



**TOWN OF NAHANT
Advisory and Finance Committee**

Members

- Robert Vanderslice, Chairman
- Julie Tarmy, Secretary
- Peter Barba
- Barbara Beatty
- DeWitt Brown
- Dan McMackin
- Dana Sheehan
- Deborah Warren
- Judy Zahora

Monday, April 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes via Zoom

Members Present: Barba, Beatty, Sheehan, Vanderslice, Warren

Members absent: Brown, McMackin, Tarmy, Zahora

Others present: Nieto, Barletta

Meeting called to order by Vanderslice at 7:02

No minutes to approve

Explanation of construction of articles and Warrant and procedures at Town Meeting:

Vanderslice explained the committee’s role in the construction of the Warrant. Sheehan asked if there was language in the by-laws to clarify for the town the meanings of recommend, not recommend, and no recommendation. Vanderslice said that he would check. He explained that, once written, edited, and voted on, we read each article and supporting statement exactly.

Assigning articles and explanations:

Vanderslice put up a slide with the articles and status dates and suggested that members volunteer for issues related to departments for which they had been liaisons. We volunteered, article by article. Sometimes we volunteered members not present, to even out the number of assignments and given our sense of their areas of expertise and interest. Nieto and Barletta explained a few articles about which we were unclear.

Barletta explained that the article on a feasibility study for a Public Safety Building, which had been for about \$500,000, had been divided into three Phases, with separate funding requests for different years. Phase 1, which will be on this year’s Warrant, will request about \$125,000 from free cash, with no borrowing, for an initial study of possible building updates, locations, and conceptual designs. Phases 2 and 3 will go into depth and detail about scope, sequencing, and costs. Sheehan and Beatty said that they were glad to see that the initial request had been lowered, since no decision has been made to proceed. Barletta explained that the dog-by-law article dealt mainly with clarifying the perimeters of Doggie Beach. He said that he would hold a meeting about the two articles on the Lowlands. When Sheehan asked about whether we needed to vote on Citizens’ Petitions, such as one of those for the Lowlands, Barletta reminded us that we had passed procedures specifying Citizens’ Petitions.

New Article on Climate Change Preparedness:

Barletta explained that there would be a new article on Climate Change Preparedness, to fund study of professional services and climate mapping, which would make Town climate grant applications more competitive. Vanderslice suggested that wording make clear that the article was related to grant applications, not borrowing.



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Reading Omnibus:

We commented that our reading of the Omnibus, which entails more than 100 lines, is tedious. Barletta explained that for clarity, one member needs to do this. We did not assign the task.

Explanation that CPC not including article on property on Little Nahant:

Barletta announced that because of the complicated, unclear financial status of selling and buying a property on Little Nahant, this issue has been withdrawn by the CPC. With about \$450,000 in deferred taxes owed to the Town, a reverse mortgage, a family estate, and potential involvement of Housing and Urban Development, there are too many unknowns, he said, to proceed at present.

Hearing no questions from the public forum, Sheehan moved that we adjourn. Barba seconded. After a unanimous roll call vote, the motion passed and the the meeting adjourned at 8:18p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by Barbara Beatty, approved on April 6, 2022.
Submitted to Town Clerk April 22, 2022.**