

Nantucket Historical Commission

March 15, 2024 Meeting
10AM
131 Pleasant Street, Nantucket

Attendees:

Holly Backus
George Butterworth
Rita Carr
Clement Durkes
Abby De Molina

Mickey Rowland – online
Angus MacLeod – online
Tom Montgomery – online
Mike Burns, Transportation Manager – online
Mike Andrews, US Coast Guard – online
Chelsea Hudok, US Coast Guard – online

Agenda

- Roll call at 10AM *Rita, Clement, George, and Abby are commissioners in the room, Holly is staff in the room at 131 Pleasant Street. Commissioners online are Angus and Mickey with guests Mike Andrews and Chelsea Hudok from the US Coast Guard and Mike Burns, the Town Transportation manager.*
- Public Comment
- *Motion by Rita to move the Section 106 review of Milestone after the Section 106 review by the Coast Guard, seconded by Clement. Rita – aye, Clement – aye, George – aye, Abby – aye, Angus – aye, and Mickey – aye.*
- Staff Update
 - National Alliance of Preservation Commissions presentation to Select Board – *The NAPC will fulfill the initial scope and continue to interview all of those included in the scope including the Chair of this commission*
 - Coastal Zone Management-Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources Coastal Cultural Resources Vulnerability Assessment – *Discovery of the **Warren Sawyer** – David Robinson confirmed it and his organization wants to submit a grant to NOAA/CZM – assessing the vulnerability of the coastal historical resources. Holly has been nominated to the board and will a part of the ongoing group. Will get a copy of the report and include on the website if possible*
- Section 106 Review – United States Coast Guard Project No. 15701843 – Replace Marine Fueling System, Station Brant Point. *Mike Andrews presented on updating the fueling system – no need to provide gasoline fueling as boats are not utilizing gasoline. Will remove gasoline tank and pipe and upgrade diesel tank.*
 - *Tom Montgomery joined electronically at 10:13AM*
 - *Question by Mickey of how visible the new pipe will be – discussion on the fencing and color (black). 3 feet tall – ensuring it is safe from flooding and adheres to resiliency design guidelines. Staff recommendation is that it will not adversely affect the historic district. Question if it will go to HDC and the answer is no since it is federal property and a lifetime replacement. Question on the guardrail – on parking lot side to protect it from vehicles. It will be wooden. Will confirm it will be on the short-side. Note there will be a temporary tank while they are completing the construction. Question by Holly if this has been*

communication to USCG Station Brant Point and the Harbormaster. Affirmative on the USCG Station and will confirm they will reach out to Harbormaster Sheila Lucey.

- *Motion by Rita to write a letter of support of finding, seconded by Tom, Rita – aye, Tom – aye, Mickey – aye, Clement – aye, George – aye, Angus – aye.*
- *Section 106 Letter sent re: Milestone/Polpis Intersection Mike Burns addressed the letter sent by the NHC and will discuss design changes to seek support of the NHC.*
 - *Turning lane for Polpis – shortened by 150 feet*
 - *Milestone – striping was drastically reduced – similar to design at Naushop Road.*
 - *Island size was reduced and basin – special seed mix for regrowth.*
 - *Signage – smallest signage possible is being used*
 - *Left-hand turning lane on Milestone – cannot be removed due to safety reasons. Note it includes minimalist markings.*
 - *Question from Clement on the bike path. Path is 10 feet is the standard but get pressed to use 14 feet for multimodal paths. Usually, to go down to 8 feet you can do so with buildings or wetlands. Sidewalk is next size down but only 5 feet. Question on original Southside bike path width: was 6 feet now is 8 feet wide and 10 feet approaching intersections. Question on seed mix: if it can be used also on North side but plan is to put grass but possibly daffodils as well. Note from Holly of appreciation on limits of disturbance to be reduced so overall less impacts. Question on what is in the seed mix – Mike Burns said there is a standard and he will need to get details on the seed mix. Will not be mowed and just grow back naturally. Thought is that on previous projects there has been consultation with the Land Bank and/or Land and Water Council. Question on length of lanes of on Polpis but it will hold edge of pavement. May include shoulder. Question to commission on how they feel on turning lanes and consensus is we should support this updated design, even with turning lanes for safety reasons. Rotary has no curbing on the edges, only on the island is there granite curbing. Question on crosswalk material – concrete ramp and detectable warning panels. Color of brick red preferred – will verify GPI and MassDOT. Will verify with GPI what they use and confirm with Public Works Director on the seed mix. Motion by Rita, pending confirmation on Mike on seed mix and they use brick red detectable warning panels, that we write a letter in support of the updated design, seconded by Abby. Rita – aye, Abby – aye, Mickey – aye, Tom – aye, Clement – aye, George – aye, Angus – aye. Timeline is mid-June bid date.*
- *Historic Tax Credits Letter of Support, 89 Easton Street (resubmittal) Are asking for the same letter with updated dates so they can apply for next round. Motion by Tom to write an updated letter, second by Mickey. Tom – aye, Mickey – aye, George – aye, Clement – aye, Abby – aye, Rita – aye, Angus – aye.*
- *Ongoing survey work*
 - *Update on FY22 surveys with Public Archaeology Lab Waiting to hear from PAL to send the final swath of fish lots. They are short-staffed but have until Sep 2024.*
 - *FY23 Still pending – hope to have something for next meeting.*
- *Video for solar guidelines, partnering with Historic District Commission HDC has given support. Would be done in-house with Florencia and her team. Rita and Abby volunteered as well as Clement and Angus. Mickey mentioned Val Olliver is someone*

we should reach out to right away. Could be a good way to build on BWNIM such as dormers and glazing. Holly will coordinate the first meeting.

- Commission Goals
- Other Business

Meeting adjourned at 11:42AM Motion to adjourn by Tom, second by George. Tom – aye, Mickey – aye, George – aye, Clement – aye, Abby – aye, Angus – aye.