

Town of Northbridge
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2021 at 6:30PM via Zoom

Committee Members in Attendance: Plato Adams, Jim Barron, Robert Dearborn, Steve Gogolinski, David Graham and Chris Pilla

Finance Committee Member(s) not in Attendance: None

Town of Northbridge Administration in Attendance:

R. Gary Bechtholdt, Town of Northbridge, Town Planner - Planning Board

Glenn King, Town of Northbridge – Community Preservation Committee, Chairman

David Pickart, Town of Northbridge – Conservation Commission, Conservation Agent
Justine Carroll, Town of Northbridge – Conservation Commission Board Member, Clerk
Steven Gniadek, Town of Northbridge – Conservation Commission Board Member

Other Attendees:

None

Finance Committee Meeting

Per Governor Baker's Order as noted below, the zoom meeting was called to order by Plato Adams of the Finance Committee at 6:32 PM:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order concerning imposition on strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, meetings of the Northbridge Finance Committee will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order.

Spring Annual Town Meeting (SATM) Warrant Articles

There are currently 22 Spring Annual Town Meeting (SATM) Warrant Articles.

- **Members / Board Members from the Town of Northbridge Conservation Commission presented their article as noted below:**

ARTICLE 21: (Conservation Commission)

To see if the Town will vote to create and establish a Conservation Fund pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, Section 8C; or take any other action relative thereto. ARTICLE 21 (Finance Committee)

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- **Glenn King, Chairman from the Town of Northbridge Community Preservation Committee presented their two articles as noted below:**

ARTICLE 10: (Community Preservation Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues, the amounts of money recommended by the Northbridge Community Preservation Committee for community preservation projects and other expenses for the Fiscal Year 2022, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: (Community Preservation Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Community Preservation Fund reserves to the Northbridge Community Preservation Committee for expenses associated with the implementation of the Community Preservation Act, including but not limited to clerical assistance, office supplies, property surveys, appraisals, attorney fees, and other professional services, recording fees, printing and all other necessary and proper expenses for the Fiscal Year 2022; or take any other action relative thereto.

Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant Articles – Vote Positions

A motion to approve the following Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant Articles was made by Steve Gogolinski, seconded by Robert Dearborn and unanimously approved:

- Articles 3 through Articles 22

A motion to hold off on approving Article 1 and Article 2 until additional information is available just prior to Town Meeting, was made by Steve Gogolinski, seconded by Robert Dearborn and unanimously approved.

Appoint Two Members of the Finance Committee to the Charter Review Committee

A motion to appoint James Barron and Robert Dearborn to the Charter Review Committee as representatives from the Finance Committee was made by Steve Gogolinski, seconded by Jim Barron and unanimously approved.

Approval of Previous Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, March 17, 2021, was made by Steve Gogolinski, seconded by David Graham and unanimously approved.

Next Scheduled Finance Committee Meetings

It was noted by the Town Manager that the Finance Committee will post a meeting at 6:30 on May 4, 2021, just prior to the 2021 Spring Annual Town Meeting (SATM). The SATM is scheduled to begin at 7:00PM.

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Adjournment

Since no further business was to be transacted, a motion to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 7:05PM was made by Steve Gogolinski, seconded by Chris Pilla and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ James P. Barron, Clerk, Town of Northbridge Finance Committee

