



TOWN OF NAHANT
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Wednesday September 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Tarmy, Fulghum, Lewis, Brown, Beatty, Vanderslice, Zahora, Sheehan

Members Absent: None

Others present: A. Cort, E. Potts, K. Marden, Phone Call-in, J. Antrim, D. Monteith

Meeting called to order 7:01 by Fulghum

Approval of minutes:

August 26th, make one edit of word 'out' to 'our'; Motion made by Zahora to approve, Beatty seconded; unanimous ayes

August 27th; strike the question mark about Sheehan voting nay; Motion made by Zahora, Beatty seconded; unanimous ayes.

August 29th; combined meeting of BOS and FinCom; make fix of incorrect board listing; motion made by Beatty, seconded by Tarmy; unanimous ayes.

September 2nd; Motion made by Fulghum, seconded by Beatty; 7 ayes, 1 abstain(Zahora not present)

Warrant is finished – version 3. Deb Waters caught a couple errors. Formatting issue caught by printer. Book done and mailed as of this date!! Final version of Warrant will be posted on-line. Enterprise info was helpful to include. Perhaps more info re: w/s borrowing should have been included. Perhaps make those available on-line?

Fulghum stated that the new members have not experienced a normal process – and next year won't be normal as well. Spoke about going back to liaisons with departments. Articles removed from this year's warrant will be pushed to next year.

Exception could be NEU Eminent Domain if no response to BOS letter. Two surveys currently being done of NEU property – one by town, one by NEU. Beatty asked if the letter went to NEU re: slowing down the process during COVID per Chapter 53 of Cares Act. We still do not have the RKG independent analysis of impact that we requested. Fulghum thought he heard that there were two appraisals, but not the RKG report but a third-party version of Vanderslice impact statement.

Zahora asked if resident comments would still be allowed. This would be ok within context of the law, and that the time might be shortened.

Fulghum shared an email exchange between BOS and petitioner of the Lowlands improvement article. (attached)



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We need to decide when we can meet next. Next week? We have to meet with the Town Manager, BOS, and Moderator during the week of the 21st. We will get our Town Meeting 'script' at this meeting, or just before. Wording of the motions that get read by FinCom at Town mtg., vetted by legal. We have to have to read the articles in a specific way to satisfy bond counsel, including legal verbiage.

Can articles be bundled to move the meeting along? Fulghum said that BOS will do what they can to be sure that the meeting is as focused as possible.

Beatty: Are there recommendations on how to respond? Fulghum: Script will guide the way we read the motion. It will not provide the back up info. You can layer in whatever subjective info you want, but it should be in line with the FinCom recommendation.

Beatty: Is there a time limit? Fulghum/Zahora: reading the recommendation from the Warrant should suffice.

Vanderslice: Be ready to clarify. We read the script word-for-word and the Moderator asks if there is any discussion. We always have the first opportunity to offer explanation.

Tarmy: do not hesitate to defer to accountant or other who has the answer.

Zahora: Make it as short and simple as possible.

Vanderslice: I generally do not take my seat until the article is through being debated. Beatty: We're not responsible for monitoring the debate, Dave does, right? Correct.

No meeting next week. Fulghum will reach out to Tony and Dave to see what day works for the combined meeting week of Sept 21st and about combining articles. Brown would like to see combined to shorten meeting. We will post a meeting for the day of Town Mtg to discuss any possible changes.

Public Comment: Antrim – Thank you guys, very much. I know the last two weeks have been very hectic. I certainly appreciate it. Hopefully a lot of other people know how much hard work you put in.

Motion by Zahora to adjourn, seconded by Beatty; unanimous ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.