

Town of Northbridge
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2021 at 6:30PM

Committee Members in Attendance: Plato Adams, Jim Barron, Steve Gogolinski and David Graham

Finance Committee Member(s) not in Attendance: Robert Dearborn and Chris Pilla

Town of Northbridge Administration in Attendance:

Neil Vaidya, Town Accountant, Town of Northbridge

Other Attendees:

Glenn King, Chair – Charter Review Committee

Finance Committee Meeting Called to Order

At 6:34PM, Neil Vaidya, Town Accountant, Town of Northbridge called the meeting to order and the following topics were discussed:

Reorganization of the Finance Committee

A motion to appoint Plato Adams as Chair of the Finance Committee was made by Steve Gogolinski, seconded by David Graham and unanimously approved.

The meeting Chair assumed the Chair role and continued the following discussion topics:

A motion to appoint Steve Gogolinski as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee was made by Jim Barron, seconded by David Graham and unanimously approved.

A motion to appoint Jim Barron as Clerk of the Finance Committee was made by Steve Gogolinski, seconded by David Graham and unanimously approved.

Glenn King, Chair – Charter Review Committee

Glenn King, Chair of the Charter Review Committee outlined the proposed changes to the Town Charter. Specifically the proposed changes to sections 2-3 (b) and 3-4(b) which would change the way the Finance Committee is appointed, currently all members are appointed by the Moderator.

The change proposes that the Moderator appoint two members, the Board of Selectmen appoint two members, the School Committee appoint two members and the Planning Board appoint one member.

ARTICLE 1: (Board of Selectmen) Prior Year Bills

To see if the Town will vote to amend the votes taken under Article 3 of the 2021 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 4, 2021), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury and/or transfer from the available funds in the Treasury and/or the Health Insurance Stabilization Fund to supplement appropriations under the Omnibus Budget Article; or take any other action relative thereto.

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ARTICLE 10: (Petition)

A motion to approve the proposed Article 10 was made by Steve Gogolinski, seconded by David Graham and unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 11: (Petition)

A motion to approve the proposed Article 11 was made by David Graham, seconded by Jim Barron and unanimously approved.

Approval of Previous Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

None

Next Scheduled Finance Committee Meetings

The next scheduled Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October, 26, 2021, the following will be the presentation topics:

- Approve prior Finance Committee Meeting Minute(s)
- Review and vote on SATM Warrant Articles
- Other Business

Adjournment

Since no further business was to be transacted, a motion to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 8:01PM was made by Steve Gogolinski, seconded by David Graham and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

