

## **April 15th, 2022 – Minutes of The Nantucket Historical Commission**

Commissioners Present: Hillary Rayport (Chair), Angus Macleod (Vice-Chair), David Silver (Secretary) Mickey Rowland, Clement Durkes, Georgia Raysman, and Tom Montgomery.

Alternate: Barbara White

Staff: Holly Backus

### **1.) Public Comment: N/A**

### **2.) Approval of November Minutes**

*Motion to approve minutes of the NHC's November 2021 Meeting: Tom*

*Second: Clement*

*All in favor via roll call*

### **3.) Announcements**

Barbara will be resigning as an alternate Commissioner. She has several other commitments that she is working on, but we are so fortunate to be able to continue to work with her on some key projects. The Commission is incredibly grateful for her service, and we do not have to replace her position since the NHC will no longer have alternate Commissioners.

### **4.) Administrative Update**

#### **MHC Advised Survey of Historic Resources**

Our consultants with PAL were on Nantucket last week working on the pilot survey of the Fish Lots. They were able to survey over a hundred structures during their time here and were well-received by the community.

Additional funding, in the amount of \$5,000, is available for the current fiscal year. The Commission would like to see the remaining funds applied to survey town-owned historic resources. We need to ensure that it can be added to the 'scope of work' for the pilot survey of the fish lots. Holly is working with Mickey and Hillary to make this work our consultant.

#### **Area Map for Survey Plan**

Tom, Angus, Barbara, and Holly have been meeting separately to discuss the 'Nantucket area map' for our consultants with PAL. The map defines neighborhoods, farms, and other distinct areas of the island like the Moors, Hummock Pond, etc. The Commission discussed some

technical corrections to the map and decided to study neighborhoods in ‘Sconset (Low beach, Bluff, core historic district, etc.) in more detail.

*Motion to approve the map as drafted: Tom*

*Second: Angus*

*All in favor via roll call*

## **5.) 6 Gull Island: Part 2**

MHC has requested more information/clarification on the project. They do not have any issues with the scope of work, but they are requesting “clarification on existing condition and proposed treatment to the historic fabric.”

*Motion to have Angus and Hillary draft a renewed letter of support for Phase 2: Clement*

*Second: Tom*

*All in favor via roll call.*

## **6.) 2022 Work Projects**

### **Revolving Loan Fund: Georgia, David, and Hillary**

Georgia and David are collaborating on a ‘needs assessment’ for a loan fund on Nantucket. The first prong of the research began with a study of the number of historic homes that have not been transacted in the last 10 years. We concluded that there are hundreds of homes in the core historic districts (Town and ‘Sconset) that may be eligible. There are more structures across the island that could be eligible too.

Georgia and David also did some preliminary research to determine what it would take to get something up and running with a bank on Nantucket by looking at other communities that have instituted something similar. The Commission feels like this project is well worth our time and efforts. Georgia and David continue to work together to speak with banks to see if further study is needed.

### **Research on Archeological Preservation Plan: Susan and Hillary**

Susan and Hillary have worked together to pull some information regarding Archaeological Preservation Plans. Many communities have put together successful plans and Susan believes that working with some of these communities is a great next step.

Archaeology is something the NHC looks after and it is our duty to educate the community about it as well. A survey plan would help us identify sites for education and/or excavation. This is something we could partner with the high school on. Investing our efforts in this project is something that has the full support of the Commission.

Next Step: Susan and Hillary will continue working on and researching how the Commission can achieve success with this project.

*~Hillary turned over the meeting to Agnus who will finish the meeting as Chair~*

### **‘Archival Needs’ in Respect to Town Records: Barbara and Hillary**

Barbara and Hillary are committed to working together on this project. Preliminary findings suggest that there are more records than expected and they are in desperate need of being identified, documented, and catalogued.

## **7.) Other Business**

### **Sewer Force Main: Update**

The contractor was selected, and the work has begun. The bid alternates were accepted, and immediate work can be expected along S. Shore Road.

### **Welcome New Staff: Patrick Reed, Transportation Planner**

The Commission would like to send a welcome letter and invitation to a meeting. Angus and Hillary will draft a letter.

*Motion to send a letter: Tom*

*Second: Georgia*

*All in favor via roll call*

### **Contractor, Consultant, and Builder Recommendations**

We want to put together a list of people who specialize in historically sensitive work. Holly will work with NPT or Preservation MA to gather a list and hopefully, it is something we can put on our website. There is a Preservation Directory, and we wonder if we can complement that with something specific to Nantucket, or not. David will work on this and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

*Motion to adjourn: Tom*

*Second: Georgia*

*All in favor via roll call*

