

SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2025. The meeting took place by remote participation via Zoom Webinar. Select Board Members present were Brooke Mohr, Tom Dixon, Matt Fee and Dawn Holdgate. Dr. Malcolm MacNab joined the meeting as noted below. Also present was Operations Administrator Erika Mooney and Licensing Administrator Amy Baxter.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mohr called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Mr. Dixon moved to open all five public hearings and continue them to today at 1:00 PM; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; so voted.

Dr. MacNab joined the meeting at 1:02 PM.

II. LICENSING AND PETITIONS – DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

1. Select Board Consideration of Process to Allocate Surplus Rental Vehicle Medallions. Ms. Baxter reviewed two options to reallocate eight surplus rental vehicle medallions (RVMs) – by a lottery, similar to the Town Pier slip lottery, or with a waiting list, similar to the taxi, tours, etc. She recommended moving forward with a waiting list model. Mr. Fee asked what the recommendation is for peer-to-peer car sharing. Ms. Baxter said the recommendation is based on a business set-up, not on peer-to-peer rentals. Chair Mohr stated that the Board needs to figure out how to deal with the surplus RVMs. She said there is a question for town meeting to possibly amend Chapter 58 of the Town Bylaws on how to address peer-to-peer. That being said, Ms. Mohr explained she is realizing how intertwined they are and said she feels it is premature to reallocate the surplus RVMs until decision are made on peer-to-peer. Attorney Brian Riley of Town Counsel's office said peer-to-peer vehicles could be carved out and not made part of the RVM system. Mr. Fee said he feels the existing bylaw Chapter 58 already regulates peer-to-peer car sharing, saying it is not allowed. He spoke in favor of getting peer-to-peer under the RVM cap and to not create a loophole. Mr. Fee added that he feels the bylaw was put in place so there aren't thousands of rental cars on island. Chair Mohr asked the Board what the best way is to reallocate RVMs – through a waiting list or a lottery and whether it includes businesses and/or peer-to-peer car sharing. Mr. Dixon asked Ms. Baxter to review the waiting list recommendation and why she recommends it over a lottery. Ms. Baxter said she feels a waiting list works better based on the current model for taxis. She said a lottery can be done but a waiting list is easier to maintain. Dr. MacNab said he sees the value of a waiting list but asked how it will be determined initially. Ms. Baxter said there is already an established, informal list of about 28 and any of those who apply to be on the official list would keep their current rank. Ms. Fee spoke in favor of a higher fee amount for staying on the waiting list and a maximum amount of entries as he doesn't want to encourage people to buy new vehicles to rent. Following some further discussion, the consensus of the Board was to move forward with the waiting list model for reallocation of surplus RVMs. Chair Mohr said this decision will be included into the Board's policy discussion regarding the rental car bylaw at its regular Wednesday night meeting.

III. LICENSING AND PETITIONS - PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ms. Mohr reopened the hearings for items III. 1 through 5. Ms. Mooney explained that the following public hearings on electric petitions are all related to National Grid's L1 feeder line upgrade.

1. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Petition from Nantucket Electric Company/National Grid, Plan # 30854670, to Install Approximately 210' of Conduit from a Proposed Switchgear Module on Federal Street,

Adjacent to 16 Broad Street North and then East to Existing Manhole 2 on Broad Street and Continuing South to Existing Manhole 32 on South Water Street. Ms. Mooney reviewed the application and asked National Grid representatives if the new conduit work can be in the brick sidewalk instead of the paved roadway. National Grid engineer John Castro said they can look into it.

As there was no public comment, Mr. Dixon moved to close the hearing; seconded by Ms. Holdgate; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

Mr. Fee moved approval as presented, and in accordance with departmental comments; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

2. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Petition from Nantucket Electric Company/National Grid, Plan # 30854670, to Install Approximately 41' of Conduit in a Northerly Direction from Existing Manhole 6 on Easy Street to Stubbed Conduits that are from Existing Manhole 10. Ms. Mooney reviewed a map related to the application.

As there was no public comment, Dr. MacNab moved to close the hearing; seconded by Ms. Holdgate; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

Dr. MacNab moved approval as presented, and in accordance with departmental comments; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

3. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Petition from Nantucket Electric Company/National Grid, Plan # 30854670, to Install Approximately 210' of Conduit in an Easterly Direction from Existing Transformer Pad #1-3 Adjacent to 3 Old North Wharf to Existing Transformer Pad #1-4 Adjacent to 20 Straight Wharf. Ms. Mooney reviewed a map related to the application. John Castro of National Grid reviewed specifics of the application. Ms. Mooney noted the Board received a late email from an abutter with questions about road restoration. RP Thompson, representing 20 Straight Wharf, asked if deliveries would be possible during construction and what the impacts are, if any, to 20 Straight Wharf. Ms. Mooney said she would connect Mr. Thompson and Mr. Castro offline.

Mr. Dixon moved to continue the hearing to February 10, 2025; seconded by Dr. MacNab; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

4. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Petition from Nantucket Electric Company/National Grid, Plan # 30854670, to Install Approximately 180' of Conduit in an Easterly and then Southern Direction from Existing Manhole 38 on India Street to Existing Manhole 37 on North Union Street. Conduit Will go from Manhole 37 to a New Junction Enclosure on the West Side of North Union Street, at 3 Federal Street. Ms. Mooney reviewed a map related to the application. John Castro of National Grid reviewed specifics of the application.

As there was no public comment, Mr. Fee moved to close the hearing; seconded by Ms. Holdgate; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

Mr. Fee moved approval as presented, and in accordance with departmental comments; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

5. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Petition from Nantucket Electric Company/National Grid, Plan # 30854670, to Install Approximately 100' of Conduit from Existing Manhole 42 on India Street Through a Proposed Heavy Duty Handhole on Coleman Court, a/k/a Independence Lane, to Existing Transformer Pad 2 at 19 Center Street. Ms. Mooney reviewed a map related to the application.

As there was no public comment, Mr. Fee moved to close the hearing; seconded by Ms. Holdgate; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

Mr. Fee moved approval as presented, and in accordance with departmental comments; seconded by Dr. MacNab; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fee moved to adjourn at 1:43 PM; seconded by Ms. Holdgate; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab - Yes; so voted.

Approved the 22nd day of January 2025.

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JANUARY 13, 2025 – 1:00 PM
REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM WEBINAR
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List of documents used at the meeting:

- II. 1. AIS re: Rental Vehicle Medallion processes; Draft Rental Vehicle Medallion Lottery process; Draft Rental Vehicle Medallion Waiting List process
- III. 1 – 5. AIS re: National Grid L1 Utility Petitions; L1 map; Departmental Comments
- III. 1. NGrid petition - Federal St, Broad St, S Water St
- III. 2. NGrid petition - Easy St
- III. 3. NGrid petition - Still Dock
- III. 4. NGrid petition - N Union St, India St
- III. 5. NGrid petition - Coleman Ct (aka Independence Ln), India St