



NANTUCKET PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



**Nantucket Planning & Economic Development Commission APPROVED Minutes
Hybrid – PSF Community Room, 4 Fairgrounds Road, Nantucket and
Remote Participation via Zoom Webinar
December 18, 2024 @ 5:30PM**

Commissioners: Acting-Chair Nat Lowell, Kristina Jelleme, Brook Mohr, Michael Misurelli, Abby De Molina (*remote participation*), Dave Iverson (*remote participation*), Wendy Hudson (*remote participation*), Joseph Topham (*remote participation*), Chair Barry Rector - *Absent*, John Kitchener - *Absent*, and Bert Johnson - *Absent*,

Staff: Leslie Snell, Director of Planning, Megan Trudel, Senior Planner, Michael Burns, Transportation Program Manager (*remote participation*), and Catherine Ancero, Administrative Specialist

I. Call to Order:

Chair Mohr called the Select Board meeting to order at 5:30 PM, following the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Chair Thomas Dixon called the County Commission meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Acting-Chair Lowell called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Chair Mohr from the Select Board confirmed a quorum was present for the Select Board, County Commissioners, and NP & EDC.

II. Joint Meeting with the Nantucket County Commission

- **Review Draft Findings of “The Impacts of a NOAA Vessel Speed Reduction Regulation on Nantucket/an Economic Analysis” as prepared by UMass Amherst Donahue Institute’s Economic and Public Policy Research Group.**

Representing was Rod Motamedi, Assistant Director of Economic and Public Policy Research at the UMass Amherst Donahue Institute. Mr. Motamedi introduced himself and his team. Mr. Motamedi provided an overview of the report.

The Boards reviewed the UMass Amherst report on the economic impact of NOAA’s vessel speed reduction rule on Nantucket, discussed exemptions, affected services, property values, and medical access challenges.

The regulation would limit ferry speeds, reducing fast ferry service and cutting Steamship Authority slow boat trips. Since federal approval depends on economic impact, and the government estimated it in the tens of millions, the Donahue Institute was hired to perform an independent analysis. The findings were then presented.

A letter conveying the report to federal and state representatives, previously discussed during the objections to the rule, will be sent tomorrow. No action is needed.

III. Adjournment:

Ms. Hudson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 PM. The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Iverson and the motion was carried unanimously.

NP & EDC Roll call:

Dave Iverson - *Aye*

John Kitchener – *Aye (remote participation)*

Abby De Molina – *(remote participation)*

Kristina Jelleme – *Aye*

Wendy Hudson – *Aye*

Michael Misurelli - *Aye*

Joseph Topham *(remote participation)*,

Brook Mohr – *Aye*

Vice-Chair Nat Lowell – *Aye*

Submitted By: Catherine Ancero

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List of Documents used at the meeting 12-18-2024:

- Summary of Economic Analysis of Impacts to Proposed NOAA Vessel Speed Restriction on Nantucket presentation

LINK TO YOUTUBE MEETING FOR 12-18-2024 MEETING:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/zdfPt0bhY2o>

LINK TO PACKET FOR 12-18-2024 MEETING:

<https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/12182024-14612?html=true>

LINK TO MEETING POSTING FOR 12-18-2024:

<https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/12182024-14608>