

SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting of January 29, 2025. The hybrid meeting took place in person at the Public Safety Facility Community Room at 4 Fairgrounds Road; and, via remote participation using Zoom Webinar. Members of the Board present were Brooke Mohr, Thomas Dixon, Matt Fee and Dr. Malcolm MacNab. Dawn Holdgate participated remotely.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mohr called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM following a meeting of the County Commission.

Mr. Fee spoke on memories of former Select Board member Steve Bender, who passed away on January 24th. The Board held a moment of silence for Mr. Bender.

II. SELECT BOARD ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as posted.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson reviewed the announcements:

1. The Select Board Meeting is Being Audio and Video Recorded.

2. Committee Vacancies – Round 4: Council for Human Services; Council on Aging; Cultural Council; Town of Nantucket Scholarship Committee; Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate.

3. Master Plan Visioning Process Kick-Off Event

Join Charles Marohn, Founder and President of Strong Towns, to Launch the Nantucket Master Plan Visioning Process on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 5:00 PM at The Nantucket Inn; Plenary Session and Reception to Follow. Free Event Open to All, but Space is Limited. RSVP by emailing laurel@barrettplanningllc.com.

4. Master Plan Update: Help Shape Nantucket's Future!

Host a Kitchen Conversation—A Small-Group Discussion You Can Facilitate from Your Kitchen, Office, Coffee Shop, or Anywhere. Share Ideas with Friends and Neighbors about Nantucket's Strengths and Challenges to Help Update the Master Plan. To Learn More, Email Megan Trudel at mtrudel@nantucket-ma.gov. Deadline extended to February 21, 2025.

5. Select Board Announcements/Comments. Chair Mohr said that Senator Cyr's office followed up with her this week about the Christmas Stroll power outage and an investigation by the state Department of Public Utilities.

IV. FOLLOW-UP ON PUBLIC COMMENT QUESTIONS FROM PRIOR SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Chair Mohr noted that some citizens have made repeated public comments about the same issue and that the answers are online. She responded specifically to recent comments made by Meridith Lepore and Megan Perry Glowacki, noting that an item brought up by Ms. Glowacki about the Board's Public Comment policy and the 3-minute time limit is posted online and, that the Board will be discussing potential revisions to its policy on February 12th. Ms. Mohr noted answers to questions posed at the January 22, 2025 meeting have been posted to the Town's website at <https://nantucket-ma.gov/3564/> 2025.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Burke, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce spoke about the status of small business assistance following the Christmas Stroll power outage.

Toby Brown spoke on a citizen article that he has sponsored for the 2025 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Brown asked if the Select Board would put forward an “underride” to support his article. He continued speaking on the expenditure of housing funds and the need for transparency.

Jason Graziadei commented about the Land Bank’s public meetings and urged the Board to urge the Land Bank to hold hybrid meetings and put meeting recordings online.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, WARRANTS AND PENDING CONTRACTS

Mr. Fee moved approval of items VII. 1 – 2; 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.

1. Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2025 at 5:30 PM.

2. Approval of Treasury Warrants for January 29, 2025.

VIII. REAL ESTATE ITEMS

1. Request for Acceptance and Execution of Grant of Easement for a Permanent Non-Exclusive Access Easement For Sewer Purposes In, Under, Over and Upon a Portion of the Grantors’ Properties Shown as Jones Street, Siasconset for Purposes of Pedestrian and Equipment Use and Ingress and Egress Between Shell and Center Streets for the Purposes of Constructing, Inspecting, Clearing, Repairing, Renewing, Replacing, Reconstructing, Improving, Operating, Using, Maintaining and Abandoning in Place within the Area Set Forth on the Easement Plan. Real Estate Specialist Tracy MacDonald reviewed the matter, noting that this is related to sewer upgrades in Sconset and an old sewer line that is in private property that runs between 18 and 20 Center Street. The proposed easement will allow the Town to upgrade and maintain the sewer lines. Ms. MacDonald said the abutters are in favor of granting the easement and asked the Board to vote to accept it.

Mr. Fee moved to accept the easement as proposed; 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.

2. Request for Approval and Execution of Grant of License with Nantucket Electric Company/ National Grid for Underground Electric Distribution System at 16 Broad Street for the Installation of 3-Phase Switchgear Module and Two Sections of Concrete Encased Conduit as Part of L1 Feeder Upgrade Project (Will Require Easement/Town Meeting Approval). Ms. MacDonald reviewed the matter, noting that this work near the Town Building at 16 Broad Street is part of National Grid’s L1 feeder upgrade project and that a permanent easement will need to be granted once the 2025 Annual Town Meeting has given approval. John Castro of National Grid was present to answer questions.

Mr. Dixon moved to approve the grant of easement as proposed; 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. Request for Approval and Execution of Grant of License with Nantucket Electric Company/ National Grid for Underground Electric Distribution System Over, Across, Under and Upon a Portion of Waitt Drive being Lot 94 and Lot 95B, on Plan No. 2024-13, and Lot 95B, Assessor's Map 67, Lot 927 and 7 Amelia Drive being Lot 26 on a Plan No. 2023-27, Assessor's Map 67, Lot 434 for 19 Waitt Drive Seasonal Workforce Housing Project and Others (Will Require Easement/Town Meeting Approval). Ms. MacDonald reviewed the matter, noting that this work is necessary to bring power to the Town's seasonal workforce housing at 19 Waitt Drive and any additional projects in the area and that a permanent easement will need to be granted once the 2025 Annual Town Meeting has given approval. Jose Vazquez of National Grid was present to answer questions. Chair Mohr asked if development of a nearby Town-owned lot on Amelia Drive would be impacted at all. Ms. MacDonald said no. Mr. Fee asked about other lots in the area.

Mr. Fee moved to approve the grant of easement as proposed; 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.

IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Confirm Selection of Waste Options Nantucket for New Waste Services Agreement for Operation of Solid Waste Disposal Facility. Ms. Gibson provided an overview of the Request for Proposal (RFP) procurement process for this matter, as contained in the Board's agenda materials. The Town's Solid Waste Consultant George Aronson of Commonwealth Resource Management provided additional background and specifics of the proposal received from Waste Options Nantucket (WON) and the preparations that are being and have been made for a new Waste Services Agreement by the Town. Mr. Fee said he would like to see a "final report" prior to execution of a final Waste Services Agreement. Dr. MacNab concurred. Some discussion followed. Howard Matz, a Capital Program Committee member who is on the RFP (request for proposals) evaluation committee spoke on the complexities and the time spent on this and agreed there will be a complete report for the Board shortly. Some discussion followed. Chair Mohr read the suggested motion:

1 – Adopt the Evaluation Committee's Determination that the Technical and Price Proposals meet the minimum Request for Proposal requirements and are the most advantageous alternative available to the Town.

2 – Select Waste Options Nantucket to provide the solid waste operations and management services on the terms set forth in its proposal, subject to negotiation of the Waste Services Agreement (WSA), Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement (APSA) and related Exhibits.

3 – Delegate to the Town Manager authority to complete the negotiations of the WSA, APSA and Exhibits for consideration and vote by the Select Board at a future meeting.

So moved by Ms. Holdgate; 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.

2. Monthly Town Management Report. Ms. Gibson reviewed a report as found in the Board's agenda packet. Some discussion followed about some of the items in the report, including meeting minutes and the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to get them done, the new proposed Our Island Home project, public records requests and new and emerging Federal orders.

X. SELECT BOARD REPORTS/COMMENT

1. Update on Massachusetts Municipal Association “Connect 351” Annual Conference Held January 23 – 25, 2025. Chair Mohr and Mr. Dixon updated the Board on their attendance at the “Connect 351” conference held last week.

2. Committee Reports. Mr. Fee reported out on a Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee meeting this week. Dr. MacNab spoke on a recent state-wide/nation-wide avian flu virus and urged people not to touch any dead birds and to report them to the Health Department.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dixon moved adjournment at 7:02 PM; 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.

Approved the 5th day of February, 2025.

**SELECT BOARD
JANUARY 29, 2025 – 5:30 PM
PSF COMMUNITY ROOM, 4 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
AND REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM WEBINAR
NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS**

List of documents used at the meeting:

- III. 2. Committee Appointment Timeline - Round 4; Committee Vacancy Notice
- III. 3. Master Plan Visioning Process Kick-Off flyer
- VII. 1. Draft minutes of 1/22/2025
- VIII. 1. AIS re: Acceptance of Sewer Easement - Jones St, Sconset; Grant of Sewer Easement; SB Acceptance of Easement; Sewer Easement Plan – Updated; Old Sconset Sewer Plans; Photo of Jones St Sewer
- VIII. 2. AIS re: Grant of License to NGrid - 16 Broad St; Grant of License - 16 Broad St; 16 Broad St sketch plan
- VIII. 3. AIS re: Grant of License to NGrid - Waitt Dr; Grant of License - Waitt Dr; Waitt Dr sketch plan
- IX. 1. AIS re: Award of Proposal for Operation & Management of Solid Waste Facility
- IX. 2. Monthly Town Management Report