Nantucket and Madaket Harbors Action Plan Update Committee
Monday, Nov. 6, 2023 at 1 p.m.
Meeting trailer, 131 Pleasant St., Nantucket, MA 02554
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Members present: Linda Williams (chairman), Jesse Bell, Roberto Santamaria, Peter Brace, Samantha Denette, Steve Leinbach, Dave Fronzuto, Seth Engelbourg, Emily Molden, Phil Smith (vice chairman)
Members Absent:
Natural Resources Dept (NRD): Jeff Carlson, Tara Riley
Urban Harbors Institute (UHI): Jack Wiggin, Kim Starbuck, Kristin Uiterwyk, Alan Bartels, Dack Stuart
Others: Steve McKenna (Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management), CZM

CALL TO ORDER
1:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Unanimously approved, 10-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft minutes of Oct. 16, 2023
Not completed yet.

1. WELCOME
Ms. Williams called the meeting to order and read the script for remotely conducted open meetings.

2. Annual Committee Report for FY 23 (Peter Brace)

a. Discussion and vote
Mr. Brace said he was looking for edits, additions and corrections.

Mr. Smith suggested changing the word "updates" in the first paragraph to "update". Mr. Smith suggested adding in other accomplishments from 2023. Mr. Brace explained that because the time period for the report is the fiscal year, July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, only what the committee did Jan. 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 could be included in this annual report for the committee. However, Mr. Brace explained, what the committee aimed to accomplish in the new fiscal year could be included in this report.
Ms. Williams joined the meeting at 1:12 p.m.
Ms. Starbuck noted that Mr. Santamaria was added to the committee after June 30 and that he should be included as part of the committee.
Ms. Bell asked for the removal of semicolons between members' names and their titles. Mr. Brace said he would do this and then find a way to word this part of the report and make it grammatically correct.
Ms. Starbuck said the committee could add that it was developing the survey before June 30, 2023 for a summer release.
The committee voted 10-0 to approve the report as written and edited.

3. Updated harbor plan timeline (Kim Starbuck/All)
Mr. Fronzuto introduced his proposal for an alternate ferry pier on the inside of the west jetty to be included as a recommendation within the updated plan. Mr. Fronzuto also proposed adding a dinghy dock at Petrel Landing as a recommendation in the plan and removing the Marine Department from the Police Department's jurisdiction. Additionally, Mr. Fronzuto suggested increasing the ferry embarkation fee from 50¢ to $1 per person per trip for all ferry trips and reviewing how this revenue is spent. Mr. Leinbach said the alternate ferry landing is a great idea. Mr. Engelbourg agreed that some of this revenue should fund harbor

infrastructure and then stated coastal resilience efforts could also benefit. Ms. Williams agreed with proposal by Mr. Fronzuto. Mr. Engelbourg said that increasing the embarkation fee should be a priority and then be more creative with how the revenue is spent. Ms. Willaims asked the legal status of the Land Bank's proposal for Petrel Land Bank. Ms. Bell explained that the Conservation Commission has already approved the Land Bank's plan for Petrel Landing, but neighbors of Petrel Landing, having lost their appeal of the Conservation Commission's decision at the state's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), have filed an appeal in Nantucket Superior Court. That appeal was still pending, Ms. Bell said. Mr. Fronzuto offered that despite the legal process still going, the Land Bank should still be able to construct the dinghy dock. Ms. Starbuck commented that these kinds of conversations are very helpful to Urban Harbors in writing the updated plan.

4. Next steps (All)

a. Interviews and survey analysis by UHI b. Next committee meeting

Ms. Starbuck reported that the committee and UHI are done with the public and stakeholders engagement part of the planning process. She added that the UHI is now finishing up with islander interviews and then individual staff members are writing the sections of the plan to be done by Dec. 15 for their internal review with the goal of getting them to the committee before the end of the year. Once the committee signs off on the first draft of the plan, UHI and the committee will share it with the public for a 60-day review period that includes a public meeting.

Ms. Starbuck said the Nov. 20 meeting isn't really necessary and that the UHI could use the time to keep working on their sections. She proposed the next meeting to be Dec. 4, 2023.The committee agreed with this schedule.

Mr. Leinbach suggested that the plan include a recommendation for local Chapter 91 enforcement. The committee agreed with this idea. Mr. Engelbourg agreed in principle that this is an important recommendation for the plan, but then explained that as a municipality, the Town would never get local control over a state law and Nantucket's best scenario here is to ask the state for more enforcement help.
Mr. Carlson said the state doesn't have the staff for such a request, but he said there may be local way to accomplish this.

YOUTUBE MEETING LINK
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNAacQPH8M0&list=PL49sKqpy7VAhtfTnajKC38HEDIJx7asi0&index=15

Future Meetings:
Dec. 4 and Dec. 18

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter B. Brace, Secretary