SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting of February 14, 2024. 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, Matt Fee, Dr. Malcolm MacNab and Brooke Mohr. Tom Dixon participated 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

Chair Holdgate announced there will be one New Business item. The agenda was otherwise accepted.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson reviewed the following announcements:

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

2. Town Offices will be Closed Monday, February 19, 2024 in Observance of Presidents' Day.

3. Select Board Joint Hybrid Meeting with Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission to be Held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Room A of Meeting Trailer at 131 Pleasant Street; Register to Attend Remotely at
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rsn4ZWASSFGm5NUYwnldqw

4. Select Board Announcements/Comments. Ms. Mohr noted that she met today with the sponsors of the short-term rental articles which are on the 2024 annual town meeting warrant, as discussed by the Board at its meeting last week, and that she believes an agreement has been reached and will report out on this to the Board at the February 21st meeting.

Mr. Fee commented on an article in the New York Times today relating to the "shrinking" of the East Coast due to ground water rise.

Mr. Fee apologized for a comment he made a couple of weeks ago regarding Select Board pay, noting he is in favor and did not mean for his comment to come across negatively.

Chair Holdgate commented that public officials, whether elected or appointed, have a Code of Conduct that they should adhere to and hopes that a higher level of decorum can be reached in the press and on social media.

Tom Dixon commended the Fire Department for compassion shown during a recent incident regarding a family pet.

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

There were no follow-up comments.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT
Meghan Perry asked about a Select Board request for parties to consider mediation regarding Surfside Crossing.

Ms. Perry asked if the Select Board would convene a joint meeting with the Airport Commission and the Board of Health regarding PFAS at the Airport.

Ms. Perry questioned recent earth removal activity at the Surfside Crossing site.

Ms. Perry complimented the Town's use of a Code of Conduct for public officials.

Diane Cabral commented on the earth removal activity at the Surfside Crossing site.

Campbell Sutton commented on Code of Conduct for public officials.

Ms. Sutton commended the Department of Public Works for a nice job with snow removal after yesterday's storm.

VI. NEW BUSINESS
Coastal Resilience Coordinator Leah Hill reviewed a proposed letter of support (attached) from the Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee (CRAC) for the Conservation Commission's (ConCom) proposed amendments to its Wetland Regulations regarding buffer zone changes, that it wishes to submit to the ConCom before the ConCom's public hearing on the proposed amendments, tomorrow. Mr. Fee spoke in favor of supporting the letter and so moved; seconded by Dr. MacNab. Ms. Hill clarified a technical change regarding the exact wording with respect to the specifics of the proposed amendments. Ms. Mohr questioned the proposed changes, noting that this letter arrived to the Board late today and she has not had a chance to fully understand what is being proposed. Chair Holdgate concurred. Some discussion followed. Mr. Fee and Dr. MacNab expressed support for the amendments. Chair Holdgate said she favors allowing CRAC to send forward its opinion. Ms. Mohr agreed and said she hopes ConCom will give the community a little more time to absorb and understand what is being proposed. On the motion to allow CRAC to send the proposed letter: by roll call vote: Chair Holdgate – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr - Yes; so voted.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, WARRANTS
Ms. Mohr moved approval of items VII-1 - 2; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Chair Holdgate – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr - Yes; so voted.

1. Approval of Minutes of February 7, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

2. Approval of Treasury Warrants for February 14, 2024.

VIII. CITIZEN/DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REQUESTS/REPORTS
1. Town Clerk: Request for Approval of Election Warrant for March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary. Mr. Fee moved to approve the election warrant for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary, as presented; seconded by Dr. MacNab; by roll call vote: Chair Holdgate – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr - Yes; so voted.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1.Nantucket Sewer Commission: Public Hearing to Consider Amendments to Nantucket Town and Siasconset Sewer Districts Pursuant to Section 10 of the Nantucket Sewer Act Regarding Articles 66, 70 and 71 of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting. Chair Holdgate opened the hearing. Sewer Director David Gray reviewed the assessment considerations of a small staff group consisting of him, Health Director Roberto Santamaria and Planning Director Leslie Snell. He said they are recommending positive motions on Articles 66 and 71, noting that the parcel in Article 70 is already included in the Town-sponsored Article 66, so Article 70 is not actually needed. A map was shown on screen of the subject lots. Mr. Fee asked about sewering in the Sconset area, noting that conditions in where the particular lots are located do not require sewer. Mr. Gray responded and indicated that at some point, sewer will be available in the area because of the Baxter Road alternative access project. Mr. Fee commented on long-term planning with sewer extensions in areas at risk for coastal vulnerability. Mr. Gray reviewed the specifics of Articles 70 and 71. Some discussion followed. Mr. Fee asked about a checklist historically used for the assessment of sewer district expansion requests. Mr. Fee said he supports Article 66 and has concerns about Article 71 due to what he views as a lack of analysis as to benefits from sewering the subject lots. Dr. MacNab said the lots are in a Needs Area and met the criteria and said he supports a positive motion for Article 71. Mr. Fee asked if the lots were not adjacent, would they still have been proposed. Mr. Gray said "yes". Chair Holdgate concurred with Dr. MacNab. Mr. Fee commented further about better understanding the impact of other sources of runoff into the harbor.

There being no public comment, Ms. Mohr moved to close the hearing; seconded by Dr. MacNab; by roll call vote: Chair Holdgate – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr - Yes; so voted.

Ms. Mohr moved that Articles 66 and 71 move to town meeting with positive motions, that will require a majority vote (rather than a two-thirds vote) at Town Meeting and Article 70 receive a negative motion or no action because the parcels are included in Article 66; seconded by Dr. MacNab; by roll call vote: Chair Holdgate – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr - Yes; so voted. Some discussion followed about lot-by-lot expansion vs. a more comprehensive expansion. Dr. MacNab pointed out that compared to the way these requests were evaluated some time ago, the staff review is much improved.

X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Communications Division: Request for Policy Guidance on Translation of Public Documents. Ms. Gibson introduced Communications Manager Florencia Rullo to provide a review of this issue. Ms. Rullo reviewed the Town's recent practices with document translation and noted the complications that have begun to arise with expense, multiple languages and scope of what "should" be translated. She reviewed services the Town has procured for certain types of translation and interpretation. Dr. MacNab asked if the translated documents can be tracked as being read. Ms. Rullo said there is no real way to track that. She specified the types of documents that typically would be translated, such as forms or applications needed for approval of certain types of activities. Some discussion followed on utilization of translated documents, cost effectiveness and the ways in which translation can be provided. Mr. Fee said regarding the cost effectiveness of translating documents, he asked AI (artificial intelligence) how this could be done and offered having a link on the website to allow citizens to translate the information they want by themselves. Discussion followed regarding accuracy and viability of this proposal. Ms. Mohr noted that she and Ms. Rullo have been discussing this for some time and that translation of documents became an issue during the COVID pandemic. She added that there is also an equity and inclusion aspect to translation. She

acknowledged the cost could be significant and is not sure it is justifiable at this point. She asked about the possibility of outreach to ask the community what priorities it sees as documents that are needed to be translated. Ms. Rullo said that can certainly happen. Chair Holdgate asked about verbal or on-demand translation at certain meetings. Ms. Rullo said that an interpreter will be used for the first time at a meeting tomorrow; and, again next week at an Affordable Housing Trust meeting for a particular applicant. Some discussion followed. The general consensus of the Board was to continue to explore translation opportunities. Dr. MacNab and Ms. Mohr expressed interest in providing an interpreter for Select Board Public Comment. Discussion continued on outreach for something like this, and, in general. Mr. Dixon expressed appreciation for Ms. Rullo's work on this, and said it seems to him Nantucket is ahead of many other communities in this area.

XI. SELECT BOARD'S REPORTS/COMMENT
1. Committee Reports. There were no reports.

XII. ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Fee moved adjournment at 6:40 PM; seconded by Ms. Mohr; by roll call vote: Chair Holdgate – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr - Yes; so voted.

Approved the 21st day of February 2024

SELECT BOARD
FEBRUARY 14, 2024 – 5:30 PM
PSF COMMUNITY ROOM, 4 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
AND REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM WEBINAR
NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS

List of documents used at the meeting:

VI. 1. Letter from Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee to the Conservation Commission re: proposed amendments to Wetland Regulations re: buffer zone changes
VII. 1. Draft minutes of 2/7/2024
VIII. 1. AIS re: Presidential Primary Warrant; Election Warrant for Presidential Primary
IX. 1. AIS re: Sewer Articles public hearing; Article 66 and map; Article 70 and map; Article 71 and map
X. 1. AIS re: translation of public documents; Globo contract