



**TOWN OF NAHANT  
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Wednesday September 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Combined meeting of BOS, FinCom, Moderator, Town Manager

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

BOS Members Present: Cullinan, Antrim, Canty, Barletta

Others present: Diane Dunfee, E. Potts, K. Marden, Phone Call-in, J. Mellen; John, 781-598-4067, K. Carangelo

Meeting called to order for all at 6:31 by Cullinan

Dave Conlin – wonderful meeting this afternoon with folks involved with setting up for Saturday. Town nurse, Chief Dwyer, etc. – Plan is meticulously laid out – going to have a very safe and compliant with guidelines meeting. Zahora attended this meeting and agreed that nothing more could have been done.

Canty asked if quorum requirement was changed. Conlin said yes – to 15 people.

FinCom will set pre-town meeting for 11:30, in person, at the field. Binders will be there for us. Dress code was discussed – with levity. Business casual. Cullinan would like to attend this meeting.

Conlin: we talked today about what a stellar job FinCom has done. The book came out great. Meeting will start right at 12:30. We have a lot of folks who haven't gotten their feet wet – new FinCom members, Clerk.

Run through of how the motions will go:

Zahora will read the resolution. Are we at the spending limits already? – Yes from Barletta. Cullinan: does that include reserve?

Blake: It does as written – the moderator can't do this on his own – if someone wants to go outside the resolution on a particular article – they would move to exempt that article and have to take a vote.

Art. 1: We have a by-law that anything dealing w/appropriation for salaries on town employees has to be a paper ballot. We have done both. Beauty of electronic voting makes it easy. Not an appropriate in his mind. This requires a majority vote. D. Scrip agreed.

Art. 2: Majority vote

Art. 3: no prior year bills at this time 4/5ths vote if we do

Art. 4: omnibus – we will go through as usual. Conlin has heard of a possible pass or two that might come up. Omnibus is 1 motion/1 vote – unless someone raises a pass – that portion would be taken up



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as an amendment to the motion. We all watch this like a hawk, easy to get a number reversed. Most important article. Fulghum asked about comments within the script. A bit cumbersome. Conlin said it seems like there should be a number in there. Barletta will check with Deb Waters to be sure Fulghum has the right number. This is a majority vote. Cullinan asked if this was 2/3 vote. Blake believes it to be a majority. Scrip says we have always done this as 2/3 vote. Never been an issue. DC will double check.

Art.5: w/s enterprise – majority vote Scrip suggested being ready to explain numbers. It was questioned by J. Musman last year that the numbers didn't match. Cullinan suggested, and Blake confirmed, that it is due to the debt shift. Cullinan said BOS will be ready to explain.

Art. 6: paving – majority vote

Art. 7: rubbish – majority vote

Art. 8: Chap. 90 – Beatty has been trying to find specific part of Ch. 90 that deals directly with this item. Very broad chapter. Barletta explained that there is short-term borrowing that is then paid by Chapter 90 funds from the state. Normally we get the exact amount, but this could change when we get the Governor's budget. Barletta will follow-up to see how we fund any balance not covered by Chap 90 funds this year. This is a 2/3 vote.

Art. 9: Recreation revolving – majority vote

Art. 10: OPEB – majority vote

Art. 11: Stabilization – majority vote

Art. 12: paving – appropriate OR borrow – 2/3 vote. Tentative borrowing.

Art. 13: fire capital – majority vote

Art. 14: w/sewer borrowing – 2/3

Art. 15 & 16: standard – committees and gifts – majority vote

Correction made to Art. 15<sup>th</sup> – on wrong date.

DC: Accolades to all involved, I think we are going to have a great day. Very happy that the Selectmen saw to it to strip the number of articles and the FinCom put together a great book.

Beatty posed the question about a resident bringing up an article that was removed – Why is Eminent Domain not part of the articles and being discussed today? Barletta explained that there isn't an open session, we are following the warrant. If the question is posed= we felt it was a topic discussion that would require a large crowd and due to the pandemic, we've decided to postpone that conversation until we can safely meet as a large crowd.



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Scrip: That would be a 'point of order' and Dave has the ability to basically not give someone the floor and given that it is not a part of any article, this discussion does not have to happen. Good question. The answer is basically for the safety of our citizens.

Conlin: My inclination would be to give them a short answer of what was recommended and then shut them down.

Scrip: Regarding Article four, that would require a yes/no ballot.

So only articles 8/12/14 require a 2/3 vote.

Conlin: Any other thoughts we should be prepared for? Coast Guard Housing which would get the same answer as Eminent Domain. Dave gave a clear explanation of the Omnibus and the ability to 'Pass' on an item, which would then be discussed at the end of the reading. Amendments can be made. He suggested reading 'Town Meeting Times', by Richard B. Johnson. He will try to get a bunch of copies for everyone. The Blue one.

Barletta explained that Town Meeting will be opened by Moderator and then there will be a general direction and guidance of how to participate properly, all based on compliance with social distancing guidelines. We will ask people to please stay until the final vote if possible. They will be instructed on how to approach the microphone and then return to their seat. Then back to the moderator for the Citizen of the Year award, then the BOS for the awarding of the Town Scholarship, plus a rehearsal on how to use the electronic clickers.

Cullinan asked about Boston Post Cane, which we do not do at Town Meeting anymore. It is done individually.

Conlin appreciates all the minutiae which has been addressed for this Historical Town Meeting.

Town meeting will be live streamed on YouTube. We are hoping to push through the live streaming through our broadcast channel.

K. Carangelo asked if there were any meals tax revenues included in this year's budget. Dept of Revenue guidance said not to estimate those numbers in the first year. And especially this year. Last year the estimate was between 40 – 50K in a typical year, but we don't know what will happen this year.



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Barletta will put together a Robo-call trying to cover as much information as he can about Saturday's meeting.

Motion by Josh to adjourn BOS, seconded by Cullinan. Unanimous ayes.  
BOS meeting adjourned at 7:20.

Motion by Zahora, Beatty seconded. Unanimous ayes.  
FinCom meeting adjourned at 7:21.