



Town of Nantucket Finance Committee

March 4th, 2025 – Minutes

REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM

Staff:	Brian Turbitt, Finance Director, Steven Hunter, Financial Analyst, Libby Gibson, Town Manager, Jody Kasper, Police Chief, Mike Burns, Transportation Manager, Amy Baxter, Licensing Admin
Attending Members:	Denice Kronau, Chair, Peter Schaeffer, Joseph Wright, Jill Vieth, Jeremy Bloomer, Chris Glowacki, Stephen Maury
Absent Members:	Rob Giacchetti, Joanna Roche

Approval of Agenda and Public Comment

- Denice Kronau calls the meeting to order and asks for approval of the agenda.
- Motion to approve the agenda is made by Peter, seconded by Jill. **Roll call vote: Chris Aye, Jill Aye, Peter Aye, Jeremy Aye, Stephen Aye, Joe Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**
- Agenda Item 4 is withdrawn regarding a citizen request for reconsideration of the committee's recommendation on Article 66.
- Kit Murphy explains her request was to reopen the public hearing portion for Article 66 to clarify a discrepancy in occupancy tax reports, not to reconsider the Finance Committee's motion.
- Brian Turbitt clarifies the timing of the 15% decline in occupancy tax, confirming it occurred in the first quarter of 2025, compared to the first quarter of 2024.

Review and Approval of Finance Committee Minutes

- Denice Kronau begins the review of Finance Committee minutes from various dates, asking for any changes.
- Chris Glowacki questions the need for abstaining from voting on meetings not attended, and John Giorgio confirms it is not necessary.
- Denice Kronau notes minor corrections to the minutes, including name spellings and motion language.
- The committee votes to adopt the minutes with the noted corrections.

- Motion to adopt the minutes as listed with the amendments discussed, made by Peter, seconded by Jill. **Roll call vote: Chris Aye, Joe Aye, Stephen Aye, Peter Aye, Jeremy Aye, Jill Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Open Meeting Law Complaint and Minute Production

- Brian Turbitt explains the use of Otter AI to parse and summarize meeting minutes, aiming for timely production.
- Denice Kronau discusses the Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Meghan Perry Glowacki and the town's response.
- The committee acknowledges the letter from KP Law and authorizes its submission to the Division of Open Government.
- Motion to accept the letter and authorize K.P. Law to submit the letter made by Joe, seconded by Jill. **Roll call vote: Chris Aye, Joe Aye, Stephen Aye, Peter Aye, Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Discussion on Article 72: General Bylaw Amendment: Car Rental Agencies, Registration of

- Brooke Mohr and Matt Fee explain the Select Board's intention to regulate peer-to-peer car sharing while balancing the needs of existing rental car agencies.
- Joe Wright and Chris Glowacki express concerns about the enforceability and clarity of the article.
- Jody Kasper highlights the legal challenges in enforcing this article.
- Steven Cohen argues for a more targeted approach to regulate Turo and peer-to-peer car sharing separately from traditional rental car agencies.

Public Comment on Article 72: General Bylaw Amendment: Car Rental Agencies, Registration of

- Steven Cohen reiterates his opposition to the current article, suggesting a more flexible approach to regulate peer-to-peer car sharing.
- Arthur Gasbarro supports the Select Board's article, emphasizing the need for regulation and the potential benefits for Turo and the Airport.
- The committee discusses the potential impact of state regulations and the importance of aligning local bylaws with state definitions.

Motion For Further Study on Article 72: General Bylaw Amendment: Car Rental Agencies, Registration of

- Joseph Wright suggests taking no action and redrafting the article.

- John Giorgio proposes the appropriate motion would be for further study on the article.
- Denice Kronau and John Giorgio discuss the implications of the motion for further study.
- Motion for further study on Article 72 (General Bylaw Amendment: Car Rental Agencies, Registration of) is made by Joe, seconded by Peter. **Roll call vote: Jill Aye, Jeremy Aye, Peter Aye, Joe Aye, Chris Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Discussion on Article 73: General Bylaw Amendment: Bicycle Right of Way

- Denice Kronau asks Libby Gibson about enforcement of the bicycle speed limit.
- Libby Gibson mentions the difficulty in tracking speeds and refers to Jody Kasper for enforcement details.
- Jody Kasper explains the challenges of enforcing speed limits on bicycles, including practical difficulties in measuring speed and pulling over bicyclists.
- Mike Burns supports the enforcement challenges and mentions the courtesy slowing down requirement.

Public Comments and Further Discussion on Article 73: General Bylaw Amendment: Bicycle Right of Way

- Jill Vieth inquires about the feasibility of the digital speed monitors picking up bicycles.
- Jody Kasper confirms that digital speed monitors can pick up bicycle speeds but notes practical challenges in enforcement.
- Brooke Mohr supports the bylaw to establish community norms and expectations for behavior on bike paths.
- Denice Kronau raises concerns about the town's liability if the bylaw is not enforced.
- John Giorgio explains that the town would not be liable under the Massachusetts Tort Claims Act.
- Motion to adopt Article 73 (General Bylaw Amendment: Bicycle Right of Way) is made by Peter, seconded by Chris. **Roll call vote: Joe Aye, Jill Aye, Chris Aye, Jeremy Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Discussion on Article 74: General Bylaw Amendment: Motorized Passenger Devices

- Libby Gibson explains that the board voted not to include Article 74 on the warrant but mistakenly got included.
- Motion to take no action Article 74 (General Bylaw Amendment: Motorized Passenger Devices) is made by Peter, seconded by Jill. **Roll call vote: Joe Aye, Jill Aye, Chris Aye, Jeremy Aye, Peter Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**

Committee Reports and Meeting Adjournment

- Denice Kronau asks for any committee reports, but no one has any to share.
- The date of the next meeting is set for Thursday, March 6th, fully remote.
- Denice Kronau discusses the possibility of canceling a public information session on April 24th due to low attendance in the past.
- The committee members express mixed opinions on the value of the session, and Denice decides to keep it for now.
- Motion to Adjourn made by Peter, seconded by Jill. **Roll call vote: Joe Aye, Chris Aye, Jeremy Aye, Peter Aye, Jill Aye, Denice Aye. Passes Unanimously.**