



NANTUCKET TOWN ASSOCIATION

February Meeting of Members

March 26, 2019, at 4:00 pm

In the Learning Lab of the Nantucket Atheneum

DRAFT MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Present: Barbara G. Cohen, Mary Anne Easley, Lucinda Garrison, Colleen McLaughlin, Janet Schulte, Anne Terry, Henry Terry, Barbara von der Groeben, Charley Walters

Guests: Libby Gibson, Town Manager, Brook Moore.

I. Call to Order.

President Henry Terry called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm in the Learning Lab of the Nantucket Atheneum.

II. Approval of minutes of the Meeting of February 26, 2019.

Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting, February 26, 2019, was moved by Colleen McLaughlin, seconded by Anne Terry, and approved unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Anne Terry reported (attached) income of \$85.00, and a new balance of \$4,244.88. The report was approved unanimously.

Anne Terry said that she, Mary Anne Easley, and Alexandra LaPaglia had put together a post-card mailing to remind members who have not paid dues that it is time to do so.

IV. New Business.

There was no New Business.

V. Old Business.

There was no Old Business.

VI. Guest Presentation. Libby Gibson, Town Manager

Henry Terry introduced Libby Gibson, Town Manager, while reminding the group that Annual Town Meeting was on Monday, April 1st at 6:00 pm in High School auditorium. She went over the essence of the 87 articles that are on the Warrant and reminded the Association members that the article and the voters' guide are on line: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/UueAoPEWgD8fP/>.

By tradition at Town Meeting, articles are scheduled by purpose: appropriations come first, zoning is second, bylaw amendments come third, home-rule petitions fourth, real estate acquisitions and miscellaneous articles are last. There are several key citizens' articles that may take up some time at the meeting.

One thing of interest that she explained is that the Town is considering E-voting at the town meetings, possibly trying it this fall. When registered voters check in they will be assigned a yes/no remote for voting. The company that provides this service has their own servers and can provide the vote tally immediately. Although no decision has been made, the technology and service is appealing, she said: <https://www.optiontechnologies.com/>.

Collen McLaughlin had questions on debt exclusion vs capital expenditures and how it affected our taxes. Libby explained and said she would forward additional written information, which is included here (although submitted after the meeting, this material is germane to the discussion).

As always, Libby Gibson was very informative.

Follow-up correspondence from Libby Gibson

“I wanted to follow up on the numbers I reviewed yesterday with the NTA: here are the CORRECT ones (I think it was pretty much all correct what I said, but it's easier for people to see it):”

For residential property average year-round WITH 25% residential exemption, valued at \$1,336,811, the increase in the first year of the borrowing (not all of these will be borrowed at the same time):

Capital Outlay (1 year tax increase)

Article 10 – General Fund Capital Projects: \$1,282,534 total amount of projects = \$73 increase on the tax bill for 1 year

Debt Exclusions (tax increase over life of debt, typically 20 years)

Article 11 – Old S Rd/Fairgrounds/Newtown: \$5.2m project – increase of \$21.60

Article 13 – Town Pier: \$4.5m – increase of \$18.71

Article 14 – Landfill Capping: \$14m project – increase of \$57.88

Article 15 – Public Safety Auxiliary Bldg - \$3m – increase of \$12.53

Article 16 – Orange St Bike Lanes: \$2.5m project = increase of \$10.50

Article 17 – Surfside Area Roads reconstruction: \$6.3m project – increase of \$26.11

Article 37 – Affordable Housing Property Acquisitions: \$10m – increase of \$41.39
“ “ “ “ : \$20m – increase of \$82.62

“I will also follow up soon with the vendor info for e-voting. Thanks again for having me yesterday!”

VIII. Other Business and Comments.

None.

VII. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm

The next Nantucket Town Association meeting will be April 23, 2019, in the Learning Lab of the Nantucket Atheneum.

*Please remember that our use of the Learning Lab ends promptly at 5 p.m. We need to leave the Atheneum at 5:00 pm so that staff can lock the building.

Lee W. Saperstein, Secretary, based on notes taken by Henry Terry.

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Treasurer's Report

March 26, 2019

Beginning Balance \$4,159.88

Deposits
Dues +85.00

Expenditures 0

End Balance \$4,244.88

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Terry