

**Nantucket and Madaket Harbors Action Plan Update
Committee**

Monday, Jan. 6, 2025 at 1 p.m.

Meeting trailer, 131 Pleasant St., Nantucket, MA 02554

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available at Nantucket Government TV on YouTube**

Members present: Linda Williams (chair), Phil Smith (vice chair)
Peter Brace, Dave Fronzuto, Rachael Freeman, Mike Misurelli,
Steve Leinbach, Emily Molden

Members Absent:

Natural Resources Dept (NRD): Jeff Carlson, Tara Riley

Urban Harbors Institute (UHI): Jack Wiggin, Kim Starbuck,
Kristin Uiterwyk, Dack Stuart,

Others:

1. WELCOME

(Jeff Carlson/Tara Riley/Linda Williams/Peter Brace)

2. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Williams called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Williams called for motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Brace seconded that motion. The NMHAPUC voted 7-0 to approve the agenda.

4. Review of draft plan

a. Progress

The NMHAPUC began reviewing the first draft of the plan. Ms. Williams explained that the NMHAPUC would use Mr. Smith's

proposal to review the plan by targeting the goals and objectives first, and not get to the recommendations yet. Mr. Smith asked if the goals and objectives met the requests of the public's input. Mr. Brace said the public at the upcoming public meetings would let the NMHAPUC know if it had or not.

Mr. Smith suggested that the NMHAPUC start with the goals in the green text. The NMHAPUC agreed. Mr. Smith said the goals should mention some sort of action expected. Ms. Molden said the NMHAPUC should keep in mind the applying of actions to the recommendations as the committee goes through the plan. Mr. Fronzuto asked if this draft plan would list the entity responsible for implementing each of the recommendations. The NMHAPUC agreed that this would happen. Mr. Smith said each of the entities to implement the recommendations should see what the NMHAPUC wants them to implement in the draft plan. Ms. Freeman said on Objective three, should the plan mention disconnecting all inflow pipes into the harbor. Ms. Williams encouraged Ms. Freeman to keep going on being that granular in reviewing the plan. Mr. Misurelli said that people going to the town for a town license to apply fertilizers and pesticides should present their state licenses to save time in issuing a town permit. Ms. Williams said all of this should be in multiple languages. Mr. Carlson said if the NMHAPUC creates a goal for this, it's definitely something that can be implemented. Mr. Carlson said Spanish, Portuguese and Bulgarian should at least be the languages the plan is produced in. Mr. Smith suggested that the NMHAPUC first go through each of the goals.

The NMHAPUC began with the goals under Water Quality. Mr. Smith read the one goal. Ms. Molden asked if it should be limited to local bylaws and regulations. Ms. Williams said make it read "all relevant laws." Ms. Williams recommended going through all of the goals in the draft plan before then reviewing the objective of each. The NMHAPUC agreed.

Ms. Williams moved the review on to the goals under Natural Resources. Mr. Smith read that goal. Ms. Starbuck suggested a

more concise wording of this goal. Ms. Riley said the goals of Natural Resources and Water Quality should be roughly the same. Mr. Smith suggested that the UHI staff modify the wording of these goals for the next meeting.

Mr. Smith read goal two under Natural Resources. The NMHAPUC and Mr. Carlson agreed that this goal should remain as is.

Mr. Smith read goal three under Natural Resources. The NMHAPUC suggested revising this goal without the word “foster”. “Support efforts” and “encourage” were two of the text replacement suggestions.

Mr. Smith read the one goal for Public Access. Ms. Williams said the addition of new public access points on the harbors is missing from this goal. Mr. Carlson suggested revising this goal with the language, “to expand, improve and preserve.”

Mr. Smith read first goal under Commercial and Recreational Fishing. The NMHAPUC agreed to pursue making commercial and recreational fishing separate goals under their own or more appropriate headings. The UHI staff agreed to work through this for the next NMHAPUC meeting based on relevant comments of committee members. Mr. Leinbach and Mr. Carlson argued for overlapping goals, objectives and recommendations.

Mr. Smith moved the discussion to the Coastal Resilience goal and read the goal to the committee. Mr. Smith noted that the upcoming renovation of Steamboat Wharf for sea level rise adaptation by the Steamship Authority (SSA) would be relying on this goal for guidance. Mr. Wiggin said that it’s crucial that the Town and the SSA work together on this.

The NMHAPUC agreed that in coastal resilience matters, this goal would direct all coastal resilience issues and efforts to the Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee (CRAC) and the Coastal Resilience Plan (CRP).

Mr. Smith moved the committee on to Administration and Coordination, which has two goals. He read the goals to the NMHAPUC. Mr. Carlson explained that the crux of these goals is

getting more resources into action, funding and human. Mr. Fronzuto reminded the NMHAPUC of the Harbor & Shellfish Advisory Board's recommendation to this committee that it include a recommendation in the updated harbor plan to increase the ferry embarkation fee and redirect some of the funds to harbor infrastructure improvements.

b. Questions

c. Suggestions

5. Next steps (All)

a. Continue review of draft plan by harbor committee

b. Next committee meeting

The NMHAPUC agreed that the next meeting would be on Jan. 27, 2025 at 1 p.m.

ADJOURN

Ms. Williams called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brace made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Molden seconded that motion. The NMHAPUC voted 7-0 at 2:35 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

YOUTUBE MEETING LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL49sKqpy7VAhtfTnajKC38HEDIJx7asi0>

Future Meetings:

Jan. 27

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter B. Brace, Secretary