

SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2025. The meeting took place by remote participation via Zoom Webinar. Select Board Members present were Brooke Mohr, Tom Dixon, Matt Fee and Dr. Malcolm MacNab. Dawn Holdgate was absent. Also present were Operations Administrator Erika Mooney and Licensing Administrator Amy Baxter.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mohr called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

III. LICENSING AND PETITIONS – DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

1. Request for Renewal of Seasonal Liquor Licenses. Ms. Baxter explained that during the March 10th Select Board meeting she had noted that there could be one more non-renewal that occurs during the month of March. She said Nantaco needs to be added to the non-renewal list for 2025.

Mr. Fee moved to add Nantaco to the non-renewal certification form for 2025; seconded by Dr. MacNab; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab - Yes; so voted.

2. Culture and Tourism: Report on Event Permitting for 2025 Season. Ms. Baxter introduced this item, noting that events have moved from the Licensing office to the Department of Culture and Tourism. Special Events Coordinator Deana Weatherly stated that to date, 96 event applications have been received for the 2025 season, of which 55 are from the Wine Festival, with 18 of the 96 applications being fully processed. She noted that the process has been slightly amended since moving departments. Culture and Tourism Director Shantaw Bloise-Murphy explained that monthly meetings are held to review applications and include staff from Police and Fire. She said that of the 55 applications received for the Wine Festival, only one has been fully permitted as the remaining 54 are officially 30 days late in getting completed applications submitted. Mr. Fee asked if the number of events are tracked year-to-year; he said he is hearing the overall number of events has been increasing and the event sizes are getting bigger. He asked about the safety component to events. Ms. Bloise-Murphy said the overall number of events seems to be increasing. She also spoke on the safety of events for participants and bystanders. Ms. Baxter said regarding Wine Fest, that the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) is now requiring proof that over 51% of the income generated from the events is going to charity. Mr. Dixon spoke in favor of moving up deadlines for application submittals so that staff's attention to other applications isn't impacted by late submittals. Ms. Bloise-Murphy agreed with Mr. Dixon, saying that the process is being reviewed and her office is looking into new software to streamline the application process. Mr. Fee said staff shouldn't be chasing after missing application documents and should be charging for the extra time. He also spoke against unlimited expansion in the number of events, saying some should occur in the shoulder seasons and not every event should rely on alcohol. Chair Mohr said 55 separate events for Wine Festival seems like a lot and she echoed concerns about staff having to repeatedly ask applicants for missing documents. She said the Board should consider a policy of non-compliance for the extra work staff has to do.

3. Licensing:

a) Request for Approval of Gallery Pouring Permit Policy. This matter was tabled to a future meeting.

b) Request for Approval of Rental Car Medallion Waiting List Policy and Process. Ms. Baxter said there are eight surplus rental vehicle medallions (RVMs) from a rental car company that went out of business a few years ago. She reviewed a proposed process to assign these eight RVMs and set up a wait list for RVMs similar to the taxi wait list, adding these would be for rental vehicles, not someone's personal vehicle. Mr. Fee feels the proposed fees to establish someone on the RVM wait list and the annual wait list renewal fee are too low and could be increased. Ms. Baxter asked the Board if the surplus RVMs should be issued to existing rental car companies or to new businesses. Mr. Fee discussed enforcement if someone only rents their vehicle in the summer and uses it as a personal vehicle during the winter. Ms. Baxter said it would be difficult to enforce. Mr. Dixon said he feels the process should mirror the taxi wait list and that the RVMs should go to new applicants. Dr. MacNab voiced agreement with Mr. Dixon and Mr. Fee. Mr. Fee said he feels the wait list should be all Turo operators. Dr. MacNab said he has a problem with a "mixed use" wait list comprised of existing commercial car rental companies with individual people. He added that the Board is not addressing the issues. Chair Mohr explained that this is a stop-gap measure to get the eight RVMs issued before the summer season. Mr. Fee said he wants to encourage everyone who wants RVMs, including Turo operators, to add their names to the wait list. Chair Mohr clarified that the decision today is to approve a method to create a wait list to issue the surplus RVMs. Mr. Dixon moved to approve the process as noted in the Board's agenda packet with a minimum of two RVMs issued to an applicant with leeway to issue four RVMs to an applicant if the Board decides it makes sense and all criteria are met; seconded by Mr. Fee. Discussion followed among Board members on the number of RVMs to issue per applicant. Mr. Dixon amended his motion to limit the number of RVMs issues to an applicant to two; Mr. Fee agreed to the amended motion, but stated he will vote against the motion because he doesn't feel it will attract peer-to-peer applicants. On the motion, by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – No; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

c) Request for Review and Approval of 2025 Sidewalk Dining Permit Conditions and Agreements. Ms. Baxter reviewed the sidewalk dining presentation as contained in the Board's agenda packet. Mr. Dixon said this is a good example of "lessons learned". Mr. Fee agreed, stating the proposed changes to sidewalk dining are good but enforcement needs to be tougher. He said the value of parking is very high and the Town needs to reclaim the sidewalks; he added that awnings should be installed vs. umbrellas. Chair Mohr said that Backyard BBQ is the greatest concern as it is a high traffic area and the 4-top tables should be changed to 2-tops and the umbrellas should be removed. She added that establishments need enforcement and tables and chairs should be removed from the sidewalks when not in use and if establishments don't have space to store them, then maybe they shouldn't be allowed to have sidewalk dining. Mr. Fee stressed that compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is not optional. Chair Mohr agreed. Dr. MacNab agreed as well.

IV. LICENSING AND PETITIONS – LICENSE HOLDER REQUESTS

1. Request for Approval of Extended Entertainment Hours for Cisco Brewers, Inc. dba Cisco Brewers, for Premises Located at 5 Bartlett Farm Road, for a Public Event on Saturday, June 21, 2025 for Live Entertainment from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Ms. Baxter stated that Cisco Brewers has withdrawn this request.

2. Request for Approval of Change of Officers Application for Annual All-Alcoholic Beverages Club License for The Sankaty Head Beach Club, Inc. dba The Sankaty Head Beach Club for Premises Located at 18 Hoicks Hollow Road. Ms. Baxter reviewed the request. Mr. Fee moved approval; seconded by Mr. Dixon; Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab - Yes; so voted.

V. LICENSING AND PETITIONS - PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing to Consider Application for New Seasonal Wine and Malt Beverages Package Store License for Nantucket Provisions, Inc. dba Provisions, Elga Andreeva, Manager for Premises Located at 3 Harbor Square. Chair Mohr opened the public hearing. Mr. Fee recused himself from this matter. Ms. Baxter reviewed the application, noting that there is one seasonal wine and malt beverages license available since Snackle didn't renew its license. She reviewed the required considerations.

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

Dr. MacNab moved approval as presented; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Dr. MacNab - Yes; so voted.

2. Public Hearing to Consider Application for License Transfer and Management Agreement for Seasonal All-Alcoholic Beverages Hotel License from LH Manager Northeast, LLC dba Beachside at Nantucket, to 30 North Beach Street, LLC dba Beachside at Nantucket, Samantha Anne Shaw, Manager for Premises Located at 30 North Beach Street. Chair Mohr opened the public hearing. Ms. Baxter reviewed the application.

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

Mr. Fee asked how liability works with a transfer of license and management agreement. Attorney Dennis Quilty, representing Beachside, explained.

Mr. Fee moved approval as presented; seconded by Dr. MacNab; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab - Yes; so voted.

3. Public Hearing to Consider Application for License Transfer and Management Agreement for Annual All-Alcoholic Beverages Hotel License from LH Manager Northeast, LLC dba Faraway Hotel, to 29 Center Street, LLC dba Faraway Hotel, Nathan Parsons, Manager for Premises Located at 29 Center Street. Chair Mohr opened the public hearing. Ms. Baxter reviewed the application.

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

Mr. Fee moved approval as presented; seconded by Dr. MacNab; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab - Yes; so voted.

4. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Petition from Nantucket Electric Company/ National Grid, Plan # 30756491, to Install Approximately 130' of 2-4" Conduits from Pole 1 on Cato Lane to Existing Pump Station on Roberts Lane. Chair Mohr opened the public hearing. Ms. Mooney reviewed the application, noting it is for the Sewer Department upgrade of its pump station on Roberts Lane.

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

Mr. Fee moved approval pursuant to departmental comments; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab - Yes; so voted.

5. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Petition from Verizon New England, Inc. and Nantucket Electric Company/National Grid, Plan # 1A6BV1U, to Remove Pole 6 and Relocate Pole 5-84 Approximately 8' Northeast from Current Location on Newtown Road. Chair Mohr opened the public hearing. Ms. Mooney reviewed the application, noting this is for the Town's Newtown Road reconstruction and multiuse path project.

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

Mr. Dixon moved approval pursuant to departmental comments; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab - Yes; so voted.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fee moved to adjourn at 12:29 PM; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab - Yes; so voted.

Approved the 30th day of April 2025.

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APRIL 14, 2025 – 11:00 AM
REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM WEBINAR
NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS**

List of documents used at the meeting:

- III. 1. AIS re: seasonal liquor license renewals; Seasonal Liquor License List for 2025 Renewals; ABCC Seasonal Certification Form
- III. 2. AIS re: 2025 Event Permitting; Special Event Tracking Report
- III. 3b. AIS re: Rental Vehicle Medallion (RVM) Waitlist Process; RVM Waitlist Process; Forms Request Waitlist
- III. 3c. AIS re: 2025 Sidewalk Dining; Sidewalk Dining presentation
- IV. 1. AIS re: Cisco Brewers; Cisco Summer Solstice proposal; Cisco Brewers Entertainment License; Cisco Emergency Action Plan
- IV. 2. AIS re: Sankaty Head Beach Club; Licensing Authority Certification; Liquor license; ABCC Change of Officers Application
- V. 1. AIS r: Provisions; Licensing Authority Certification; Public hearing notice; Draft liquor license; Info on Quotas; ABCC application; Abutter list
- V. 2. AIS re: Beachside at Nantucket; Licensing Authority Certification; Draft liquor license; ABCC application; Management Agreement; Public hearing notice
- V. 3. AIS re: Faraway Hotel; Licensing Authority Certification; Draft liquor license; ABCC application; Management Agreement; Public hearing notice
- V. 4. AIS re: NGrid - Cato Ln petition; Departmental comments; Cato Ln petition; Plan - Cato Ln; Public hearing notice
- V. 5. AIS re: Verizon/NGrid Newtown Rd petition; Departmental comments; Newtown Rd petition; Plan - Newtown Rd; Public hearing notice