SELECT BOARD

Minutes of Meeting of October 27, 2021. The meeting took place via remote participation using Zoom Webinar. Members of the Board present were Jason Bridges, Matt Fee, Kristie Ferrantella, and Dawn Holdgate. Melissa Murphy was absent.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bridges called the meeting to order at 5:39 PM, following a meeting of the County Commissioners. He read a prepared statement as to how the meeting would be conducted via remote participation and the ground rules for any discussion and called roll for those present.

II. SELECT BOARD ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as posted.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson reviewed the announcements as follows and/or as indicated below:

1. The Select Board Meeting is Being Audio/Video Recorded.

2. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) on Nantucket: Request for Proclamation of "Nantucket Red Ribbon Week" October 23-31, 2021. Sue Mynttinen of NAMI spoke on and read the proclamation. Ms. Ferrantella moved approval of the proclamation; seconded by Ms. Holdgate. So voted by roll call vote: Chair Bridges – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Ferrantella – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes.

3. COVID Vaccine Clinic: 131 Pleasant Street Trailer, Sundays from 12:00 to 3:00 PM. See https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/2028/COVID-Vaccine for Full Schedule.

4. May 2, 2022 Annual Town Meeting:

- Warrant Open for Citizen Warrant Article Submittals through 4:00 PM on November 15, 2021. Ms. Gibson reminded people that the signatures of at least 10 registered voters are required for citizen warrant article submittals.

5. Department of Public Works: Take-it Or Leave-it Facility Opening Information. Ms. Gibson introduced Recycling Coordinator Graeme Durovich to review expectations for the re-opening of the facility which is expected to open, currently, on November 10. Ms. Durovich explained that due to the size of the facility and staffing limitations, items for drop-off will need to meet certain criteria, including approval by the attendants. Some items may be rejected, and hours will be limited. She reviewed items that will not be accepted. She reviewed the reasons for increased limitations, including staffing resources and facility capacity. She noted there is a need for patience and civil behavior and that continued open operation of the facility requires these rules to be followed. She reviewed future conceptual improvements for the facility, which require planning and funding. Chair Bridges thanked Ms. Durovich and reiterated that continued open operation of the facility is dependent upon citizen compliance.

Ms. Gibson provided two other announcement items: she thanked the Public Works and Sewer Departments for coordinating quickly and effectively very early this morning to clean up a large tree on Centre Street at India Street that blew down in last night's storm; she commended the Information

Technology Department and Chief Technology Officer Karen McGonigle for their role in the Town receiving a Cyber Aware Community award for the Town's efforts with the state's Executive Office of Technology Services and Security's Cybersecurity Awareness Training Program, noting that Nantucket is one of 34 out of 351 cities and towns to have received this award through a virtual ceremony held yesterday. She said the award also results from Town employee participation in the training program, which is critical to maintaining the Town's IT systems integrity.

Operations Administrator Erika noted a late announcement from NCTV that it will not be able to air tonight's Board meeting on the Government TV channel due to weather conditions.

Chair Bridges thanked Brian Bushard, Inquirer & Mirror reporter who is leaving the island and this is his last meeting. He also recognized a recent significant birthday of Finance Director Brian Turbitt.

6. Select Board Announcements/Comments. No comments.

IV. FOLLOW-UP ON COMMENTS FROM PRIOR SELECT BOARD MEETINGS
There were no follow-up comments.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment.

VI. NEW BUSINESS
No new business.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, WARRANTS AND PENDING CONTRACTS
Ms. Holdgate moved approval of items VII-1 and 2; seconded by Ms. Ferrantella. So voted by roll call vote: Chair Bridges – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Ferrantella – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes.

1. Approval of Minutes of February 19, 2020 at 6:00 PM; October 20, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

2. Approval of Treasury Warrants for October 27, 2021.

3. Approval of Pending Contracts for October 27, 2021 - as Set Forth on the Spreadsheet Identified as Exhibit 1, Which Exhibit is Incorporated Herein by Reference. Mr. Fee moved approval of the pending contracts; seconded by Ms. Holdgate. So voted by roll call vote: Chair Bridges – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Ferrantella – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes.

VIII. CITIZEN/DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS/REPORTS
1. Resignation: Nantucket Affordable Housing Trust. Ms. Holdgate moved to accept the resignation of Allyson Mitchell, with thanks for her service and to follow the established process for the vacancy; seconded by Mr. Fee. So voted by roll call vote: Chair Bridges – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Ferrantella – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes.

2. Robert B. Our Co., Inc.: Request for Waiver of Town Noise Bylaw from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM, Sunday through Thursday Nights from November 15, 2021 to May 15, 2022 for Installation of Water Infrastructure

on Madequecham Valley Road as Part of Airport Waterline Project. Robert Lucchini representing the Airport reviewed the request on behalf of Robert B. Our Co., the representative for which could not be in attendance tonight due to the storm conditions. Chair Bridges asked why the work is being done at night. Mr. Lucchini said they could not guarantee that residents would be able to get to their houses during the day. Chair Bridges said he is not convinced of the need for night work. Some discussion followed on the request and the length of night work, in days. Mr. Lucchini said it would be approximately 44 days in total. Mr. Fee moved approval of the request as presented; seconded by Ms. Ferrantella. So voted by roll call vote: Chair Bridges – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Ferrantella – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes.

IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Preliminary Review of 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles. Ms. Gibson reviewed an outline of potential warrant articles for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting. She noted the automatic inclusion of annual warrant articles and reviewed the following potential articles for Board discussion and consideration. Chair Bridges said that public comment will not be entertained for this item at this point, since this is essentially only a preliminary review:

Zoning articles. Planning Director Andrew Vorce reviewed a list of potential zoning articles as contained in the Board's agenda packet.

Paid Parking. Ms. Gibson noted a non-binding citizen petition that was approved at the 2020 annual town meeting which requests that the Select Board seek approval of Town Meeting before implementing a paid parking system. Mr. Fee said the Board should have some discussion about this and proceed with paid parking, commenting that the Board already voted to proceed. Ms. Gibson clarified that the Board, in 2020, was prepared to proceed, held a public hearing and then voted not to proceed, at that time, due to COVID complications. She added that if the Board determines to proceed with or without a vote at town meeting, funding and resources are needed and asked if that is something the Board wants to include in the FY 2023 budget. Ms. Holdgate said that she does not support proceeding at this time, there are too many other priorities. Ms. Ferrantella said she supports putting an article before town meeting. Mr. Fee said he doesn't believe a town meeting vote is needed to proceed. He said he supports seeking funding in FY 2023 and supports establishing a parking commission. He said paid parking is tied to coastal resiliency because eventually there will be a loss of roads and different ways of getting around the island will need to be established. Some discussion followed as to whether the Board would put forward a warrant article as indicated by the vote on Article 66 of the 2020 annual town meeting. Chair Bridges commented on the need for resources and time commitment of dedicated staff to proceed. Mr. Fee said it shouldn't take much time to determine what is needed. Some discussion followed as to what is needed in a budget request. Discussion followed. Chair Bridges noted the need for staff resources to "own" this project. He said he would support those resources in the FY 2023 budget.

Rescind Chapter 46-4 of the Town Code. Ms. Gibson said this section of the Town Code requires a vote of Town Meeting to relocate Town offices out of "downtown". She said that at a Board workshop regarding a facilities master plan in August, at which the concept of a centralized and consolidated municipal office facility was discussed, the Board at that time indicated support to rescind this article and/or to seek the town meeting approval. Mr. Fee asked if the bylaw is binding. Town Counsel John Giorgio clarified this would typically be connected to an appropriation request which most likely would require a town meeting vote anyway. He added that the bylaw would not apply to land outside of downtown already owned by the Town.

Minor change to title of Article II of Chapter 127. Ms. Gibson said there is a staff suggestion to add the words “streets, bicycle paths or ways” to the title of Article II for clarity.

Amend Chapter 55 (Animals – Leash Law) of the Town Code so that dog leashes are not required at established dog parks. Town Counsel John Giorgio explained this was generated by a discussion with Land Bank staff in connection with the development, by the Land Bank, of a dedicated dog park.

Government Study “clean up” items. Ms. Gibson said that at the Board’s September 29, 2021 meeting when the Town Government Study Committee report was discussed, the report contained several recommendations for “clean up” items to the Town Code, most of which the Board at the time had indicated it would support with a warrant article. Attorney Giorgio explained that he has prepared a warrant article for this, based on the Board’s previous discussion.

Reconcile bylaw numbering references to member of Agricultural Commission. Ms. Gibson explained there are some numbering inconsistencies in the Agricultural Commission which need to be corrected.

Short-term rental regulations. Ms. Gibson said the Board had generally seemed to be wanting a discussion about this in advance of the 2022 annual town meeting. No action or further discussion followed.

Ms. Gibson reviewed a potential home rule petition relating to a potential land transfer involving the relocation of Sheep Pond Road, which needs additional internal work. She noted several potential Massachusetts General Law (MGL) acceptances, including the Municipal Water Infrastructure Investment Fund (WIIF); Community Impact Fee on short-term rentals and a new MGL relating to tax work-off abatement allowances for senior citizens and veterans. Attorney Giorgio provided an overview as to the Community Impact fees, including what they are intended to fund and what is required to adopt them. Mr. Fee said he would support phasing in a community impact fee for affordable housing and commented that the state wants to see use of the tools it has given to municipalities before it approves special legislation on additional real estate transfer fees.

Ms. Gibson reviewed several potential real estate articles as noted in the Outline in the Board’s packet.

Ms. Gibson reviewed potential ballot questions that would be associated with some of the warrant articles and/or motion contingencies likely with some capital or real estate items.

There were no further comments or action. Ms. Gibson noted that this item will be back on a Board agenda shortly.

2. Monthly Town Management Report. Ms. Gibson reviewed the report as contained within the Board’s agenda packet.

X. SELECT BOARD’S REPORTS/COMMENT

1. Committee Reports. Ms. Ferrantella commented on The Commission for the Status of Women listening session which took place on-island last weekend and said many of the topics brought up are similar to items in the Board’s Strategic Plan, noting the issues all were connected to the need for housing. Ms. Ferrantella thanked Real Estate Specialist Ken Beaugrand and Housing Director Tucker Holland for their testimony at a recent legislative hearing on a community housing bank for the Vineyard and Nantucket. Chair Bridges announced that a return to in person meetings will occur in mid-January. He said this is due

to the potential for a holiday spike in positive COVID cases, which could result in re-instatement of restrictions; the lack of desire of most meeting participants to wear masks during meetings; and, there is a lead time needed for getting everyone back in person, with the hybrid model and this takes significant logistical planning, with a scarcity of meeting locations and limited capacity of NCTV to tape more than one meeting at a time. Ms. Ferrantella added that this would be for all boards, committees and commissions. Ms. Mooney and Ms. Gibson further explained the complexity of the logistical issues. Ms. Mooney noted a prioritization will have to occur with available meeting space.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:02 PM, Ms. Holdgate moved adjournment; seconded by Mr. Fee. So voted by roll call vote: Chair Bridges – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Ferrantella – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes.

Approved the 3rd day of November 2021.

SELECT BOARD
OCTOBER 27, 2021 – 5:30 PM
REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM
NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS

List of documents used at the meeting:

- III. 2. NAMI on Nantucket - "Nantucket Red Ribbon Week" Proclamation
- VII. 1. Draft minutes of 2/19/2020; 10/20/2021
- VII. 3. Pending Contracts spreadsheet; Grant of License with NGrid for 3 Shadbush Rd and NGrid Easement Sketch for 3 Shadbush Rd; License Agreement with Nantucket Community Sailing for Polpis Harbor, Letter from Nantucket Community Sailing re: license renewal, Polpis Harbor map
- VIII. 1. Resignation letter from Allyson Mitchell from Affordable Housing Trust; Affordable Housing Trust membership list
- VIII. 2. Noise Bylaw waiver request from Robert B. Our
- IX. 1. Preliminary Outline #1 for 2022 ATM Warrant
- IX. 2. Monthly Town Management Report