

**SELECT BOARD
JOINT MEETING WITH COUNTY COMMISSION AND
NANTUCKET PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Minutes of the meeting of December 18, 2024. The hybrid meeting took place in person in the Community Room at the Public Safety Facility at 4 Fairgrounds Road and, via remote participation using Zoom Webinar. Select Board/County Commission Members present in person were Brooke Mohr, Thomas Dixon, Matt Fee, Dawn Holdgate and Dr. Malcolm MacNab.

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.

Vice Chair of the Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission (NP&EDC) Nat Lowell called the NP&EDC to order at 5:30 PM. Members present in person were Kristina Jelleme, Brooke Mohr, Mike Misurelli and Nat Lowell. Members present remotely were Abby De Molina, David Iverson, Wendy Hudson and Joseph Topham. Members absent were Barry Rector, John Kitchener and Bert Johnson.

II. JOINT MEETING WITH COUNTY COMMISSION AND NANTUCKET PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NP&EDC)

1. 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. Chair Mohr introduced the item, noting that the report was recommended as a result of the NOAA process in which the regulation in question could potentially allow for an exemption for Nantucket but only if an economic impact of a certain dollar amount could be demonstrated. Rod Motamedi of the Donahue Institute introduced himself and his team, explained their qualifications and provided an overview of the report. Ms. Mooney inquired as to whether barge traffic would be impacted. Mr. Motamedi said barges were not included in the study but that his understanding is that their speed is most likely not fast enough to be affected by the rule. Ms. Mooney spoke about other services that could be impacted by the rule as well. Some discussion followed as to the impact on quality of life. Wendy Hudson commented on a potential impact to property values. Mr. Motamedi responded. Some discussion followed as to the methodology of the report. Peter Schaffer commented on the impact of medical treatment for Island residents and asked how that impact could be measured. Mr. Motamedi responded and said that issue is addressed in the quality of life section of the report but that it is difficult to quantify economically.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Holdgate moved to adjourn the County Commission meeting at 6:08 PM; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted.

Ms. Holdgate moved to adjourn the Select Board meeting at 6:08 PM; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted.

Approved the 8th day of January 2025.

**SELECT BOARD
DECEMBER 18, 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:

- II. 1. Summary of Economic Analysis of Impacts to Proposed NOAA Vessel Speed Restriction on Nantucket presentation