



Town of Nantucket Finance Committee

July 25th, 2024 – Minutes

REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM

Staff:	Brian Turbitt, Finance Director; Mariya Basheva, Assistant Town Accountant; Erika Mooney, Operations Administrator; David Gray, Sewer Director
Attending Members:	Denise Kronau, Chair, Peter Schaeffer, Jill Vieth, Jeremy Bloomer, Chris Glowacki, Rob Giacchetti, Joseph Wright, Stephen Maury
Absent Members:	Joanna Roche

Finance Committee Meeting Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

- Denise Kronau calls the Finance Committee meeting to order on Thursday, July 25, at 4 PM.
- Motion to approve the agenda, made by Peter, seconded by Jeremy. **Roll call vote: Joe Aye, Stephen Aye, Peter Aye, Chris Aye, Rob Aye, Denise Aye. Passes Unanimously.**
- Denise opens the floor for public comment, but no one from the public speaks.
- Denise mentions the three articles being reviewed were discussed by the sewer commissioners the previous night.

Discussion on Sewer Commission's Recommendation on Articles 13,14 and, 15

- Denise explains that the sewer commissioners voted 4-1 against all three articles.
- David Gray joins the meeting and explains that the committee lacked sufficient information to make a positive recommendation.
- Stephen Maury, the sponsor, thanks David for the information and mentions a productive conversation they had that morning.

Public Comment on Sewer Articles

- Arthur Gasbarro states the Finance Committee should support the Sewer Commissioner's negative recommendation, citing the property's suitability for septic systems and the potential financial burden on property owners.
- Peter Schaeffer asks Arthur if the property is suitable for single-house development or larger plans.

- Arthur clarifies that the property could support residential development with septic systems.
- Stephen Maury supports the sewer commission's recommendation, citing environmental benefits and the potential for connecting Woodland Drive properties to sewer.

Finance Committee's Vote on Sewer Articles

- Denice asks if the committee is ready to move forward with a motion to support the sewer commission's negative recommendation.
- Erika Mooney raises a point about the financial burden on property owners if they are compelled to connect to sewer.
- A motion is made to close public comment on these Articles 13,14, and 15. Made by Peter, seconded by Joe. **Roll call vote: Joe Aye, Peter Aye, Chris Aye, Rob Aye, Jill Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**
- Motion to support the Sewer Commissioners motion on Articles 13,14, and 15. Made by Peter, seconded by Jill. **Roll call vote: Joe Aye, Peter Aye, Chris Aye, Jill Aye, Rob Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Discussion on Article One - Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Regulating Nantucket Vacation Rentals

- Jill Vieth motions to reconsider the vote on Article One, which is Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Regulating Nantucket Vacation Rentals, seconded by Peter. **Roll call vote: Joe Aye, Peter Aye, Jeremy Aye, Jill Aye, Rob Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**
- Jill argues that the article is important for providing structure around short-term rentals and avoiding legal challenges.
- Joe Wright supports the article, emphasizing the need for regulation to avoid judicial decisions.
- Peter Schaeffer initially opposed the article due to its complexity but changes his vote to support it for unity between the three committees.

Dave Iverson's Input on Article One - Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Regulating Nantucket Vacation Rentals

- Dave Iverson explains the current legal status of short-term rentals and the need for zoning changes to allow them as a primary use.
- Dave argues that the community needs to accept zoning changes to legally allow short-term rentals.

- Rob Giacchetti asks if the same issue applies to year-round rentals, and John Giorgio confirms that year-round rentals are considered residential uses.
- Motion to support the Planning Board's motion on Article One (Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Regulating Nantucket Vacation Rentals) made by Jill, seconded by Peter.
Roll call vote: Jeremy Nay, Jill Aye, Peter Aye, Joe Aye, Rob Nay, Denice Aye. Passes 4-2.

Committee Reports and Future Meetings

- Jill Vieth provides updates on the Town Council Study Committee, including discussions on the number of council members and their terms.
- Peter Schaeffer mentions that the Our Island Home Committee has not met since their last call and also has no new updates on Solid Waste.
- Jill discusses the potential for town council members to serve on various boards and commissions, which would require additional compensation.
- The committee agrees that town council members should be compensated for their time, and the discussion on compensation will continue later.

Meeting Adjournment

- Denice Kronau confirms the date and time of the next meeting: Thursday, July 29, at 4 PM, as a joint meeting with the planning board and Select Board.
- Denice thanks everyone for their participation and wishes them a good weekend.
- Motion to Adjourn made by Jill, seconded by Peter **Roll call vote: Rob Aye, Joe Aye, Peter Aye, Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Chris Aye, Stephen Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**