



Town of Nantucket Finance Committee

March 11th, 2024 – Minutes

131 PLEASANT STREET, TRAILER ROOM A AND REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM

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

Approval of Agenda and Public Comment

- Denice Kronau calls the meeting to order and requests approval of the agenda, made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll Call Vote: Peter Aye, Chris Aye, Jill Aye, Joe Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**
- Denice opens the floor for public comment, noting no electronic devices are raised.
- Denice closes the public comment session and moves to Agenda Item 4.

Reconsideration of Article Two Appropriation: Unpaid Bills

- Brian Turbitt requests reopening Article Two for unpaid bills from the police department.
- Chris makes a motion to reopen Article Two Unpaid Bills, seconded by Peter. **Roll Call Vote: Peter Aye, Chris Aye, Jill Aye, Joe Aye, Jeremy Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**
- Brian mentions two new late AT&T bills totaling \$420.88 for January and February 2023.
- Chris makes a motion to adopt Article Two Unpaid Bills, seconded by Peter. **Roll Call Vote: Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Jeremy Aye, Jill Aye, Joe Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Article 3 Prior Year Articles

- Brian Turbitt discusses the transfer of funds from the Fire Department and the General Fund for various projects.
- Brian explains the need to transfer funds for engine one replacement and water main projects.
- Brian details the request for \$5,639,423.26 of retained earnings for capital projects.

- Brian mentions the transfer of \$250,000 for leachate tanks at the solid waste facility.
- Motion to adopt Article 3 (Appropriation: Prior Year Articles) made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll Call Vote: Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Joe Aye, Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Article 6 FY24 General Fund Budget Transfers

- Brian Turbitt outlines the transfers from various accounts to cover additional uniforms, paramedic training, and other expenses.
- Brian explains the settlement of the union contract and the overtime overage for paramedic training.
- Brian discusses the transfer of \$42,500 from free cash to the special purpose stabilization fund for substance abuse.
- Peter Schaeffer questions the overage in the medical insurance account, and Brian explains it is due to union negotiations.
- Motion to adopt Article 6 (FY24 General Fund Budget Transfers) made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll Call Vote: Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Joe Aye, Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Article 8 General Fund Operating Budget

- Brian Turbitt presents the total general fund operating budget of \$131,013,302.
- Brian explains the transfer to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the allocation from free cash for one-time operating expenses.
- Brian details the funding sources, including raising appropriate and other general revenues, free cash, and the tax levy.
- The motion to adopt Article 8 (Appropriation: Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Operating Budget) is made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll Call Vote: Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Joe Aye, Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Article 10 General Fund Capital Budget

- Brian Turbitt discusses the general fund capital budget and the recommendations from the capital program committee.
- Brian notes the need to write a motion to delineate the capital projects, Article 10 is moved to a later date.

Article 11 Town Employee Housing Feasibility Cost

- Brian Turbitt introduces Article 11, requesting \$3 million for town employee housing feasibility cost.
- Brian explains the purpose of the study to develop housing for town employees on available parcels.
- Kristie Ferrantella provides details on the potential development of parcels and the feasibility study.
- Jeremy Bloomer questions the number of homes that could be developed, and Brian clarifies the study's purpose.
- Motion to adopt Article 11 (Appropriation: Town Employee Housing Feasibility Costs), made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll Call Vote: Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Joe Aye, Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Article 13 Public Works Facility Improvements Design

- Brian Turbitt presents Article 13, requesting \$1.2 million for Public Works facility improvements.
- Brian explains the focus on the Shad Bush Road area and the need for engineering services and permitting.
- Christopher Glowacki inquires about the total cost, and Brian estimates it will bring the total to approximately \$3.5 million.
- Motion to adopt Article 13 (Supplemental Appropriation: Public Works Facility Improvements – Design) made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll Call Vote: Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Joe Aye, Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Article 14 Newtown Road Transportation Improvements

- Brian Turbitt discusses Article 14, requesting \$2 million for Newtown Road transportation improvements.
- Brian explains the need for additional funds to complete all recommended improvements, including multi-use paths and drainage improvements.
- Motion to adopt Article 14 (Supplemental Appropriation: Newtown Road Transportation Improvements) made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll Call Vote: Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Jill Aye, Joe Aye, Jeremy Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Article 15 Tom Nevers Park Debris Removal and Erosion Control/Dune Restoration

- Brian Turbitt presents Article 15, requesting \$2 million for Tom Nevers Park debris removal and erosion control.
- Jeremy Bloomer questions the timing of the project, and Libby Gibson explains the need for permitting and the uncertainty of costs.
- Motion to adopt Article 15 (Appropriation: Tom Nevers Park Debris Removal and Erosion Control/Dune Restoration) made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll Call Vote: Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Jill Aye, Joe Aye, Jeremy Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Article 16 Expansion of Landfill Cell 3B

- Brian Turbitt introduces Article 16, requesting \$5,065,000 for the expansion of landfill cell 3B.
- Motion to adopt Article 16 (Appropriation: Expansion of Landfill Cell 3B) made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll Call Vote: Jeremy Aye, Joe Aye, Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Jill Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Article 17 Reconstruction of Jetties Beach Tennis Courts

- Brian Turbitt discusses Article 17, requesting \$1.9 million for the reconstruction of Jetty Beach courts.
- Charlie Polachi provides details on the construction timeline and the expected lifespan of the courts.
- Jill Vieth inquires about the inclusion of pickleball courts, and Charlie confirms the plan to include at least four pickleball courts.
- Motion to adopt Article 17 (Appropriation: Reconstruction of Jetties Beach Tennis Courts) made by Peter, seconded by Jeremy. **Roll Call Vote: Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Joe Aye, Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Article 18 Public Safety Auxiliary Building

- Brian Turbitt presents Article 18, requesting \$5 million for the public safety auxiliary building.
- Jeremy Bloomer inquires about meeting space in the building, and Brian clarifies it will be a repair facility and equipment storage.
- Motion to adopt Article 18 (Appropriation: Public Safety Auxiliary Building) made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll Call Vote: Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Joe Aye, Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Article 19 Acquisition of Composting Facility and Transfer Station

- Brian Turbitt introduces Article 19, requesting \$4,400,000 for the acquisition of the composting facility and transfer station.
- Motion to adopt Article 19 (Appropriation: Acquisition of Composting Facility and Transfer Station at Madaket Road Solid Waste Disposal Facility) is made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll Call Vote: Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Joe Aye, Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Article 21 Fiscal 2025 Enterprise Fund Operations

- Brian Turbitt presents Article 21, detailing the total budget for all enterprise funds.
- Brian explains the funding sources and the policy of not using retained earnings.
- Jeremy Bloomer questions the budget for Our Island Home, and Brian clarifies the funding sources and the separate article for the design of the new facility.
- Motion to adopt Article 21 (Appropriation: FY2025 Enterprise Funds Operations), made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll Call Vote: Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Joe Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Article 22 Enterprise Fund Capital Expenditures

- Brian Turbitt discusses Article 22, detailing the total capital expenditures for all enterprise funds.
- Motion to adopt Article 22 (Appropriation: Enterprise Funds Capital Expenditures), made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll Call Vote: Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Joe Aye, Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Article 23 Enterprise Fund Fiscal 2024 Budget Transfers

- Brian Turbitt presents Article 23, detailing the budget transfers for Our Island Home.
- Peter Schaeffer questions the impact on the budget, and Brian explains the contract for travel nurses.
- Jeremy Bloomer inquires about the number of travel nurses, and Brian states he will need to verify the exact numbers.
- Motion to adopt Article 23 (Enterprise Funds: Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Transfers), made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll Call Vote: Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Joe Aye, Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Article 29 Rescission of Previously Authorized Borrowing Authority

- Brian Turbitt introduces Article 29, requesting the rescission of borrowing authority for completed projects.
- Motion to adopt Article 29 (Rescind Unused Borrowing Authority), made by Peter, seconded by Jeremy. **Roll Call Vote: Joe Aye, Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Article 99 Real Estate Acquisition: 75A, 75B and 77 Bartlett Road

- Brian Turbitt presents Article 99, requesting authorization to acquire property for pump stations.
- Libby Gibson explains the need to take no action as negotiations with property owners have not been successful.
- Motion to take no action on Article 99 (Real Estate Acquisition: 75A, 75B and 77 Bartlett Road) made by Chris, seconded by Peter. **Roll Call Vote: Joe Aye, Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Adjournment

- Denice Kronau calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting, made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll Call Vote: Joe Aye, Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**