

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

Monday, Jan. 27, 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, Steve Leinbach,
Emily Molden

Members Absent: Mike Misurelli,

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

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

Others: Steve McKenna, Gerry Connick

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Williams called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

**2. WELCOME (Jeff Carlson/Tara Riley/Linda
Williams/Peter Brace)**

a. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Williams called for motion to approve the draft agenda. Mr.
Brace made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Smith seconded
that motion. The NMHAPUC voted 6-0 to approve the agenda.

b. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Draft minutes of Dec. 9, 2024

Draft minutes of Jan. 6, 2025

Ms. Williams called for a motion to approve both sets of minutes.
Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the draft minutes of Dec. 9,

2024 and Jan. 6, 2025. Mr. Leinabach seconded that motion. he NMHAPUC voted 6-0 to approve the draft minutes of Dec. 9, 2024 and Jan. 6, 2025.

3. Review of draft plan

a. Updates to goals made by UHI

Ms. Starbuck explained that she and her UHI staff have refined the goals and new ones. She asked how the NMHAPUC felt about the goals as written already. Mr. Smith said he saw no verbs in the wording of the goals. Ms. Starbuck said this is possible new way of presenting the goals. Mr. Wiggin described them as a higher level goal and the explained the objectives and then the recommendations. He added this new way of stating the goals is more of an action statement. Mr. Brace said he like the way the goals were written. Mr. Smith said he preferred the goals in green, not the ones on red. Ms. Molden liked the new goal wording in red. Mr. Fronzuto agreed with Ms. Molden and complimented the objectives as well. Mr. Leinbach said he could go with the red ones as long as there are no word redundancies. Mr. Carlson said he liked the red better because they seemed more like a statement of purpose. The NMHAPUC agreed to change the word goal to statement of purpose. The NMHAPUC discussed the meanings of these three terms. The NMHAPUC agreed to adding verbs and then combining the red and green goal language to create statements of purpose. Ms. Starbuck explained how the UHI “Cheat sheet” for this meeting works.

Ms. Starbuck read the first objective for Goal 1 and then read each recommendation, and then asked how this works for the NMHAPUC. The group agreed that going through all the objectives at this meeting to ensure their wording works would work well and then the NMHAPUC could tackle recommendations at the next meeting The NMHAPUC continued to work on the

wording for these key words including adding the words “regulations” and “policy” somewhere in this language.

Mr. Leinbach left the meeting at approximately 1:27 p.m.

Mr. Smith said enforcement within Objective five under the first goal needs to be somehow strengthened. The NMHAPUC streamlined this objective. Ms. Molden said there a lot of ways of working on the enforcement without changing this fertilizer recommendation. Mr. Brace said the when implementation committee is activated, it will assign Town entities to actuate each of the recommendations under each objective.

Ms. Starbuck moved the NMHAPUC onto the Natural Resources section. She then asked for any changes to the objectives. Ms. William said the green is better than the red. The rest of the NMHAPUC agreed. For the first objective, the NMHAPUC agreed to replace the word “maintain” with “enforce” or “improve or enforce”, or “continue to enforce”.

Ms. Starbuck asked about the 2nd and 3rd objectives, The NMHAPUC agreed that they both worked.

Ms. Starbuck moved on to the 4th objective. The NMHAPUC agreed with the wording of this objective. The NMHAPUC also agreed with the wording of the 5th objective.

Ms. Starbuck moved the committee on to the second goal under Natural Resources. The NMHAPUC agreed that text in green worked well.

The NMHAPUC agreed to open the first objective with the words “develop and promote”. Ms. Starbuck explained the second objective.

Ms. Starbuck moved the NMHAPUC on to Goal three and its sole objective. Ms. Williams said to make harbor plural at the end of the objective and then to make the objective open with “Support and increase”. For the actual goal, the NMHAPUC agreed that it should be rewritten with its suggestions. Ms. Starbuck said they would wordsmith this goal.

Ms. Starbuck moved the NMHAPUC on to Public Access and Goal One. The NMHAPUC had no issues with this goal nor its objectives.

Starbuck moved the committee on to discussion Commercial and Recreational Fishing. Ms. Willaims said the UHI should somehow combine the red and green text of the first goal. The NMHAPUC had no issues with the first objective. The committee agreed to open the second objective with the phrase “develop, promote and expand”. The NMHAPUC discussed the third objective and made no changes. On objective four, the NMHAPUC worked on rewording it for UHI, suggesting that the last line be turned into its own objective.

Ms. Williams moved the group onto Commercial Waterfronts and its first goal. The NMHAPUC agreed to leave the wording of this goal as is and then replace the word “limit” in Objective two with the word “prohibit”. Ms. Freeman asked if a commercial entity on the harbor would be exempt from the current prohibition of docks, wharves and piers. The NMHAPUC agreed to seek further clarification on this question. On objective four, the NMHAPUC agreed that this objective helps the Town “think further outside of the box” for affordable on island boat fueling solutions. Ms. Starbuck went on to objective five. The NMHAPUC added “navigation, access to existing facilities is disruptive” to the sentence.

Ms. Starbuck moved the NMHAPUC on to the second goal. Ms. Williams asked that the word “intermodal” be replaced with something the public can understand. Mr. Brace suggested putting a glossary of terms near the end of the final document. Mr. Brace suggested that “ground transportation” replace “intermodal”. Ms. Williams read objective one. The NMHAPUC got stuck on the phrase “vehicular circulation”.

b. Review of objectives

4. Next steps (All)

a. Continue review of draft plan by harbor committee

The NMHAPUC agreed that the next meeting would be on Feb. 10, 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. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The NMHAPUC voted 5-0 at 2:40 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

YOUTUBE MEETING LINK

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRi_xCQjsqI&list=PL49sKqpy7VAhtfTnajKC38HEDIJx7asi0&index=37

Future Meetings:

Feb.10

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter B. Brace, Secretary

