

Town of Nahant

Advisory and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 30, 2020, Teleconference

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

Members Absent: Clausen, Giardella

Others Present: Michelle Capano, 7 unknown call-ins

Meeting called to order by Manadee at 7:07; Manadee read the Governor's March 12, 2020 order allowing for remote public meetings. Phone in: 1/408-418-9388, meeting #798 041-151

Manadee has conversation with Town Mgr. re. exploring the legal option of posting the Warrant electronically 14 days prior to meeting; plus printing physical copies available for pickup. Two advantages would be to lengthen the time to put Warrant together and to save approximately \$6k in printing and mailing costs.

Town still not sure which way Town Mtg will go. FinCom does not want to put undue pressure on Town Mgr to get us the most up-to-date budget, or to decide if we will have a full budget or 1/12. State Ways and Means will not have anything finalized by June.

BOS & Town Mgr. option of 1/12 budgeting:

- Much more work to put together, not as easy as simply dividing the budget by 12
- Certain anomalies to spending
- Lack ability to congregate and get full impact of townspeople; Power of the People
- Too many variables

FinCom will continue to work on Warrant with June 27th date in mind.

Continued review of Warrant Articles:

Art 4: Salary Classification, Bob will get final list from Deb

Art 5: Compensation, Bob will confirm \$55k clerk salary, inquire where best to reassign \$5K

Art 7: Omnibus, last to do

Art 8: W/S enterprise, Need figures from Deb

Art 10: Rubbish, Need figures from Deb

Art 14: CPC – skip over for now

Art 15: OPEB, possible \$5K from Art 5 to here?

Art 18: MWRA borrowing, what is \$200K to be spent on? Is there a grant component?

Art 27: Planning – Municipal Park Land, pending legal info; what is this?

Art 28: Coast Guard Housing: Proposal is done; a later Town Meeting would give committee chance to clear up legal issue of Title; Bond due in 3 years; CG Committee would like to have public meeting prior to Town Meeting

Art 29: Citizen Petition: Lowlands drainage, **motion by Fulghum to indefinitely postpone, 2nd by Vanderslice, unanimous ayes voted**; Tarmy to contact Town Mgr. for legal info, option to change vote

Art 30: Citizen Petition: Review Wetlands By-law committee report sent by Josh Antrim.

Discussion on CPC articles.

Question posed about interest expense tied to CPC \$1.5M East Point article. What is the real cost of this borrowing? For NEU Cost Impact: One-page description with visuals. Edits suggested. Include PILOT information. Will Town need extra Police and Fire personnel, equipment?

Need to see more supporting documentation for cost estimates. These are estimates, not absolutes. Vanderslice will re-vamp presentation for next meetng.

Fulghum did calculations to \$2.258M. We may need a range to be more accurate. Should CPC disclose the economics in their article? We will need to rely on the figures Town Accountant gives us. Fulghum will ask CPC what details they plan on including in their report.

Next meeting, May 7th.

Items to prepare for next meeting:

- Get all CPC questions to Fulghum ASAP so we can tackle articles.
- Get specific questions on Warrant articles answered by either Deb or Tony or Counsel

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.