



Town of Nantucket Finance Committee

July 15th, 2024 – Minutes

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

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

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- Denice Kronau calls the meeting to order and requests approval of the agenda, made by Peter, seconded by Jeremy. **Roll Call Vote: Chris Aye, Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Joe Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**
- The minutes from February 23 and March 7 from 2023 have a motion to approve, made by Peter, seconded by Jeremy. **Roll Call Vote: Chris Aye, Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Discussion on Warrant Articles and Public Comment

- Denice Kronau discusses the non-binding nature of a warrant article and the possibility of addressing it directly with the Select Board.
- Jeremy Bloomer suggests that submitters of warrant articles should consult with the town counsel to save time.
- Libby Gibson mentions a guide for preparing warrant articles and the availability of town counsel for consultations.
- John Copenhaver and Betsy Braun introduce themselves and explain the intention of their warrant article regarding the Salt Marsh Center.

Article 81 Real Estate Acquisition: 81 Washington Street Building

- John Copenhaver explains the current ownership and maintenance of the Salt Marsh Center by the Nantucket Center for Elder Affairs (NCEA).
- John proposes transferring the building to the town for better maintenance and to avoid being the landlord.

- Denice Kronau and Libby Gibson discuss the process of transferring the building to the town and the need for a proposal to the Select Board.
- John Copenhaver and Betsy Braun provide details on the annual operating costs and maintenance responsibilities currently handled by NCEA.
- A Motion to take no Action is made by Chris, seconded by Peter. A Motion is then made to close public comment on this article, made by Peter, seconded by Jeremy. **Roll Call Vote: Jill Aye, Chris Aye, Jeremy Aye, Joe Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**
- The roll call vote to Take no Action on Article 17 (Real Estate Acquisition: 81 Washington Street Building) then occurs. **Roll Call Vote: Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Joe Aye, Peter Aye, Chris Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**
- Denice Kronau advises John Copenhaver to draft a proposal and submit it to the Select Board for further action.

Committee Reports and Discussions

- Jill provides an update on the TCSC meeting and the ongoing process of writing a new charter for the town counsel.
- Peter Schaeffer and Brian Turbitt discuss the search for new operators for the solid waste facility and the potential cost of the new transfer station.
- Jeremy Bloomer and Brian Turbitt discuss the financial implications of the OIH building station and the potential use of tax-exempt financing.

Final Remarks and Adjournment

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