



Town of Nantucket Finance Committee

February 6th, 2025 – Minutes

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

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

Approval of Agenda and Public Comments

- Denice Kronau calls for approval of the agenda, which is moved by Peter and seconded by Chris.
- A motion to approve the agenda is made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll call vote: Joe Aye, Joanna Aye, Jeremy Aye, Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**
- Denice Kronau closes public comments as no hands are raised on the screen or in the room.

Discussion on Article Four – Revolving Accounts: Spending Limits FY26

- Brian Turbitt presents the motion for Article 4 to set spending limits for revolving funds for FY26, detailing specific allocations for various accounts.
- Brian Turbitt explains the changes in the name of the lifeguard housing to seasonal employee housing.
- Denice Kronau confirms the change was made at the last meeting.

Article 4 - Questions and Clarifications on Revolving Funds

- Jeremy Bloomer asks about the flexibility in fuel costs and the process for increasing the \$6 million line of credit.
- Brian Turbitt explains the provision in Mass General Law for increasing spending authority during the fiscal year with approval from the finance committee and Select Board.
- Joseph Wright questions the town's role in managing the airport's revolving fund, and Brian Turbitt clarifies that the town has no direct involvement.

- Denice Kronau confirms that the town has previously asked for mid-year increased spending limits.
- Denice Kronau asks for a motion on Article 4.
- Motion to adopt Article Four (Revolving Accounts: Spending Limits for FY2026) is made by Peter, seconded by Jeremy. **Roll call vote: Peter Aye, Chris Aye, Jeremy Aye, Joe Aye, Joanna Aye, Rob Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Discussion on Article 30 – Appropriation: Teenage Recreation Center Program

- Denice Kronau introduces Article 30, appropriation for the Teenage Recreation Center Program, and invites Isaiah Truymen to speak.
- Isaiah Truymen expresses frustration over the lack of funds and support for the program, despite the school's interest.
- Denice Kronau clarifies the process for presenting articles at town meeting, regardless of the finance committee's recommendation.

Article 30 - Committee's Concerns and Suggestions

- Peter Schaeffer explains the town's reluctance to fund private projects without a public entity link.
- Isaiah Truymen emphasizes the need for funding to pay coaches and mentors for the program.
- Joseph Wright suggests finding a benefactor or fundraiser to support the program.
- Jeremy Bloomer advises Isaiah to structure the program as a service offering for better approval chances.

Article 30 - Further Clarifications and Motion

- Brian Turbitt questions the focus of the program and the potential for including it in the school's budget.
- Isaiah Truymen clarifies that the program aims to reach all 600 kids, not just athletes, and emphasizes the importance of one-on-one relationships.
- Christopher Glowacki suggests that the CRC is the appropriate committee to evaluate the program's merits.
- Denice Kronau reiterates the need for the 501(c)(3) status for the program to be eligible for funding.

- Motion to take no action on Article Thirty (Appropriation: Teenage Recreation Center Program) made by Chris, seconded by Jeremy. **Roll call vote: Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Joe Aye, Jeremy Aye, Rob Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Discussion on Article 75 - General Bylaw Amendment: Wetlands

- Jeff Carlson presents the Conservation Commission's bylaw amendment, including updates to wetland protection regulations.
- The amendment includes adding resiliency as a protected interest and a courtesy review for areas within 200 feet of great ponds.
- The amendment also removes the requirement for return receipts for certified mailings before closing a hearing.
- Motion to adopt Article Seventy-five (General Bylaw Amendment: Wetlands) made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll call vote: Joe Aye, Joanna Aye, Jeremy Aye, Rob Aye, Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Discussion on Articles 101 and 102

- Denice Kronau introduces Articles 101 and 102 from Stephen Welch, noting the town administration's recommendation that these Articles are not bylaws that can be acted on.
- Motion to take no action on Articles 101 and 102 (Signs; Satellite Dishes; Rooflines Proposal & Ground Cover Allowance Proposal) made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll call vote: Rob Aye, Joe Aye, Joanna Aye, Jeremy Aye, Peter Aye, Chris Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Committee Reports and Motion to Adjourn

- Denice Kronau opens the floor for committee reports, but no one has any reports
- The date of the next meeting is set for Monday, February 10, at 4pm, with a hybrid format.
- Denice Kronau calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Motion to Adjourn made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll call vote: Jeremy Aye, Joe Aye, Rob Aye, Joanna Aye, Chris Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**