motion to adopt the changes as written for Technical Amendment One for Article Seven, moved by Peter Schaeffer, seconded Giacchetti

Roll call vote: Glowacki - aye, Bloomer – aye, Vieth - aye, Wright - aye, Schaeffer - aye, Giachetti - aye, Maury - aye

Details of Technical Amendment Two

- Brian Turbitt introduces technical amendment number two, which involves appropriating \$3.2 million from free cash to cover the shortfall for the modular housing bid for the seasonal dormitory.
- Brian Turbitt explains the original appropriation of \$8.5 million and the need for additional funds due to increased construction costs.
- Brian Turbitt clarifies that the additional \$3.2 million is needed for the construction contract, design, and OPM services.
- Jeremy Bloomer inquires about the total cost of the project, and Brian Turbitt explains that the project is estimated to cost \$11.7 million, with \$9.2 million for construction and the remaining for design and OPM services.
- Stephen Maury questions the increase in construction costs, and Brian Turbitt attributes it to higher-than-expected bids and increased costs for design and OPM services.
- Motion to adopt the changes in Technical Amendment Two for Article 12, Moved by Peter Schaeffer, seconded by Giachetti

Roll call vote: Bloomer – aye, Vieth - aye, Wright - aye, Glowacki - aye, Giachetti - aye, Schaeffer - aye, Maury - aye

Discussion on Technical Amendment Three

- Stephen Maury asks if Noah Karberg is present to discuss technical amendment number three, which involves the airport project.
- Brian Turbitt explains that the airport is deferring the project to the annual town meeting to present it with better quality information.
- Noah Karberg adds that the project is still moving forward but will be presented at a later time with more accurate cost estimates.
- Motion to accept the changes in Technical Amendment Three for Article 13 Moved by Schaeffer, seconded by Glowacki

Roll call vote: Bloomer – aye, Vieth - aye, Wright - aye, Glowacki - aye, Giachetti - aye, Schaeffer - aye, Maury – aye

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

- Libby Gibson reminds attendees about the moderators' meeting at 2 PM and the sewer project on Tuesday.
- Stephen Maury calls for a motion to adjourn, made by Giachetti, second by Wright.

Roll call vote: Bloomer – aye, Vieth - aye, Wright - aye, Glowacki - aye, Giachetti - aye, Schaeffer - aye, Maury - aye