

TOWN AREA PLAN WORK GROUP
Meeting of May 2, 2023, at 4:00 pm by Zoom
FINAL AND APPROVED MINUTES

Attending: Mary Anne Easley, Marsha Fader, Alison King, Mary Longacre, Lee Saperstein, and Henry Terry.

Absent: Regen Horchow and Mickey Rowland.

Attendance was verified by a roll call; there was a quorum at all times. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed at the following address:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBKmd-ykF9A&list=PL49sKqpy7VAhF3WZ8xvh3sdHgJEvCabR6&index=23>

1. Call to Order.

Chair Henry Terry called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm. Mary Longacre reviewed the rules on remote-attendance meetings, which have been amended recently, and said also that this meeting would be recorded. Henry Terry called the roll, live, and confirmed the reported attendance.

2. Agenda Approval.

Henry Terry asked for approval of the agenda; Mary Anne Easley so moved, Mary Longacre seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

3. Minutes Approval.

Mary Anne Easley moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 21, 2023, which was seconded by Marsha Fader, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Public and Member Comments.

There were no members of the public present, hence no comments.

5. New Business.

Henry Terry referred to the revised map of Nantucket Open Space that he had sent to work group members; Mary Longacre projected it onto the shared screen. It now includes several new parks and spaces, which had been identified in the last meeting. It also includes the bike paths that enter into the Town Area. He said that, for some reason, a triangular portion of Mill Hill Park, which is identified as 39 Prospect Street, was left off this version of the map. It was agreed, since it is shown as owned by the Town, that it should be included on the map; Henry Terry said that it will be number 20 in the legend.

Discussion shifted quickly to other open spaces in the Town that are not owned by the Town or one of conservation groups, but are open to the public. Specifically, Mary Longacre asked about

the garden behind Hadwen House (The house and part of the garden is 96 Main Street and the rear part of the garden is 2 Pleasant Street), which is owned by the Nantucket Historical Association. By consensus, it was agreed to include it and to expand the identification of properties on the map to include “open and undeveloped,” “parks and landscaped lands,” and “private but open to the public.” The Hadwen House garden is in the last category. Henry Terry said that he would expand the legend to include ownership of each listed property.

Henry Terry read from the Master Plan Summary, which provides guidance of what is sought in each category. For “Open Space and Recreation,” it says,

“Open Space and Recreation: provides and inventory of recreational and resources and open space areas of the municipality, and policies and strategies for the management and protection of such resources and areas.” [LWS: a direct copy including misspelling of “an”]

Because this did not provide much guidance, it was decided to include any and all lands that could be considered open to the public for passive and active recreation.

Several other properties were discussed for their potential to be added to the map. The conclusion was that 86 Union Street, which is owned by the Land Bank and contains a small historic barn, should be added. Several public ways, including Stone Alley, “Snake Alley,” which is a walkway from Lily Street to Academy Hill, Wesco Place, which leads into the Lily Pond, along with two un-named ways from Lily Street to the Lily Pond, were deemed to be public ways and, therefore, not open spaces.

After this discussion, Henry Terry said that the work group needs to set a schedule for discussion of draft reports. There were offers for reports at the following meetings.

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| May 19. | Land Use, Mary Anne Easley.
Housing, Marsha Fader and Mickey Rowland.
Natural and Cultural Resources, Marsha Fader. |
| June 6. | Economic Development. Alison King and Mary Longacre.
Circulation. Mary Longacre and Lee Saperstein. |

Lee Saperstein suggested that as soon as a draft is ready, it should be sent to Henry Terry who can include it in the agenda packet for each of these meetings. Marsha Fader said that there was a lot of information in the survey results and wondered how best to incorporate it into the drafts. Because the word clouds associated with several of the responses were helpful, it was asked if they could be generated for the other questions. Alison King replied that if one did an internet search on “Free Word Cloud Generator” a number of web sites would pop up. Lee Saperstein suggested that any good idea, if offered only by one respondent or by many, should be included in the draft.

6. Old Business.

There was none.

7. Adjourn.

With no other business, Marsha Fader moved and Mary Longacre seconded a move to adjourn. It passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 4:41 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is Friday, May 19, 2023, at 4:00 pm. This meeting will be by Zoom.

For reference: Subcommittee composition.

2. Land Use: Liz Almodobar and Mary Anne Easley	02/19/2022
3. Housing: Marsha Fader and Mickey Rowland	12/07/2021
4. Economic Development: Alison King and Mary Longacre	05/20/2021
5. Natural and Cultural Resources: Liz Almodobar and Marsha Fader	12/07/2021
6. Open Space and Recreation Plan: Mary Anne Easley and Henry Terry	03/17/2023
7. Services and Facilities: Regen Horchow and Mickey Rowland	12/07/2021
8. Circulation; Mary Longacre and Lee Saperstein	07/05/2021

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TAP Open Space and Recreation

The Open Space and Recreation element provides an inventory of recreational resources and open space areas of the municipality and policies and strategies for the management and protection of such resources and areas.

The Town Area Plan supports the continued maintenance and upkeep of these areas:

1. Coffin Park, 48 Cliff Rd., TON
2. Elinor Ham Pony Field, 10 Mill St., NHA
3. Fields, 10 Grove Ln., 25 New Ln., NILB
4. Fields, 1 North Mill St., NILB
5. Fields, 14 Candle House Ln., NILB
6. Goose Pond (Consue Springs), 84 Union St., NILB
7. Jared Coffin House Park, 50 Center St., NIR
8. Lily Pond, 8 Wesco place, NILB
9. Mill, 50 Prospect St., 39 York Ln., NHA
10. Mill Hill Park, 47 Prospect St., TON
11. Oldest House, 16 & 22 Sunset Hill Ln., NHA
12. Pocket Park, 4 India St., NIR
13. Pocket Park, 0 Fair St, NILB
14. Pocket Park, 106 Main St., NILB
15. Pocket Park, 50 Union St., NILB
16. Pocket Park, 90 Union St., NILB
17. Dead Horse Valley, 29 Vesper Ln. & N Mill St., TON
18. 9 Vesper Ln., NILB
19. 37 Prospect St., TON
20. 39 Prospect St., TON
21. 86 Union St., NILB



