

Minutes – Adopted November 8, 2021
NP&EDC Meeting
Monday, July 12, 2021, 6:00pm
4 Fairgrounds Road – PSF Building

A video recording of the meeting may be view using the link below:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9_EoJ0s4zw&t=346s

Call to Order:

Chairman Lowell called the meeting to order at 6:06pm

Establishment of Quorum:

In attendance:

Commission:

Chairman Nat Lowell
Wendy Hudson
Judith Wegner
Maureen Phillips
Jack Gardner
John Trudel
Fritz McClure
Kristie Ferrantella
Mary Longacre
David Iverson

Staff:

Andrew Vorce
Leslie Snell
Megan Trudel

Not in attendance:

Bertyl Johnson

Approval of the Agenda:

Wendy Hudson moved to approve the agenda. The motion was duly seconded by Kristie Ferrantella, and the motion carried **UNANIMOUSLY**.

Approval of the Minutes:

Kristie Ferrantella moved to continue the June 21, 2021 minutes. The motion was duly seconded by David Iverson and the motion carried **UNANIMOUSLY**.

Public Comment:

Hillary Rayport- Asked the Commission to reflect on the Master Plan and read excerpts from and paraphrased portions of the plan.

John Trudel summarized changes he has seen on the island since relocating to Nantucket in the 90's.

Mary Longacre stated that the new plan should look ten years into the future.

Director Vorce summarized the progress housing issues have made over the years. The Commission discussed how housing and zoning has changed throughout time on the island and how it can continue to change in the future.

Burton Balkind – read the mission statement of the Commission and commended the Commission for their hard work and accomplishments and asked that the Commission consider social aspects when voting on leadership.

Action/Discussion Items:

DPW Update

Item not discussed

Acceptance of Membership:

- 1- County Commissioners – Kristie Ferrantella
- 2- Housing Authority – Bertyl Johnson
- 3- Conservation Commission – Maureen Phillips

Fritz McClure moved to accept all three appointments. The motion was duly seconded by Jack Gardner and the motion carried **UNANIMOUSLY**.

Election of Officers:

Judith Wegner as pro-chair.

John Trudel nominated Nat Lowell as Chair. The motion was duly seconded by Jack Gardner and the motion carried **UNANIMOUSLY**.

Fritz McClure nominate Mary Longacre as Vice-Chair. The motion was duly seconded by Jack Gardner and the motion carried **UNANIMOUSLY**.

Agency Appointments:

Contract Review Committee of Human Services

Kristie Ferrantella nominated Bertyl Johnson as the NP&EDC representative to the Contract Review Committee of Human Services. The motion was duly seconded by Fritz McClure and the motion carried **UNANIMOUSLY**.

Capital Program Committee

Fritz McClure nominated Kristie Ferrantella as the NP&EDC representative to the Capital Program Committee. The motion was duly seconded by Mary Longacre, and the motion carried **UNANIMOUSLY**.

MARPA

John Trudel nominated Judith Wegner as the NP&EDC representative to MARPA. The motion was duly seconded by Wendy Hudson, and the motion carried **UNANIMOUSLY**.

NAHT

John Trudel nominated Dave Iverson to the Nantucket Affordable Housing Trust. The motion was duly seconded by Kristie Ferrantella, and the motion carried

UNANIMOUSLY.

By-law Committee

Director Vorce requested that the existing three members stay on the workgroup to complete the review that has been ongoing

John Trudel nominated Nat Lowell, Fritz McClure and Judith Wegner to the By-law Committee. The motion was duly seconded by Kristie Ferrantella, and the motion carried

UNANIMOUSLY.

Bylaws

Director Vorce provided the Commission with an overview of the NP&EDC By-law and history of how editorial changes have evolved over time. He clarified that the edits being discussed are not substantive.

Mary Longacre stated that there are inconsistencies with language “Chairperson” and “Chairman” and requested that the language be revised.

Fritz McClure informed the Commission that Judith Wegner has spent extensive time going through the document and proposing changes to inconsistencies specific to language. He stressed that there will be a lot of proposed language changes, but no changes of substance.

Wendy Hudson requested that Chairman/Chairperson, etc. be referred to as “Chair” to remain gender neutral.

SBA Grant

Kristie Ferrantella provided the Commission with an overview, informing the Commission of the work that has been done on the local, state, and national level to support small businesses. The funding would assist local small businesses, the Town would be eligible for up to one million dollars in grant funding and up to 24 months of programming, it would be managed under the umbrella of the NP&EDC.

Fritz McClure moved to support the grant program and authorize Director Vorce to sign. The motion was duly seconded by Fritz McClure, and the motion carried unanimously.

Sconset Area Plan Review

Director Vorce gave an overview of the plan and the proposed upcoming process. He suggested that a public hearing be scheduled to review the plan for the August meeting, that the Commission provide any comments, in writing, in advance of the meeting, so that a final area plan can be voted on at the August meeting.

Review Town Area Plan Requests for Appointment:

Director Vorce provided an overview and explained to the Commission that the Town Association would review the requests for the at-large positions and select one or two of the candidates, with a total of either 7, 9, or 11 members. Additionally, a member of the Commission should partake in the Area Plan Workgroup.

Mary Longacre suggested that workgroup consist of 11 members.

Director Vorce confirmed that the Town Area Plan will follow the limit of the ROH/R-1, and Cliff Road is not included.

Discussion RE: Goals for FY2022:

- Build out analysis
- Transportation Planner – interview candidate
- Census data to determine housing goals
- Housing Production Plan has been approved by the Planning Board, which sets future housing policy
- Open Space Plan in draft form to be reviewed at a future meeting
- Many elements of the Master Plan upcoming
- Article for the April 2023 Town Meeting for the Master Plan to be approved by the voters, although the statute states that only the Planning Board must vote and approve. Historically there has always been the added step to have the voters approve the plan at Annual Town Meeting.
- Fritz McClure M-Coastal Resiliency will have a role in the plan
- Nat Lowell -9 elements of the plan
- Director Vorce-infrastructure and Capital Planning requests will come out of the Coastal Resiliency Plan, which will need to be phased and targeted.
- Judith Wegner- requests a follow up with the Select Board on STRs. Director Vorce stated that staff in process of researching what other communities have done. At some point, there will need to be a public hearing regarding this issue specifically either individually or jointly with the Select Board. He also clarified that STR's are still allowed in Lynnfield through ZBA approval.
- Build-out analysis concept

Hillary Rayport-public comment – with how difficult it is to hire staff perhaps you could consider an off-island planning lab where people can visit the island weekly and expand on ideas through technology and communication; also consider supporting the HDC through standards for modular homes, form-based zoning, establishing inclusionary zoning, coordinate with the Select Board on paid parking and introduce a definition of STRs

Other Committee Reports:

None

Other Business:

None

Adjournment:

Judith Wegner moved to adjourn the July 19, 2021, NP&EDC meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Maureen Phillips and the motion carried **UNINAMOUSLY**.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Minutes submitted by:
Megan Trudel