



Town of Nantucket

Finance Committee

January 14th, 2025 – Minutes

REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM

Staff:	Brian Turbitt, Finance Director; Michael Cranson, Fire Chief; Libby Gibson, Town Manager; Steven Hunter, Financial Analyst
Attending Members:	Denice Kronau, Chair, Peter Schaeffer, Jeremy Bloomer, Rob Giacchetti, Stephen Maury, Jill Vieth, Joanna Roche
Absent Members:	Christopher Glowacki, Joseph Wright

Approval of Agenda and Public Comment

- Denice Kronau opens the meeting, noting it is being recorded and requests approval of the agenda. Made by Peter, seconded by Jeremy.
- **Roll Call Vote: Peter Aye, Stephen Aye, Joanna Aye, Rob Aye, Jeremy Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**
- Denice Kronau opens public comment for any items not on the agenda.
- Denice Kronau mentions that the first item on the agenda is deferred due to Toby Brown's absence.
- Denice Kronau introduces Bobby DeCosta to discuss Citizen Warrant Article E, which involves adopting a state statute for town employees in the reserves.

Discussion and Motion on Citizen Warrant Article E - Acceptance of MGL Ch. 33 S. 59

- Bobby DeCosta explains the article aims to make up the difference in pay between military pay and town pay for employees in the reserves.
- John Giorgio clarifies that the acceptance of the statute is an up-or-down vote, and any changes would require special legislation.
- Jeremy Bloomer inquires about the number of town employees in the reserves, and Libby Gibson mentions there are two, with Mr. Webb being the most active.
- Michael Cranson provides details on the cost of overtime for fire department coverage during deployments, estimating it at around 396 hours over the past year.
- Peter Schaeffer makes a motion to accept Citizen Warrant Article E (Acceptance of MGL Ch. 33 S. 59), seconded by Jeremy. **Roll Call Vote: Joanna Aye, Peter Aye, Stephen Aye, Rob Aye, Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Discussion on Citizen Warrant Article V Charter Change – Notices of Public Hearings and Budget Review Assignments

- Denice Kronau notes that Article V on charter change notices of public hearings is postponed due to Jason Graziadei absence.
- Denice Kronau discusses the budget review for FY 2026, emphasizing the importance of all committee members attending the session on February 1.
- Denice Kronau confirms the attendance of all members except Chris Glowacki, who is traveling.
- Denice Kronau assigns departments for budget review, with some minor adjustments from the previous year.

Next Meeting and Additional Information

- Denice Kronau confirms the date of the next meeting as Thursday at 4 PM, hybrid in person and Zoom.
- Libby Gibson informs the committee about the Select Board's discussion on warrant articles, including rental car, zoning, and e-bike articles.
- Denice Kronau postpones discussion on short-term rental-related articles until after the Planning Board's recommendation on zoning articles.
- Libby Gibson mentions the Select Board will adopt the warrant with ballot questions next Wednesday, and the Capital Program Committee's recommendations will be reviewed in the next joint meeting.
- Peter Schaeffer makes the motion to adjourn, and Jill Vieth seconds it. **Roll Call Vote: Peter Aye, Stephen Aye, Rob Aye, Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**