

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

**Monday, July 10, 2023 at 1 p.m.**

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

**\*NMHAPUC meetings are video-recorded and  
available at Nantucket Government TV on YouTube**

**Members present:** Linda Williams, Seth Engelbourg, Steve Leinbach, Emily Molden, Samantha Denette, Jesse Bell, Phil Smith

**Members Absent:** Dave Fronzuto, Peter Brace, Roberto Santamaria

**Natural Resources Dept (NRD):** Jeff Carlson

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

**Others:** Kimal McCarthy, Sheila Lucey

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Williams called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and read the script for remotely conducted open meetings.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Williams called for motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Molden made motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Engelbourg seconded that motion. The NMHAPUC voted 6-0 to approve the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Draft minutes of June 26, 2023**

The NMHAPUC agreed to hold the minutes until the July 10 meeting to vote on them.

**1. WELCOME**

## **2. Discussion of online survey**

Ms. Starbuck explained the online survey, the reasoning for its questions, the topic areas and the background section on the NMHAP. Mr. Smith asked if Ms. Starbuck has added any topic areas since the June public input meeting. Ms. Williams echoed Mr. Smith's question. The NMHAPUC agreed to add "fuel costs" to the end of long answer question F. Mr. Smith said Chapter 91 should be its own long answer question. The rest of the NMHAPUC agreed. Mr. Smith said the NMHAPUC should push for more moorings in the harbor. Mr. Leinbach said there is no physical space left. Mr. Smith said he knew of some available harbor space for more moorings. Ms. Lucey said Nantucket Harbor is capped at 1,800 moorings by the Army Corps of Engineers. She said she could get this edict for the NMHAPUC in writing, adding that the harbor has almost reached this cap. Mr. Smith asked if the Town has to obey the Army Corps of engineers. Ms. Lucey said the Town could attempt an appeal of the mooring cap. Ms. Lucey added that parking on land is also an issue, as in enough parking for the vehicles of boat owners to access their dinghies to reach their boats. She also noted that the dinghy dock at the Town Pier is already "jam-packed". Ms. Williams asked if the Town Pier could be expanded. Ms. Lucey said the new part of the east end of the Town Pier, a wave barrier, also created six new slips. Mr. Engelbourg suggested another topic area; Infrastructure & Economic Viability, which he said would cover moorings, piers, Petrel Landing, additional boat ramps, enhanced boating services on the waterfront. Mr. Engelbourg said Chapter 91 doesn't need to be its own topic area. He added that the alternate answer to the long questions should also be "do not know or no preference". Ms. Denette agreed that "do not know" works and said the long answers need to be reconceived so people don't ignore them. She suggested a restructuring of questions to simplify the response process for respondents. Ms. Starbuck said UHI has explored the open-ended open question and also found that it makes challenging to analyze the survey results. She added that she doesn't want feed

people their answers and that open-ended allows people to explain their thoughts. Mr. Engelbourg agreed with Ms. Denette, suggesting that there be a question at the bottom asking for “any other thoughts” might work better. Ms. Uiterwyk reminded that the survey is opportunity for the public share their feelings with the NMHAPUC and UHI even though UHI is aware that open-ended questions make qualitative analysis difficult. She added that a qualitative analysis isn’t really necessary right now. She added that more multiple-choice questions can be added, but advocated strongly for open-ended questions. Ms. Denette clarified that open-ended questions need to follow each multiple-choice question. Ms. Starbuck said she’ll work on restructuring the survey based on these comments from the NMHAPUC. Mr. Engelbourg said he was in favor of this restructuring the survey. He asked if there’s a way to incentivize the survey. Ms. Williams said the survey also needs to be in Spanish. The NMHAPUC agreed to add option of “Commercial Waterfront Trades” to the “connection or interest in Nantucket and Madaket Harbors” question in the survey. Ms. Molden said she supports the results of this discussion. Mr. Engelbourg asked about available translation services available. Ms. Starbuck said translation services are definitely needed but that UHI might be able to get it done before several upcoming public harbor info sessions. Mr. Engelbourg said the turnaround is 24-48 hours.

Ms. Starbuck said the Woods Hole Group is working on a mapping tool that could aid the online survey, except that the tool won’t be ready until the end of July. Mr. Stuart explained the mapping tool and its various layers. Ms. Starbuck wondered aloud if this mapping tool can be added on to the survey at the end of July when the tool is ready. The NMHAPUC agreed that the mapping tool could be added to the survey when it’s operational. Ms. Molden said clear instructions on how to use the mapping tool should be included when it’s added to the survey. The NMHAPUC members agreed to do this. Mr. Engelbourg said the mapping tool should be added to the NMHAP.

Ms. Starbuck said she would us all of the NMHAPUC's recommended revisions to survey to redo it and would have the revised version ready for the NMHAPUC's July 10 meeting.

### **3. Discussion of future in person public meetings**

Ms. Starbuck said she would be setting up NMHAP public information tables at the Clean Water Coalition and State of the Harbor events happening in July 2023 as well as the possibility of setting up a table at Sustainable Nantucket's Farmers & Artisans Market this summer.

Ms. Starbuck asked if Mr. Carlson has had any luck finding venues for the August NMHAPUC in-person public input gathering sessions. Mr. Carlson said he was waiting to hear back on one of his options and would have an updated report for the NMHAPUC at its July 10 meeting.

Ms. Starbuck asked for ideas on survey incentives from the NMHAPUC.

### **ADJOURN**

Ms. Williams called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Molden seconded the motion. The NMHAPUC voted 7-0 at 2:02 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

### **YOUTUBE MEETING LINK**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0c4CEUfOj8g&list=PL49sKqpy7VAhtfTnajKC38HEDIJx7asi0&index=9>

### **Future Meetings:**

July 26 and Aug. 7

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peter B. Brace, Secretary

