



Town of Nantucket Finance Committee

January 16th, 2025 – Minutes

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

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

Approval of Agenda and Public Comment

- Denice Kronau opens the meeting, reminding participants of the audio and video recording and asking for approval of the agenda.
- A motion to approve the agenda is made by Peter, seconded by Jeremy **Roll call vote: Joanna Aye, Stephen Aye, Chris Aye, Rob Aye, Jeremy Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**
- Denice Kronau opens the floor for public comment, but no hands are raised.
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Introduction to Citizen Warrant Article H – Appropriation – Teenage Recreation Center

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- Denice Kronau introduces Isaiah Truymen, the sponsor of the article, and asks him to speak for five minutes about the article.
- Isaiah Truymen explains the need for a Teen Recreation Center based on a behavioral health research study highlighting challenges for youth on the island.
- He mentions the high rates of drug overdose, suicide, and lack of activities for teenagers, particularly those aged 14 to 18.
- Isaiah describes the current program, which includes free training and a positive environment, and the need for more support and expansion.

Citizen Warrant Article H – Appropriation – Teenage Recreation Center - Details of the Program and Financial Needs

- Isaiah Truymen discusses the collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club and the need for the town and the club to support the initiative.
- He explains the pilot program's goal to engage more kids, especially those not involved in sports, and the need for a one-year pilot to test and improve the program.
- Isaiah mentions the financial needs, estimating an annual operating budget of \$600,000 to provide coaching and mentorship for all 600 high school students.
- He clarifies that the \$300,000 requested in the warrant article would be used for staffing, marketing, and some underwriting of rent.

Citizen Warrant Article H – Questions from the Committee

- Peter Schaeffer asks about the budget and the building used for the program.
- Isaiah Truymen explains that he bought the building at 117 Orange Street and 1 Cherry Street and is currently using the health club for the program.
- Peter inquires about the nature of the coaching, and Isaiah clarifies that it includes both sports coaching and life coaching, as well as general health and wellness.
- Joanna Roche questions the duration of the funding and the possibility of a contract with the school.
- Isaiah Truymen confirms that the \$300,000 requested would be a one-year pilot, but it might last longer due to the gradual expansion of the program.
- Joanna suggests that the program could be part of the school budget, and Isaiah confirms that the superintendent supports the initiative.

Citizen Warrant Article H – Concerns and Recommendations

- Stephen Maury asks for a line item budget, and Isaiah provides a detailed breakdown of the expenses.
- Brian Turbitt questions the fit of the program with the town's existing initiatives, and Isaiah explains the differences and the need for a pilot program.
- Jeremy Bloomer suggests pricing the service on a variable basis and re-evaluating the market share to reduce the funding request.

Citizen Warrant Article H – Recommendation and Next Steps

- Denise Kronau suggests tabling the discussion for another day and inviting the superintendent and coach Lombardi to the next meeting.

- The committee agrees to table the discussion and revisit it with the superintendent's input.

Discussion of Citizen Warrant Article I – Amend Charter Sec. 2-1 Legislative Powers

- Campbell Sutton explains that this Article aims to amend the Town charter to create two annual town meetings per year and cites that the current length and complexity of Annual Town Meeting is cumbersome for people.
- Chris Glowacki inquires if Campbell sees this as an alternative to Town Council or an attempt to improve the current situation.
- John Giorgio explains that it is not uncommon for Town's in Massachusetts to have a charter that mandates two town meetings a year. Also explains that the Select Board would be able to choose which articles would be included at each Town Meeting.
- Campbell explains that the intent is to have the Select Board split the categories of Articles between the two Town Meetings.
- Denice Kronau points out that the current warrant is organized in the way Campbell is describing.
- Libby Gibson points out the potential strain on Town resources if this were to be adopted and the uncertainty of how this would impact the potential Town Council.
- Motion not to adopt Citizen Warrant Article I (Amend Charter Sec. 2-1 Legislative Powers), made by Peter, seconded by Jeremy. **Roll call vote: Jill Aye, Joe Aye, Joanna Aye, Stephen Aye, Chris Aye, Rob Aye, Jeremy Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Committee Reports and Adjournment

- Denice Kronau asks if anyone has committee reports to share.
- Joanna Roche explains that the CRC has begun the process of reviewing applicants and mentions the gap in funding versus amount requested.
- Peter Schaeffer mentions that Our Island Home has received multiple proposals.
- Jill Vieth lets everyone know that CapCom is finalizing the report and it should receive a vote at tomorrow's meeting.
- Motion to Adjourn, made by Stephen, seconded by Peter. **Roll call vote: Jill Aye, Joe Aye, Joanna Aye, Peter Aye, Jeremy Aye, Stephen Aye, Chris Aye, Rob Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**