

**Nantucket and Madaket Harbors Action Plan Update
Committee**

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting trailer, 131 Pleasant St., Nantucket, MA 02554

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available at Nantucket Government TV on YouTube**

Members present: Samantha Denette, Seth Englebourg, Phil Smith, Dave Fronzuto, Peter Brace, Steve Leinbach,

Members Absent: Jesse Bell, Linda Williams, Emily Molden

Natural Resources Dept (NRD): Tara Riley, Jeff Carlson

Urban Harbors Institute (UHI): Jack Wiggin, Kim Starbuck, Kristin Uiterwyk, Alan Bartels, Stuart Dack

Others: Steve McKenna (Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management), CZM

CALL TO ORDER

2:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Unanimously approved, 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft minutes of March 7, 2023

Not approved.

1. WELCOME

Until Ms. Williams arrives, Mr. Smith agreed to run the meeting in his role as vice chairman.

**2. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PLANNING
BOUNDARY**

Mr. Carlson said that the objective of the meeting to agree on the planning boundaries for the harbors.

Ms. Uiterwyk reminded the committee that it was fairly close at the March 7, 2023 meeting to agreeing on the planning boundaries. She asked the committee to review the boundaries one more time, both at Eel Point and on Brant Point.

Focusing on Madaket first, Ms. Uiterwyk displayed the Madaket map first, explaining that the old boundary line is in red and the updated boundary is in green. She said the new boundary line on Eel Point is proposed to follow the outline of the northern shore. She added that the northeast boundaries of the updated Madaket planning area would include all of the salt marsh between North Cambridge Street and Second Bridge.

Mr. Brace said most of the interior of Eel Point is tidal and fills with water on the flood tides, so since it would eventually be under water all the time, Mr. Brace felt it should be included in the planning area. Mr. Fronzuto, speaking for Ms. Williams, said this new boundary is key to ever-changing nearby navigation channel. Mr. Brace asked if the southeastern boundary should include Long Pond. Mr. Englebourg said it made more sense to re-assess this part of the boundary during the next revision of this plan. Mr. Leinbach asked if it made sense to run the updated boundary line off of North Point heading west toward Tuckernuck Island instead west off of the end of Eel Point. Ms. Uiterwyk said she thought Ms. Williams requested the same update as Mr. Leinbach. Ms. Uiterwyk said she could make that change. Mr. Englebourg motioned that the Madaket Harbor planning boundary be amended to include these two changes. Ms. Leinbach seconded Mr. Englebourg's motion. The committee voted 6-0 to approved the Madaket Harbor planning boundary as amended.

Ms. Uiterwyk explained that the western boundary of the Nantucket Harbor planning area followed current Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood maps for Nantucket. She added that some members of the committee had issues with the northwest corner of this boundary at Jetties Beach where she offered that this boundary line could be straightened out to run into Nantucket Sound in the vicinity of the Galley Beach

restaurant. Mr. Brace agreed that the is boundary should be altered per Ms. Uiterwyk's suggestion because he felt the area would. Mr. eventually be under water. Mr. Lienbach agreed but was concerned this change would bisect the Cliffside Beach Club's property. Mr. Brace said the Cliffside Beach Club property should be included within the boundary. Mr. Englebourg reminded the committee that this was not the Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee (CRAC) considering this planning area. Mr. Brace stressed that as the CRAC representative on the NMHAPUC, representing coastal resilience issues was his job on this committee and that he felt all of this area should be included. Mr. Fronzuto said the boundary as changed by Ms. Starbuck on her screen at this meeting works for now. Mr. Brace motioned that this change be made. Ms. Denette seconded the motion. The committee voted 6-0 to approve revised Nantucket Harbor planning area.

Ms. Uiterwyk explained, now that the NMHAPUC has approved the planning areas, that the process for getting the state's permission to start the actual work on updating this plan would take six to eight weeks. Mr. McKenna confirmed this.

Mr. Smith said he wanted Ms. Williams to see the changes to the planning areas before this is sent to the state. Ms. Starbuck said she would make the changes on the maps, get them to Mr. Carlson who then get them to Ms. Williams for her review.

3. DISCUSSION OF IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

Mr. Carlson explained how the implementation matrix for the 2009 version of the harbors action plan works to the NMHAPUC. He explained that on the goals of the plan that aren't listed as completed, the NRD has put in comments on their status.

Mr. Carlson said he would send out the Excel version of this matrix to the committee.

Mr. Fronzuto said he would go through the matrix and make comments on each goal, supporting their percentages of completion along with documentation for each comment. Mr. Carlson said and Ms. Riley recently met with Dr. Sarah Oktay, the

chair of the 2009 Nantucket & Madaket Harbors Action Plan Implementation Committee to have her decipher this matrix. He added that there are a very large number of goals in the 2009 plan. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Carlson what percentage of the 92 goals were completed. Mr. Carlson estimated 50 to 60 percent. Mr. Smith said part of the NMHAPUC's mission is to go through the 2009 plan to determine which goals to keep and which ones to cut out.

Mr. Fronzuto asked how the 2009 plan's number of goals compared to harbor plans in other Massachusetts communities that Urban Harbor has worked on. Ms. Uiterwyk said that comparatively, Nantucket's 2009 plan has a lot of priorities. She added that Urban Harbors points to Nantucket as a model for other coastal communities on how to implement their harbor plans when completed. Mr. Englebourg suggested not using color-coding of priorities and instead, listing them top to bottom.

Mr. Smith asked if Mr. Carlson and Ms. Riley noted any goals in the current plan that really needed the NMHAPUC's attention ASAP. Ms. Riley said there are a lot of goals that need updating. Mr. Carlson said he didn't see any glaring goals that were left behind by the implementation process. Admitting that since the plan was created, the Town's departments have evolved and various outside groups have taken a greater interest in the harbors action plan.

Mr. Smith asked the NMHAPUC to also go through the matrix and alert Mr. Fronzuto to anything members see that needs his attention. Mr. Brace asked if the NRD and Urban Harbors have reached out to all of the goals' responsible parties to check the goals' completion status. Mr. Smith worried that some of the goals had multiple responsible parties. Mr. Brace suggested having Dr. Oktay join some of NMHAPUC's upcoming meetings. Ms. Uiterwyk noted that a lead responsible party is identified for each goal. Ms. Uiterwyk said it's also important that possibly after the first public-invited meeting when the NMHAPUC has heard from the public that the committee go through the 2009 plan to determine which goals to carry forward into the updated plan. Mr.

Brace said there may be members of the public present during the 2009 plan's process who might pester the NMHAPUC to follow up on uncompleted goals at the first public meeting.

4. DETERMINE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Carlson said it would be great if the NMHAPUC could agree on a set schedule of meeting dates and times, which makes it easier plan and post meetings, and secure meeting space. Ms. Denette agreed and suggested Urban Harbors send out a Doodle poll to gauge consensus of meeting dates and times that work for all. Mr. Leinback said meeting during summer could be tricky and suggested meeting once a month for July and August. Ms. Denette said trying meeting during the summer without a set schedule is probably going to be on workable for most of the NMHAPUC. She recommended a biweekly schedule to be set but with the option to cancel meetings as needed. Mr. Brace agreed with Ms. Denette's proposal. Ms. Starbuck said she would create the Doodle poll and send it out the staff and members of the NMHAPUC. The NMHAPUC agreed that keeping the hybrid meeting format would work best.

5. NEXT STEPS

a. Organize first public meeting

Ms. Denette asked how the NMHAPUC should prepare for public meetings in terms of groups that may attend and topics for discussion. Ms. Uiterwyk said the NMHAPUC can help the UHI and the NRD figure out who they should be inviting to these meetings and meeting with outside the meetings. She added that the NMHAPUC members aren't required to attend all stakeholder and special interest group meetings, but they certainly can if they want to. Mr. Brace said that all of the NMHAPUC should attend all of these meetings because it would make the plan better, Ms. Denette recommended that the NMHAPUC have all of the 2009 matrix's goals' statuses determined and simplified in time for

the June public meeting. Mr. Smith agreed. Mr. Brace said the NMHAPUC should be prepared to answer all of the questions the public might have.

Mr. Carlson said that during the public meeting, there needs to be a determination if the same broader categories stand as is or if there are new ones. He added that the NMHAPUC needs to be prepared with ideas for this in preparation for public suggestions.

Ms. Uiterwyk asked there be an item on the next agenda for planning the June public meeting.

Mr. Fronzuto asked how much of the 2009 plan would be included in the updated plan. Mr. Wiggin said in some cases, goals would get updates and in others, goals would become historical references for the updated plan. Ms. Uiterwyk said there could be a background section to explain the history behind the various goals, old and new. Mr. Smith suggested that as Mr. Fronzuto goes through the 2009 matrix that he note goals that could go into a background/history appendix.

b. Identify resources to review and people and interest groups to engage

No discussion.

c. Submit notice to proceed

No discussion.

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Unanimously approved, 6-0, at 3:12 p.m.

YOUTUBE MEETING LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbW5uVOG9ac&list=PL49sKqpy7VAhtfTnajKC38HEDIJx7asi0&index=1>

Future Meetings:

To be decided.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter B. Brace, Secretary