



TOWN OF NAHANT
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Monday August 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Fulghum, Lewis, Zahora, Tarmy, Vanderslice, Sheehan, Brown, Beatty (joined after minutes approved)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: B. Rogers, A. Cort, K. Callanan, K. Marden, phone call-ins, (M. Capano and D. Monteith joined after 8 p.m.)

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.

Went over agenda items. Five articles still to vote, lacking information from Town Mgr/Acct. Executive session planned for 8:30 tonight.

Approval of Minutes:

- **August 6th (as amended) – Motion to accept by Zahora, Brown seconded. Unanimous Ayes.**
- **August 11th – Motion to accept by Zahora, Brown seconded. Unanimous Ayes (no Sheehan vote as he did not attend this meeting)**
- **August 13th – Motion to accept by Brown, Zahora seconded. Unanimous Ayes.**

Town Meeting:

- BOS unanimously voted to advance complete warrant to 9/26/20 Town Meeting.
- Voted on warrant with changes.
- Meeting can be cancelled at the last minute if necessary. We would like to have Town Mgr's perspective.
- BOS has voted to move the budget to FinCom, we do not yet have.
- There will be 55 articles, including the CPC sub-articles.
- First three articles have been removed from warrant – Borrowing, transfer, snow & ice.
- A new article after CPC articles, allowing for the actual vote to take land by eminent domain.

Discussed our options going forward. We are an analytic committee and need to be objective. Going forward to complete warrant we need to – finish votes and recommendations and write responses. We cannot complete votes until we have all of the data from Town Mgr/Acct. If needed, in our letter, FinCom can include commentary explaining any 'no recommendation' votes.

Cost Impact info from RKG/KP Law most likely will not arrive in time for the warrant. (See email conversation attached.) They still have due diligence to do. This is information we need for CPC article 14N. RKG wants to talk with Police and Fire Chiefs. Vanderslice has addressed their questions via a



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conference call. They had no objections to anything in the revenue or cost numbers. We spent time talking about tax shift.

Discussion on NEU Eminent Domain Risk Analysis put together by Dana Sheehan.

Tree by-law article: Section 7D will be stricken from the verbiage per Town Counsel.

Going forward: Once we have budget, hopefully on Tuesday, committee members will independently pour over numbers to allow votes on Wednesday. Agreed to make all final decisions, votes, submit responses by Wednesday. Get all info to Fulghum.

We are agreed that we are uncomfortable making decisions on articles where we have not been given sufficient time to fully examine a completed warrant.

Public Comment: M. Capano gave data points on Golf Course vs. East Point. B. Rogers asked about the town's Tree Warden and their responsibilities

We have three more meetings scheduled for this week. Wed. 8/26 Virtual, Thurs. 8/27 Virtual, and Sat. 8/29 in-person (hopefully).

Motion to adjourn public meeting to enter Executive Session made by Brown, seconded by Tarmy.

Unanimous Ayes.

Public Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.