

Town of Nahant

Advisory and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 23, 2020, teleconference

Members Present: Vanderslice, Manadee, Tarmy, Fulghum, Zahora

Members Absent: Ragucci, Giardella, Clausen

Others Present: Michelle Capano, Josh Antrim, unknown call-ins

Meeting called to order at 7:04. Mr. Manadee read the Governor's order of March 12, 2020 allowing for remote public meetings. Phone in 1-401-418-9388, meeting #34626642

John Fulghum recommended reviewing the warrant articles that have been voted and then going on to the articles that still need our recommendations. With the unknown status of what Town Meeting will look like, we need to be aware of any potential changes to the warrant.

Articles to be voted:

- Art. 4: salary –Vanderslice will talk with Town Accountant
- Art. 5: recommending Town Clerk salary decrease to \$55K, possibly put \$5K into Public Health. Manadee spoke with Town Mgr. who is not unamenable to this
- Art. 7: Omnibus – Manadee to speak with Town Mgr and Acct.
- Art. 8: water/sewer enterprise – Manadee will email Clausen, who has historically worked on this article
- Art. 10: Rubbish – waiting for contract
- Art. 14: CPC – still waiting to hear from Lynne Spencer.
- Art. 15: OPEB - \$\$ seems smaller than ideal; maybe \$5K from Clerk Salary can go here; linked to budget; in light of Covid-19 there may be meaningful changes to omnibus. Fulghum will talk with Town Mgr and tell him of our need to have a final budget
- Art. 18: MSRA borrowing - \$\$ can fluctuate; Clausen to put together
- Art. 27: Planning – municipal park land dedication – May not be included
- Art. 28 Coast Guard Housing – may not be included, need confirmation
- Art. 29: Citizen Petition – Lowlands drainage – Tarmy will consult with Town Mgr.
- Art. 30: Repeal Bylaw – poss. No recommendation – Vanderslice spoke with petitioner – Josh Antrim, bylaw committee member established at 4/2019 Town Meeting will email the committee's report to the FinCom
- Art. 31: Citizen Petition – keeping of animals – **motion for No Recommendation made by Zahora, 2nd by Tarmy, unanimous ayes**
- Art. 32: Continue Committees – **motion to recommend by Vanderslice, 2nd by Tarmy**
- Art. 33: Gifts – **motion to recommend by Tarmy, 2nd by Zahora, unanimous ayes**; Josh Antrim will speak to Town Acct about including other groups on this list, can be changed and re-voted if necessary.

Discussion on Omnibus:

- Ask Town Mgr and Town Acct to give us their best info for budget
- Most likely first article we will deal with at a shortened Town Meeting

Vanderslice made a motion to have NEU cost impact statement included in Warrant. FinCom needs to be proactive about getting this information to the voters; adds context to the CPC article on Eminent Domain.

Fulghum suggested Vanderslice bring updated impact statement for consideration at next meeting. Vanderslice agreed, motion withdrawn.

Zahora inquired who determines the type of Town Meeting. At most recent BOS meeting, it was decided that BOS/Town Manager/Moderator will collaborate on this.

Discussion on getting articles ready for Warrant before May 22nd. Need to get this done earlier than sooner so the entire committee can read and sign off. Manadee will check with printer to see if any lead times have changed.

Motion made by Tarmy to adjourn, 2nd by Zahora; unanimous ayes.

Next meeting will be mid-next week.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.