



**TOWN OF NAHANT  
Advisory and Finance Committee**

**Members**

Robert Vanderslice, Chair  
Julie Tarmy, Secretary  
Peter Barba  
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Dan McMackin  
Dana Sheehan  
Deborah Warren  
Judy Zahora

Minutes of Joint Advisory and Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen Meeting  
July 14, 2022

Members Present from Advisory and Finance Committee:

Beatty, Brown, McMackin, Sheehan, Vanderslice, Warren

Absent: Barba, Tarmy, Zahora

Present from the Board of Selectmen: Canty, Cullinan

Absent: Antrim

Others present: Barletta, Hambleton, Hurt, Merrill, Nieto

**Canty called the meeting to order at 3:00PM**

Town Administrator Barletta explained that the Municipal Modernization Act allows a vote of both the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee to move funds from different accounts to balance the town's budget. The meeting can occur within the fifteen days leading up to the end of the fiscal year through the fifteenth day after the end of the fiscal year. The Board of Assessors needed additional transfers to balance their budget. They had identified several Assessor's accounts with unspent balances. Barletta and Nieto had identified an external account with an unspent balance.

Assessor Hambleton thanked us for meeting and explained that she needed to transfer funds to cover a revision in the cost of purchase of services due to a shortfall caused by the cost of certification. She had identified an unspent balance of \$2474.76 in her budget, including \$344.66 in the salaries and wages account that could be transferred to the general expenses account and be applied to the \$7,132.10 outstanding bills. By subtraction, an additional \$4,657.34 would be needed to cover the full amount. She explained that the final certification in process, which was costly, required these expenses. She also mentioned possible future lawsuits before the Appellate Board which she thought the town should be aware of.

Cullinan asked why this wasn't acted on at Town Meeting.

Nieto explained that we did not know about these invoices then. She and Barletta had identified the \$344.66 in unspent salaries and more from the external IT account that would make up the needed \$4,657.34.

Sheehan moved that \$344.66 from Assessor's salaries and wages accounts be transferred to the Assessor's Purchase of Services account. McMackin seconded. Beatty, McMackin, Sheehan, Vanderslice, and Warren voted Aye; Brown abstained. The motion passed.

In the discussion, Cullinan said that he hoped such late transfers would not happen again, after Town Meeting. Barletta explained that the invoices could have been held for approval at the 2023 Town Meeting but that this would incur interest, so thought better to approve now.



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Hambleton apologized for the lateness, said that this had not happened before in the many years she has been Assessor, and that she was very busy in the office and needed help, which she said the town was trying to get her.

Sheehan moved to transfer \$4,657.34 from the IT Purchase of Services account to the Board of Assessors Purchase of Services account. Warren seconded. Beatty, Brown, McMackin, Sheehan, Vanderslice, and Warren voted Aye. The motion passed.

Sheehan moved and Brown seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Beatty, Brown, McMackin, Sheehan, Vanderslice, and Warren voted Aye. The motion passed.

Canty and Cullinan voted Aye to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The meeting was adjourned at 3:37PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Barbara Beatty.

Approved on 2/2/2023.

Submitted to Town Clerk by Julie Tarmy on 2/3/2023.