

TOWN OF NAHANT
Advisory and Finance Committee

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Robert Vanderslice, Chair
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Peter Barba
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Dana Sheehan
Deborah Warren
Judy Zahora

Thursday March 2, 2023 meeting minutes Via Zoom

Members Present: Tarmy, Vanderslice, Sheehan, Beatty, Warren, ~~Barba~~ ^{get} McMackin, Zahora

Members Absent: none ~~BARBA~~ ^{get}

Others Present: T. Pierantozzi, A. Barletta (briefly), P. Karas, Joy Bartlett, J. Lewis, K. Marden

Meeting Called to order: 6:41 p.m.

School Department Budget. Superintendent Pierantozzi shared a PowerPoint presentation on the FY2024 school budget. Aside mention that every school committee member has a child in the Johnson School. Budget increase over FY23 by \$194,610: Johnson School - \$72,635 – 37.3% inc.; District - \$74,822 – 38.4% inc.; and Town - \$47,154 – 24.4% inc. Swampscott tuition increase by 2.5%. Teacher salaries contractual - 3%. Ed Support staff contractual - 4%. Capital need, new heating system for the Cafetorium. Hoping to absorb this cost with funds in FY23 budget **(For details, please refer to Zoom recording as well as attached PowerPoint slides)**

Supt. Pierantozzi shared artwork done by JES students as part of a Visiting Artist program which was funded by the Nahant Education Foundation.

Brief discussion on Short Term Rental article and information we will need from Town Administrator for next week's meeting. Also on next week's agenda will be DPW, W/S as well as voting on 'boiler plate' articles. CPC is scheduled for March 23rd.

Public Forum: None

Motion to adjourn by Tarmy, seconded by Beatty. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Minutes submitted and approved on Thursday March 9, 2023 (with changes to attendance)
Respectfully submitted to Town Clerk by Julie Tarmy on March 10, 2023
PowerPoint slides attached.



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Tuesday February 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes via Zoom

Members Present: Tarmy, Vanderslice, Sheehan, Beatty, Warren, Barba, McMackin, Zahora

Members Absent: none

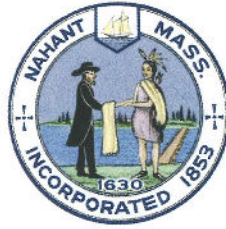
Others Present: M. Capano, J. Antrim, C. Maccario, T. Furlong, A. Antrim, M. Hine

Meeting Called to order: 6:32 p.m.

Chief A. Antrim introduced the Fire Department Budget. Pretty straight forward. One percent increase over FY2023. Salaries have a 3.3% contractual increase. Large increase in budget – Ambulance services. Services with ALS, with whom the town contracts to augment town ambulance needs, had no increase in ten years. This year the ALS fee will more than double. They proved a great service to Nahant. Fees will increase from \$9K annually to \$21K. Department's emergency generator needs replacing. Hope to do this with current free cash. Currently seeking quotes. Looking forward after last year's feasibility study – new Fire and Police stations are #1 priority. Staffing is 2nd priority. Will be looking for capital funding in FY25 for a new Ambulance. Price would be between \$320K - \$340K. Would take two years to take ownership after ordering. Grants are always being looked for.

Chief Furlong introduced Police Department budget. Budget was presented to BOS with an ask for an admin Captain position. With Police Reform and body cameras, the added administrative work is time consuming. Body Cameras are not yet mandated, but are poised to become so in the near future. Nahant is being pro-active. Also, Police Officer Standard Training (POST) requires Police Departments to achieve a certain standard. There are three levels, from basic to best: basic – Self-assessment; mid – certified; best – fully accredited. Nahant is currently at self-assessment. We need to at least reach certified with the ideal being fully accredited. This additional position, as a non-union employee, would help with training, admin/IT work, would be M – F position, work closely with Chief, have access to confidential and sensitive material. **Building repairs/maintenance** - \$4.5 - \$5K to repair front of building. There are increases to the following budget line items: Tech services; gas – 10%; equip (rifles) – 15%; capital needs – new vehicle - \$60K (not sure if grants are available for this); salaries – contractual increase; stipends for EMT – 13%.

Emergency Management Department (EMD). Chief Furlong recognized Dennis Ball, who retired from EMD last year, and wishes him well. Thanked him for all of his hard work. Carl Maccario now heads EMD and also acknowledged Dennis' great work. EMD has an office at the Police station. This dept. monitors weather, power outages, storm warnings, missing children, etc. After Chief and Carl attended training, it was realized how far behind Nahant is in its planning associated with Climate Change. Town recently had a pick-up truck donated by private citizens to be used by EMD. This dept. currently has three persons, including Carl and the Chief, and would like to expand. This dept. would have been found under the title of Civil Defense in the past, but now it encompasses much, much, more. **(for details, please refer to the 2/28/2023 Zoom recording)**. Budget requests for this dept. will be a 'need' not a 'nice to have'.



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Wildlife Feeding Article. Sponsored by Chief Furlong. Nahant is the only community on the North Shore that does not have this in the bylaws. Animal Control office would be front line. Any fines and penalties would be in line with what is already in bylaws. **(For discussion on pros/cons please refer to 2/28/2023 Zoom recording)** FinCom member who speaks to this at Town Meeting will be sure to address both sides of this issues.

Motion to approve minutes of February 16, 2023 made by Tarmy, seconded by Zahora. Seven Ayes, 1 abstain due to not being present at that meeting.

Public Forum: Committee will have a new member, Joy Bartlett. Welcome! No other public comments.

Next meeting: March 2nd.

Motion to adjourn made by Sheehan, seconded by Beatty. Unanimous Ayes.

Meeting adjourned: 8:05 p.m.

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