

SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting of December 13, 2023. The hybrid meeting took place in person at the Public Safety Facility Community Room at 4 Fairgrounds Road; and, via remote participation using Zoom Webinar. Members of the Board present were Dawn Holdgate, Thomas Dixon, Matt Fee and Dr. Malcolm MacNab. Brooke Mohr joined remotely.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Holdgate called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. SELECT BOARD ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as posted.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson read the announcements.

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

2. Finance Committee Public Hearing on 2024 Citizen Warrant Articles: Thursday, December 14, 2023, 4:00 PM by Remote Participation via Zoom.

Ms. Gibson asked Operations Administrator Erika Mooney for an additional announcement regarding the sewer force main project. Ms. Mooney said that beginning on Monday, December 18th, Atlantic Avenue will be closed 24 x 7 into the new year.

Communications Manager Florencia Rullo reviewed the outreach about the sewer project street closures and said the information is on the Town's social media platforms. She announced that the Town is now offering telephone-based translation services and explained how it works, noting that it is for Town employees to assist non-English speakers. Ms. Mohr asked how Town employees will be notified. Ms. Rullo explained and reviewed the outreach for this new program. Ms. Mohr thanked Ms. Rullo for her work to engage the service.

3. Select Board Announcements/Comments. There were no comments.

IV. FOLLOW-UP ON COMMENTS FROM PRIOR SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

There were no follow-up comments.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, WARRANTS AND PENDING CONTRACTS

There were no Pending Contracts.

Mr. Fee moved approval of items VII 1 – 3; seconded by Dr. MacNab; by roll call vote: Chair Holdgate – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

1. Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2023 at 5:30 PM; December 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

2. Approval of Payroll Warrants for December 10, 2023.

3. Approval of Treasury Warrants for December 13, 2023.

VIII. CITIZEN/DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REQUESTS/REPORTS

1. Public Health: Short-term Rental Registration Platform Update. Public Health Director Roberto Santamaria gave an update on progress the new contractor has made on the short-term rental registration platform. He reviewed the timeline, next steps and expectations, as found in the Board's agenda packet. Rebek Duhaime asked about the deadline for registrations once the program is live. Mr. Santamaria said that it will be November 1, 2024. He added that the first year will be a "data collection" year and that the deadline will be November 1, 2024 for enforcement.

IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. FY 2025 General Fund Budget Presentation. Ms. Gibson and Finance Director Brian Turbitt reviewed the FY 2025 General Fund budget presentation as contained in the Board's agenda packet. Mr. Fee commented on project management and questioned if a centralized "stronger" position is needed to manage the large number of projects in the various plans of the Town. Mr. Fee noted that approximately half of the proposed new personnel expenses include staffing and overtime for the Fire Department. Mr. Turbitt confirmed. Dr. MacNab inquired about a budget request for firefighter cancer screening. Some discussion followed. Ms. Gibson noted the request is subject to collective bargaining. Ms. Mohr concurred. Chair Holdgate said she was not aware of the details of such a proposal. Ms. Mohr said that procedurally, this is an undefined program. Mr. Fee said the costs should be fully explored. Dr. MacNab urged the Board to fund a cancer screening program for firefighters. Discussion followed as to unanswered questions as to the parameters, costs, insurance coverage, types of screening and results that need to be addressed through collective bargaining for such a program. Fire Chief Michael Cranson spoke on the collective bargaining process and noted discussions have commenced on this with the union. Dr. MacNab suggested that a progress report be provided to the Board. Mr. Fee noted that sometimes proposals appear simple but are not. Mr. Fee asked about the Free Cash allocation recommendations. Mr. Turbitt responded. Mr. Fee commented that betterments should be implemented wherever possible. He added that most likely the Town will have to fund its coastal resiliency projects itself. He said that the NRTA costs could be paid for through a paid parking program. Ms. Gibson thanked the Town department heads for their assistance with the budget development, with specific acknowledgement to the Finance Director, Assistant Finance Director Susan Carmel, Assistant Accountant Mariya Basheva and Assistant Town Managers Gregg Tivnan and Rick Sears for their work, noting that preparation of the budget takes a significant amount of time and effort. Mr. Fee, Chair Holdgate and Mr. Dixon expressed thanks to Town Administration for their efforts.

2. Continued Preliminary Review of Town-Sponsored Warrant Articles for 2024 Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Gibson reviewed an updated outline of potential warrant articles, noting that Attorney Brian Riley of Town Counsel's office has been reviewing the rental car bylaw and has a potential recommendation for the Board. Mr. Riley spoke on an opinion he provided at last week's meeting and elaborated on a potential recommendation to amend the bylaw. He said he has been in contact with the Attorney General's office on this. He said that he was contacted by the government relations manager of Turo this week and will be meeting that individual as well as the Airport's Counsel, who recently issued a cease-and-desist order to Turo. Mr. Fee commented that rental cars are a problem and should be controlled and regulated. Rebecca

McCrensky spoke on a business she and her husband have established to rent cars. She disagreed with Mr. Fee that rental cars are a cause of traffic problems.

X. SELECT BOARD'S REPORTS/COMMENT

1. Committee Reports. Ms. Mohr reported on a "PFAS Summit" arranged by Town Administration with several Town department heads, staff, consultants and the landfill operator. She noted this was the second such summit in a year and covered a significant amount of information. She thanked everyone involved. She reminded the Board and community that Nantucket is "ahead of the curve" on this topic. Chair Holdgate reported on meetings held yesterday in connection with the Our Island Home project and said project planning is progressing.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fee moved adjournment at 6:49 PM; seconded by Dr. MacNab; by roll call vote: Chair Holdgate – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

Approved the 20th day of December 2023.

**SELECT BOARD
DECEMBER 13, 2023 – 5:30 PM
PSF COMMUNITY ROOM, 4 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
AND REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM WEBINAR
NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS**

List of documents used at the meeting:

- VII. 1. Draft minutes of 12/6/2023; Draft minutes of 12/7/2023 open session
- VIII. 1. Short-term Rental Registration platform update
- IX. 1. FY 2025 General Fund Budget Recommendations; FY 2025 Town Manager's Budget Message
- IX. 2. Outline #6 for 2024 ATM Warrant