SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting of March 13, 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 Brooke Mohr, Tom Dixon and Matt Fee. Dawn Holdgate and Dr. Malcolm MacNab participated remotely.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Mohr 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 presented.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson reviewed the following announcements:

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

2. Nantucket Lights: Request to Proclaim April 2-8, 2024 "Dark Sky Week" on Nantucket. Gail Walker, president of Nantucket Lights, reviewed her request for the Select Board to declare April 2-8, 2024 as "Dark Sky Week" on Nantucket. She read the proclamation found in the Board's agenda packet. Mr. Fee moved to approve the proclamation; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Mr. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

3. Select Board Announcements/Comments. Mr. Fee commented on roads and sidewalks being in "rough shape" and requested an update at an upcoming Board meeting. Mr. Fee noted recently adopted legislation, "Good Landlord Tax Exemption", commenting that it could be of benefit to Nantucket. Ms. Gibson said that the legislation is a local option initiative and would require a vote of Town Meeting. She suggested that the Affordable Housing Trust examine the legislation and provide a report to the Board on what it would take to implement and its benefits. The Board was in general agreement with this suggestion.

Mr. Fee noted the receipt of an Open Meeting Law complaint ruling, today, from the Attorney General's office regarding Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission meetings which took place last year and said he would like to discuss this at a future meeting.

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

There were no follow-up comments.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Megan Perry referenced the Open Meeting Law complaint mentioned by Mr. Fee.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND WARRANTS

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

1. Approval of Minutes of March 4, 2024 at 5:00 PM; March 6, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

2. Approval of Treasury Warrants for March 13, 2024.

VIII. CONSENT ITEMS
1. Gift Acceptances: Planning and Land Use Services (PLUS). Mr. Dixon read the name of the donor and moved to accept all gifts for their designated purposes, with thanks to the donors; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Mr. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

IX. CITIZEN/DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REQUESTS/REPORTS
1. Housing Office: Request for New Letter of Support for Bill H.4138, "An Act Known as the Affordable Homes Act". Housing Director Kristie Ferrantella explained that a "municipal sign-on letter" to support the legislation is circulating around the state and requested that the Board sign off on a letter of support, noting the Board has signed a previous letter. Mr. Fee moved approval; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Mr. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
1. Town Administration: Request for Adoption of Flag Policy. Ms. Gibson reviewed the proposed Flag Policy and explained the background as indicated in the materials of the Board's packet. Mr. Dixon moved to adopt the Flag Policy; seconded by Dr. MacNab; by roll call vote: Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Mr. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

XI. SELECT BOARD'S REPORTS/COMMENT
1. Review and Vote to Revise Language of House Bill No. 4077 (Conveyance of Various Parcels on Washington Street, Monomoy Creeks, Goose Pond Lane and Spruce Street to Nantucket Islands Land Bank for Open Space, Recreational, or Conservation Purposes, Pursuant to Vote on Article 90 of 2023 Annual Town Meeting) as Requested by Representative Fernandes. Ms. Mohr stated that the revisions, made by House Counsel, are proposed for conformance with legal requirements. Mr. Dixon added that the revisions are standard edits. Mr. Dixon moved to approve the revised language of House Bill No. 4077 as presented; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Mr. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

2. Committee Reports.
Ms. Gibson said the Board, Finance Committee and Planning Board are holding a joint meeting tomorrow at 4:00 PM to review Finance Committee and Planning Board motions on the 2024 Annual Town Meeting warrant articles.

Ms. Mohr said that the Planning Board is meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 AM to re-review its motions on two zoning articles, after questions arose at Finance Committee meetings.

Ms. Mohr reported that the long-term solid waste work group is busy working on the request for proposals (RFP) and waste services agreement in connection with the expiration of the current waste services agreement with the landfill operator at the end of 2025.

Mr. Fee said that at a Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee (CRAC) meeting yesterday, concerns were expressed by the public. He added that unfortunately people tend not to pay attention to things until they realize it is going to affect them personally, despite extensive public outreach. He spoke in favor of in-person informational sessions. Ms. Mohr encouraged people to take an active role in seeking out information and reviewed the search function of the Town website and the sorts of information that can be obtained. Ms. Gibson added that the CRAC meeting was in connection with coastal resiliency districts and betterments for coastal resilience projects.

Ms. Gibson said that at the Board's March 20th meeting, there will be an update on the new Our Island Home project. She noted that a meeting with some abutters to the project (to be located at the Sherburne Commons site) was held yesterday.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fee moved adjournment at 5:51 PM; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Mr. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

Approved the 20th day of March 2024

SELECT BOARD
MARCH 13, 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:

III. 2., Nantucket Lights proclamation request; "Dark Sky Week" proclamation
VII. 1. Draft minutes of 3/4/2024; 3/6/2024
VIII. 1. Gift summary & recommended motion; PLUS gift
IX. 1. AIS re: Affordable Homes Act; Draft Letter to the joint committee on housing; Email from LOHA Coalition
X. 1. AIS re: Flag Policy; Draft Flag Policy; KP LAW eUpdate: SCOTUS - Boston's Flag-Raising Decision Unconstitutional, 5/16/2022
XI. 1. AIS re: Bill H.4077; Clean copy of revised language to Bill 4077; Red-lined copy of revised language to Bill 4077; Article 90 of 2023 ATM