



**TOWN OF NAHANT**  
**Advisory and Finance Committee**

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Dana Sheehan  
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Judy Zahora

Thursday July 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Fulghum, Vanderslice, Tarmy, Zahora, Beatty, Brown, Sheehan, Giardella

Members absent: Clausen

Others present: Jeff Lewis, Liss ?, M. Capano (joined in later), call-in users

Meeting called to order at 7:17 pm

Welcomed three new members

Noted that L. Giardella would be resigning

Noted need to establish hierarchy for committee; will ask Town Mgr about co-chairs

Ran down the cycle (normal) FinCom procedures for new members

Ultimate objective is to complete warrant:

- Letter from FinCom sets tone
- Detailed budget (omnibus)
- All warrant articles with recommend/no recommend/postpone etc. with commentary

No deliberation outside of public meeting.

Questions for Town Mgr:

- Town meeting date?
- Any changes to warrant since last meeting?
- Changes to omnibus?

Most warrant articles already voted on. Copies to new members as well as FinCom handbook. Fulghum will get most current info from Manatee. List of members with contact info to be share with new members.

COVID-19 impact: how will communities receive \$\$? State has a # of cuts – could be 15 – 20%. Might get some Fed \$\$\$. Not clear on Chap 70 \$ for schools. Info from State not available until the end of August.

Current 1/12 budget based on previous year spending for same month.

Major impacts to budget:

- Water/sewer project – total \$12 – 20 million; \$4 million in this cycle
- Eminent domain NEU – FinCom has requested expert advice on the cost impact.



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Town Mgr joined meeting (8:28).

- Town Mtg still tentatively scheduled for 9/26/20; looking at outside venues, tent; can be held out of town but intent is to hold in town to allow for the greatest amount of residents to attend; safety and well-being is a priority.
- August budget approved today by BOS
- Posted temporary acctg asst position to assist Town Acct
- Only allowable changes to Town Meeting due to COVID; ability to lower quorum, postponement, location change.
- Warrant is unchanged – possibility of one more addition
- FY20 saw a decrease in revenues, froze spending to avoid ending in a deficit
- Dan Scrip looking at electronic warrant, with printed copies available at meeting. Will have update soon.
- Town's zoom acct available to all town committees; limited to one meeting per night
- COVID-19 spending currently at \$130K; \$64K has already be reimbursed
- Looking at increasing parking fees; electronic ticketing
- Street light project should be done soon, which should reduce spending.
- No new info on CPC State match amount

Next meeting: August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

- Go through warrant
- Assign articles to new members

**Motion to adjourn by Tarmy, second by Zahora; Unanimous ayes**

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m