

MADAKET AREA PLAN WORKGROUP

MINUTES: October 13, 2023

Approved December 8, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Bruce Mandel called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM

ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

Attendees: Leslie Forbes, Peter Haffenreffer, David Madigan, Bruce Mandel, Michael Maynard, Lars Soderberg, Kitty Pochman, Joseph Topham: NPEDC representative, Tom Erichsen joined at 4:11 PM

Absent: Collier, Molden, Slattery

Tech Support for Zoom: Bill Grieder

CHAIR MANDEL READ REQUIRED NOTICES FOR A PUBLIC MEETING

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Chair Mandel asked to take the Agenda out of order. L Forbes moved to allow it, M Maynard seconded, motion approved unanimously.

Chair Mandel asked Mr Topham to clarify if he is an Ad Hoc member with voting rights. Mr Topham said he is a voting member of the Workgroup.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of September 12, 2023 Meeting : M Maynard moved that Minutes be approved as submitted. J Topham, seconded, Motion approved

PUBLIC COMMENT: No members of the public present. No comment.

OFFICERS: Chair Mandel pointed out that at the 9/12/23 meeting, the Workgroup accepted him as Co-chair, with no other positions filled. Chair Mandel has been advised that most Workgroups have Presidents, Vice Presidents, Clerks. Is that acceptable to the Workgroup and the NPEDC? Members, including Topham as an NPEDC rep, said it is acceptable. No motion or vote needed.

COMPOSITION AND MAKE UP OF MAP WG

Nothing in guidelines require a specific number of members. Current NPEDC approved membership, even with recent resignations, is a thorough representation of Madaket citizens-owners, renters, seasonal, year 'round, commercial, conservation-as required by earlier guidance from A Vorce.

Motion to keep Workgroup at 12 members: by L Forbes, Seconded by L Soderberg, vote: 8 yes, 1 abstention (Topham). Motion approved.

Discussion around a request to ask Conservation Associations to send alternative representative should member be unable to attend. Group unanimously approved this protocol. No need for motion/vote.

DRAFT AREA PLAN GUIDELINES

Request to NPEDC to clarify Membership Requirements. While they may be clear to the authors, they are unclear to this WG.

- While MAP WG understands that the draft Area Plan guidelines requires NPEDC to advertise open positions in the Inky, and that the MAP WG would be consulted on candidates, the MAP WG asks that a requirement be included in the written guidelines that candidates have a particular and vested interest in Madaket such as property

ownership, renter, non-profit with significant land holdings. The WG states that it is acceptable for “volunteer opportunities” to require certain qualifications. This would apply to other Area Workgroups as well.

- Clarity is requested on what kind of position is at issue in this membership requirement: *“NPEDC may opt to NOT select individuals who are already serving in leadership positions”*...JTopham mentioned Police Chief, DPW Director. This guideline needs better explanation/wording.
- Clarity is requested on NPEDC guideline: *“WG shall not appoint members of professional organizations that are NOT directly government-related”* Currently, MAP WG has Directors of conservation organizations as voting members. WG feels this is essential, as the organizations have large land holdings in Madaket affecting “Open Space and Recreation,” a chapter section. This is not just a Madaket issue. Other parts of the Island have tracts of conservation property within their boundary. J Topham said he would take these issues to Barry Rector.

Members re-iterated a request by both the WG and NPEDC for 3 MAP-WG members and 2-3 NPEDC members to have a “chat” so we are working from the same page. LForbes, MMaynard, Chair Mandel had offered some dates, and are awaiting a reply. JTopham said he would help with scheduling.

COMMENTS ON DRAFT AREA GUIDELINES

Leslie Snell asked for our Workgroup to submit comments on the draft area guidelines for the October 23, 2023 NPEDC Meeting. WG members have submitted comments, and Chair Mandel has compiled and transcribed them into the DRAFT AREA GUIDELINES. WG feels that the NPEDC must ask all other areas specifically and directly for their comments. A meeting notice is insufficient.

Motion to authorize Chair Mandel to send Draft Area Plan Guidelines with MAP WG embedded comments to Leslie Snell. Moved by M Maynard, seconded by L Soderberg, Approved Unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF AREA PLAN CHAPTERS AND ASSIGNMENTS:

Area Plans have 9 chapters and set boundaries, as described in State Law, Chapter 41-81D. During the MAP-WG first meetings, members volunteered to work on specific chapters, a mission statement and inclusion of elements envisioned for Building With Madaket In Mind as a guide for HDC review of Applications in Madaket. Chair Mandel will reach out to members to re-confirm their assignment.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- Chair Mandel stated that he had canceled 10/23 and 11/20 dates that conflicted with NPEDC.
- Chair Mandel stated that a standard meeting schedule had been accepted when MAP WG first met.
- All meetings going forward will be the 2nd Friday of every month, from 4:00 – 5:30 PM.
- Meeting times have been reserved for Zoom scheduling into 2024.

DIFFICULT LOGISTICS of ZOOM CHANNEL

- Unlike the NPEDC, the MAP WG does not have a Town Employee supporting its meeting logistics.

- Bill Grieder is our dedicated tech volunteer. Each meeting requires at least 2 hours (when all goes well) of PRE-WORK to re-engage his “credentials” for creating the Zoom call. If the glitch happens after 4 PM, there is no official help. NCTV is not authorized to provide the credentials for Bill.

J Topham said he will speak with Danny in IT for the Town to sort this out.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by MMaynard, seconded by KPochman, to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 PM

Submitted by Leslie Forbes