



**TOWN OF NAHANT  
Advisory and Finance Committee**

**Members**

Robert Vanderslice, Chair  
Julie Tarmy, Secretary  
Barbara Beatty  
Dewitt Brown  
Dana Sheehan  
Deborah Warren  
Judy Zahora

Meeting Minutes Wednesday January 12, 2022

Members Present: Tarmy, Vanderslice, Brown, Sheehan, Warren, Zahora

Members Absent: Beatty

Others Present: M. Capano, A. Barletta, A. Nieto, K. Marden, J. Antrim

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of minutes from December 29, 2021

**Motion made by Warrant to approve December 29, 2021 minutes, seconded by Brown, unanimous ayes. Motion passed.**

Discussion on Robert's Rules vs. Town Meeting Times

**Motion made by Brown to accept Robert's Rules and open meeting rules as guidelines for FinCom open meetings.**

Further discussion

**Motion seconded by Zahora**

Further discussion

**Rollcall vote: Tarmy aye, Brown aye, Sheehan aye, Vanderslice aye, Warren aye, Zahora aye. Motion passed in favor of Robert's Rules and Open Meeting rules.**

Discussion on board member positions.

**Motion made by Zahora that Julie Tarmy remain in the position of Secretary of FinCom, seconded by Warren. Unanimous ayes.**

Discussion on Citizen Petition guidelines to assist residents in understanding the process when creating Citizen Petition articles. Suggested to refer to Town Charter, Article 2, Section 3, General Government Bylaws.

**Motion made by Brown to accept these Citizen Petition guidelines as written, seconded by Sheehan.**

**Rollcall vote, Brown aye, Sheehan aye, Tarmy aye, Vanderslice aye, Warren aye, Zahora aye.**

**Unanimous, motion passes.**

These guidelines will be uploaded to the FinCom site on the Town Website.

Discussion on guidelines for recommending/not recommending/no recommendation on Citizen Petitions and the impact involved. Two clear standards:

- Offer recommendation if Citizen Petition affects Town Government and Affairs
- Not offer recommendation on petitions that are unclear or incomplete



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**Motion made by Zahora to accept Citizen Petition guidelines as amended. Rollcall vote: Brown aye, Sheehan aye, Tarmy aye, Vanderslice aye, Warren aye, Zahora aye. Unanimous. Motion passes.**

Further discussion on guidelines to be on agenda for next meeting.

**Motion to adjourn by Brown, seconded by Zahora. Unanimous ayes. Meeting adjourned 8:27 p.m.**