

NP&EDC

NANTUCKET PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



COMMISSIONERS: Nat Lowell (Chair), Fritz McClure (Vice Chair), Kristie Ferrantella, Jack Gardner, Wendy Hudson, David Iverson, Bert Johnson, Leslie B. Johnson, John Trudel, Maureen Phillips, and Judith Wegner

MINUTES

Monday, April 26, 2021

Remote Participation Zoom – 6:00 p.m.

Purpose: Regular Meeting:

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Andrew Vorce, Director of Planning; Eleanor W. Antonietti, Land Use Specialist

ATTENDING MEMBERS: Nat Lowell; Fritz McClure; Judith Wegner; David Iverson; John Trudel; Kristie Ferrantella; Bert Johnson; Leslie Johnson; Wendy Hudson

ABSENT: Maureen Phillips; and Jack Gardner

OTHER: Derek Shooster (Regional Planning Coordinator | MassDOT | Office of Transportation Planning)

I. Call to Order:

6:06pm

II. Establishment of Quorum:

LOWELL announced that this Open Meeting of the Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission is being conducted remotely *via* Zoom and YouTube, consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the "COVID-19 Virus."

III. Approval of Agenda:

The Motion was made by Bert Johnson and seconded that the NP&EDC voted to approve the agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| 1. Fritz McClure | Aye |
| 2. Judith Wegner | Aye |
| 3. John Trudel | Aye |
| 4. Dave Iverson | Aye |
| 5. Kristie Ferrantella | Aye |
| 6. Bert Johnson | Aye |
| 7. Leslie Johnson | Aye |
| 8. Wendy Hudson | Aye |
| 9. Nat Lowell | Aye |

Agenda adopted by **UNANIMOUS** consent.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

- December 21, 2020

John Trudel recuses as he was not present on December 21, 2020.

The **MOTION** was made by Judith Wegner and seconded that the NP&EDC does hereby vote to approve the NP&EDC minutes for December 19, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| 1. Fritz McClure | Aye |
| 2. Judith Wegner | Aye |
| 3. Dave Iverson | Aye |
| 4. Kristie Ferrantella | Aye |
| 5. Bert Johnson | Aye |
| 6. Leslie Johnson | Aye |
| 7. Wendy Hudson | Aye |
| 8. Nat Lowell | Aye |

Minutes adopted by **UNANIMOUS** consent.

- March 15, 2021

The **MOTION** was made by Judith Wegner and seconded that the NP&EDC does hereby vote to approve the NP&EDC minutes for March 15, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| 1. Fritz McClure | Aye |
| 2. Judith Wegner | Aye |
| 3. John Trudel | Aye |
| 4. Dave Iverson | Aye |
| 5. Kristie Ferrantella | Aye |
| 6. Bert Johnson | Aye |
| 7. Wendy Hudson | Aye |
| 8. Nat Lowell | Aye |

Minutes adopted by **UNANIMOUS** consent.

V. Public Comments
NONE

VI. Action / Discussion Items:

A. 3C Programming Documents:

1. **FFY 2022-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**
– authorize **RELEASE** for **21-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT**

SHOOSTER explained our responsibility to publish the Transportation Improvement Program (“TIP”) every year and updated in 5-year increments to reflect any federally funded transportation projects happening in our region. We need to release the FFY 2022-2026 for 21-day public comment. All the regions do this for public comment and endorsement in May and then all of different regional TIPs will be reflected in statewide TIP report to be sent for review and approval by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration – See DRAFT in packet. There are no regionally funded highway TIP projects although there is a statewide funded TIP project, Safe Routes to School (“SRTS”) on Page 17 of actual TIP. Any NRTA moneys that

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are received are reflected in the TIP. He will be providing comments once this is released – MassDOT – to make sure that it is consistent with what is required.

WEGNER major item in there is roundabouts near the schools. She thought Select Board (“SB”) said they don’t want to pursue that. She understands why it’s carried forward, but are we losing opportunity to put in something else equally substantial and a shared concern within the community?

SHOOSTER He doesn’t think we are missing an opportunity. The TIP is saying that there are not currently funds programmed for any projects ready to advertise and deliver during that time frame with regional target funds. The island and other communities had applied for funds for the SRTS project. Not certain of specifics of this project but thinks it is for sidewalk and crosswalk improvements. It is not the same as the Milestone Rotary project from years past.

VORCE there is an opportunity throughout to amend the TIP and to schedule a hearing if projects advance to a level where we think they might be eligible for TIP funding in the future.

SHOOSTER Correct. We update the TIP every year in the Commonwealth so if over next 2 years you identify a project that can be advanced through design and you see a window of opportunity to leverage available federal funds in order to advertise, construct, and deliver the project, that is something that you can add through an amendment to an existing TIP or a later TIP.

WEGNER What is significance of keeping the current status that conveys to the public a sense that this is still a priority. There are conflicting messages. This appears to be a project that the Town wants funding for and seeks to pursue.

VORCE He thinks that the item under Project Review Committee Approved Transportation Projects (“Surfside Road at Bartlett Road Roundabout” on Page 45 of the packet) simply got carried forward. That would be deleted.

LOWELL asks Andrew to clarify what Judith is alluding to. There are two completely separate projects and each is at a different stage of development.

VORCE the main reason is that the Surfside Rd. project was at a design and Right of Way assembly level that warranted it being included. There are lots of remaining issues for the one at the high school and it would be premature to include this.

LOWELL wants to be clear that there are two completely separate projects, each at different stages.

SHOOSTER after the 21-day review process, after public comments have been reviewed and reflected into the TIP, and if changes need to be made as agreed upon by Staff, this will be presented to NP&EDC to endorse at a May meeting. With that endorsement it can be included in Statewide TIP.

TRUDEL asks if would we need another 21-day period if we add or amend something at our next meeting.

SHOOSTER No. You would make a decision between now and next meeting on what changes you would like to reflect in your TIP. You have May 17th as a public meeting to solicit comments prior to approval.

VORCE would not anticipate a lot of changes. They may occur once we are re-staffed.

The **MOTION** was made by Judith Wegner and seconded that the NP&EDC does hereby vote to authorize to release the Draft FFY 2022-2026 TIP for a 21-day pubic review period.

The vote was **UNANIMOUS**.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| 1. Fritz McClure | Aye |
| 2. Judith Wegner | Aye |
| 3. John Trudel | Aye |
| 4. Dave Iverson | Aye |
| 5. Kristie Ferrantella | Aye |
| 6. Wendy Hudson | Aye |

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- 7. Leslie Johnson Aye
- 8. Bert Jonnson Aye
- 9. Nat Lowell Aye

Motion was adopted by **UNANIMOUS** consent.

SHOOSTER Staff will prepare a DRAFT UPWP for the May meeting.

VORCE Billy Saad has done that. His last official duty as he is leaving after this week for a private sector position.

VII. Other Committee Reports

VIII. Other Business

LOWELL some of you have probably heard about the Susan Moran bill in the Statehouse. He gives an explanation of the intent of the Bill to decrease control of the islands. Unlikely to pass according to our representatives. This will go on for a while.

VORCE Rob (McNeil) initiated a lot of Milestone Rotary improvement work with eye towards Land Bank development of the Hayes property. There will be further access and connections and more landscaping. The intent is to move bike traffic away from vehicular traffic. We have more right of way than previously realized and have a lot of cooperation from the Water Co. The article sent to Boston has not passed yet.

Bert JOHNSON Asks about paving projects on Milestone.
VORCE not aware of anything on Milestone but he will check.

WEGNER suggests we join in a resolution to thank Jack Gardner for his service. We could authorize the Chair to express our sentiment.

LOWELL agrees. Maybe we could have a joint effort with Planning Board, Select Board, and NP&EDC to recognize his service. He is a pillar of the community.

IX. Adjournment

Judith Wegner moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:38p.m.; Fritz McClure seconded the motion.
So voted by Roll Call Vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- 1. Fritz McClure Aye
- 2. Judith Wegner Aye
- 3. John Trudel Aye
- 4. Dave Iverson Aye
- 5. Kristie Ferrantella Aye
- 6. Wendy Hudson Aye
- 7. Bert Johnson Aye
- 8. Leslie Johnson Aye
- 9. Nat Lowell Aye

Meeting adjourned by **UNANIMOUS** consent.

Submitted by:
Eleanor W. Antonietti