

Nantucket Water Commission
Minutes of Wednesday, October 5, 2022

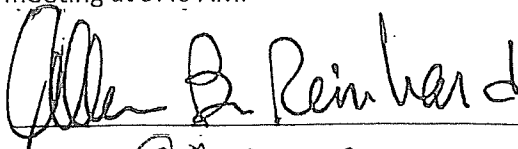
A meeting of the Nantucket Water Commission was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, in the conference room at the Wannacomet Water Company facilities at 1 Milestone Road, Nantucket, Massachusetts.

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Allen Reinhard, Curtis Barnes, Rob Benchley, and Nelson Eldridge and John Pearl were present. *Staff & Guests:* Mark Willett – Director and Linda Roberts – Project Coordinator. *Public:* Dennis Murphy Attorney for Nantucket Land Council, Emily Molden, Executive Director for the Nantucket Land Council and Evan Jones for the Monomoy Association.

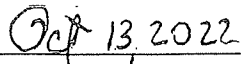
1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Commissioner Reinhard called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** Motion made to accept the agenda as presented by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge, and unanimously accepted.
3. **Public Comment:** Emily Molden Executive Director for the Nantucket Land Council thanked the commissioners for meeting and listen to her perspective and will interject as the discussion takes place.
4. **Solar Project:** Director Willett reviewed the intent and the history for the Wannacomet Water Company's solar project. He and others have looked to other sites exhausted all resources to find sufficient land to comply with the mitigation requirements. The State Forest was in favor and their property had sufficient acreage for the mitigation requirements. This option was brought before the Governor who would not pass it. Discussion included comments from Emily Molden, Executive Director for the Nantucket Land Council, who spoke to future pressures for the properties uses and Attorney Dennis Murphy who clarified their positions regarding article 97 and do not want to stop the project just want to be sure that any change in use for this property would not open the door for further change or other uses. Attorney Murphy said he represents guys like you in Barnstable and they have a different option of Article 97 and that he has seen other properties protected by Article 978 change. Evan Jones spoke for the Monomoy Association and reviewed the history of the Monomoy Association and their interactions and fear of previously proposed uses and felt the public was not aware of what the Commission does or discusses or they would be present. Director Willett presented the map of the One Milestone Road property with the circles of well head zones and clarified this could never be permitted as the State owns the water resources. Commissioners asked questions and made comment throughout. Chairman Reinhard went over the Commission's role, their mandate, posting public meeting notices, the regulations we adhere to and the millions of dollars that has been spent to protect and provide the drinking water resources and assist those who have been impacted by PFOS. Chairman Reinhard spoke to the importance of using our renewable resources to negate a third electric cable and the savings in electrical costs, the benefit to the public and was not willing to tie the hands of a future Commission. Discussion included sea levels rising and climate changes. In conclusion Attorney Murphy and Emily Molden will meet with Director Willett again work on a draft document the Commission could take another look at.
5. **Commissioner's Comments and Reserved for Unforeseen Items for Discussion not anticipated by the Chair.** The invitation for bids has been advertised for bill printing, landscaping, and supply and deliver of miscellaneous parts and supplied. Those bids will be due later this month. Chairman Reinhard complemented Director Willett on his consolidated capital program. Copies were distributed to the Commissioners. Capital projects and the budget will be discussed at next Thursday's meeting.

6. **Adjournment:** As there was no further business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner E, recessed the meeting at 9:40 AM.

Approved: _____

Allen B. Reinhard

Date: _____

Oct 13, 2022

Meeting packet included 10/5/22 Agenda