

APPROVED Minutes **adopted 1/24/22**
NP&EDC Meeting
Monday, September 20, 2021, 5:00pm
Remote Participation via Zoom Webinar

A video recording of the meeting may be view using the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6v5iqAov8Ro>

Call to Order:

Chairman Lowell called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

Establishment of Quorum:

In attendance:

Commission:

Chairman Nat Lowell
Wendy Hudson
Fritz McClure
Kristie Ferrantella
Mary Longacre
David Iverson
Bertyl Johnson (joined at 5:12pm)
John Trudel (joined at 5:15pm)
Jack Gardner (joined at 5:27pm)

Staff:

Andrew Vorce
Leslie Snell
Megan Trudel
Lauren Sinatra
Holly Backus
Derek Shooster (MassDOT)

Not in attendance:

Judith Wegner
Maureen Phillips

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval of the Minutes:

June 21, 2021

Mary Longacre abstained from the vote of the June 21, 2021 minutes

There was not a quorum to vote on the June 21, 2021 minutes

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

July 19, 2021

Mary Longacre moved to continue the July 19, 2021 minutes. The motion was duly seconded by Kristie Ferrentella and the motion carried **UNANIMOUSLY**.

Public Comment:

Hillary Rayport- commented on the draft minutes from July 19, 2021 and requested that the word “outsourcing” be replaced with “planning lab” under her portion of “Public Comment”.

Action/Discussion Items:

Energy Office Update:

Lauren Sinatra, the Town’s Energy coordinator provided the Commission with an Energy update. Nantucket has now been designated as a Green Community, an important designation that now makes the Town eligible for additional grant funding.

Ms. Sinatra also provided an update on the Wannacommet Solar Field project, that is still currently moving through the DEP permitting process.

Finally, Ms. Sinatra updated the Commission on the municipal aggregation price reduction for those participating in Power Choice.

Public Hearing-Sconset Area Plan:

Director Vorce provided the Commission with an update on the proposed Area Plan and the public comments received during the comment period. He also clarified the intent of a secondary access in the Cannonbury Lane subdivision.

Clement Durkes and Lynn Filipski discussed the public concerns surrounding traffic in the Morey Lane area and traffic along the Bluff Walk area and provided the Commission with several other key points of the area plan (full copy of the plan included with the September 20, 2021 packet).

Bertyl Johnson moved to close the public hearing. The motion was duly seconded by Fritz McClure and the motion carried **UNANIMOUSLY**.

Bertyl Johnson moved to approve the Sconset Area Plan. The motion was duly seconded by Jack Gardner and the motion carried **UNANIMOUSLY**.

Acceptance of Town Area Plan Appointments:

Director Vorce provided the Commission with an overview of the appointments, explaining that a proposed list is included in the packet and that there should be a member of the Commission also included. Additionally, he suggested that nine members was a sufficient number of committee members.

The Commission discussed that Mary Longacre be the Commissioner on the Town Area Plan committee.

Bertyl Johnson moved to nominate Mary Longacre. The motion was duly seconded by Jack Gardner and the motion carried **UNANIMOUSLY**.

Kristie Ferrentella left the meeting (6:00pm)

Fritz McClure moved to approve the eight other Town Area Plan appointments as proposed. The motion was duly seconded by Bertyl Johnson and the motion carried **UNANIMOUSLY**.

Discussion-Proposed TIP Amendment – Steamship Authority, capital project for new vehicle transfer bridges and gallows:

Director Vorce and Derek Shooster provided the Commission with an overview of the proposal and the process to amend the TIP. The request will be presented in more detail from a Steamship representative at a future meeting.

Discussion- “Carrying Capacity” Concept:

Holly Backus provided to the Commission efforts currently underway with the Army Corp of Engineers and Martha’s Vineyard to move forward with a study.

Director Vorce explained some of the key operational and structural differences between Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket.

Bertyl Johnson left the meeting (6:23pm)

Ben Robinson, from Martha’s Vineyard also spoke about some of the differences and similarities between the two islands. He also mentioned the possible benefits of a federal study resulting in the potential for federal funding.

Discussion- Census (report included with packet):

Derek Shooster discussed an ongoing study by the UMass Donohue Institute on population and census data.

Mary Longacre asked about the 2030 and 2040 projections and why they were lower than the current population numbers. Mr. Shooster said that he would follow up with UMass Donohue.

Director Vorce stated that the projections still need to be updated to reflect the 2020 census data. Chairman Lowell spoke favorably of a build-out analysis and the informational benefits it will provide to the community.

Discussion- meeting time moving forward:

The Commission discussed a 5pm vs. 6pm meeting time.

The general consensus was to have a 5pm meeting time for the duration of Zoom and re-evaluate when there is a return to in-person meetings.

Other Committee Reports:

Chairman Lowell discussed the land use component of changes to the school campus layout.

CRAC

Mary Longacre noted that the image included in the packet was a draft. Director Vorce asked for clarification as to whether Boards should comment or just members of the public.

Mary Longacre stated that the comments are not for the plan itself, it’s for general comments, as the plan has not yet been released for a public hearing.

Director Vorce stated that he anticipates that there will be comments from the NP&EDC.

Nantucket Affordable Housing Trust

Dave Iverson stated projects are moving forward, will share more detailed update at a future meeting.

Capital Program Committee

(no update)

Adjournment:

Fritz McClure moved to adjourn the September 20, 2021, NP&EDC meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Mary Longacre and the motion carried **UNINAMOUSLY**.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Minutes submitted by:
Megan Trudel