SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting of April 30, 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, Dawn Holdgate and Dr. Malcolm MacNab.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. SELECT BOARD ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Chair Mohr noted that item X-2 has been tabled. The agenda was otherwise accepted as presented.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson reviewed the announcements.

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

2. Come Tour Our Island Home – Tour, Learn and Ask Questions
Our Operations Administrator, Michelle Munroe, is Available to Give Tours and Answer Any Questions You May Have. Schedule a Tour Today: https://calendly.com/mmunroe-nantucket-ma/30min.

3. 2025 Annual Town Meeting is Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 8:30 AM at Nantucket High School, Mary P. Walker Auditorium, 10 Surfside Road; Review of Informational Town Meeting Warrant Article Videos: Community Outreach | Nantucket, MA - Official Website.

4. 2025 Annual Town Election Scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2025 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM at Nantucket High School, 10 Surfside Road.

5. Finance Committee Meeting for 2025 Annual Town Meeting Technical Amendments to be Held Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 2:00 PM via Zoom:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81731570045?pwd=9NrAW5XFBoZ3pmRbSyEZTI6b9w4icq.1

Pre-Annual Town Meeting Conference with Moderator to be Held Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 3:00 PM via Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89667235653?pwd=7slsaN2aSTa0JKUOztcHyft5apMwXL.1.

6. 2025 Annual Committee/Board/Commission Vacancies and Appointment Timeline; Committee Appointment Process: Boards, Commissions & Committees | Nantucket, MA - Official Website

7. Select Board Announcements/Comments.

Mr. Dixon noted the Massachusetts Real ID deadline is May 7, 2025.

IV. UPDATE ON PUBLIC COMMENT QUESTIONS FROM PRIOR SELECT BOARD MEETINGS (see https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/3564/_2025)

Chair Mohr read the responses to the questions asked at the Board's April 16th meeting, which were also shown on the screen.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT
Emily Molden, Director of the Nantucket Land and Water Council spoke on Article 81 of the 2025 Annual Town Meeting warrant and expressed concern as to a sand deficit in connection with the erosion control project at Baxter Road. She asked that the Board review this situation.

Mary Chalke commented on a letter in the packet relating to National Grid infrastructure upgrades.

Clifford Williams asked about criteria for property purchased by the Town for housing off Fairgrounds Road.

Brook Gibbs suggested the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to design a flood mitigation project downtown rather than engaging a consultant for this.

Hillary Rayport commented on Articles 42, 43, 44 on the 2025 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

VI. NEW BUSINESS
There was no New Business.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, WARRANTS AND PENDING CONTRACTS
Mr. Fee moved approval of items VII 1 – 4; seconded by Ms. Holdgate; all in favor, so voted.

1. Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM; April 16, 2025 at 5:30 PM.

2. Approval of Payroll Warrants for April 27, 2025.

3. Approval of Treasury Warrants for April 23, 2025; April 30, 2025.

4. Approval of Pending Contracts for April 30, 2025 - as Set Forth on the Spreadsheet Identified as Exhibit 1, Which Exhibit is Incorporated Herein by Reference.

VIII. CITIZEN/DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REQUESTS/REPORTS
1. Overview of IODP3/NSF Expedition 501, Northwest Atlantic Ocean (Off-shore Fresh Water Drilling Project) by Drill Team. Chair Mohr introduced the Expedition 51 team, to review the project:
David McInroy, BSc, MSc, Principal Marine Geoscientist from the British Geological Survey, Edinburgh, Scotland
Prof. Brandon Dugan of the Colorado School of Mines, one of the two Chief Scientists for the project
Dr. Lisa Clough, Head of Ocean Section, National Science Foundation (NSF)
Dr. Kevin Johnson, Program Director, Scientific Ocean Drilling Program, Division of Ocean Sciences, NSF
Kristen Hamilton, NSF Environmental Compliance Officer

Mr. McInroy led the presentation, using materials contained in the Board's agenda packet. Mr. McInroy reviewed the timeline, the equipment to be used, the purpose of the project, safety measures, the location and the information that is hoped to be obtained. Mr. Fee asked what would happen if oil or gas deposits were uncovered at the site. Mr. McInroy and Mr. Dugan explained that those materials are very unlikely to be uncovered, using prior information, evidence and scientific approaches to ensure this. Dr. MacNab asked for a summary of the scientific question to be answered. Mr. Dugan stated that it is to determine how, where and why certain sediments are present through the sediment analysis. Mr. Dugan responded. Discussion followed, with questions from Board members as to the likely usefulness of the information to be gathered. Mary Chalke asked several questions and expressed concern about the public comment being over. Ms. Hamilton spoke on the environmental impact studies that are required, their status and that a final environmental assessment will be required. Members of the drilling team responded to Ms. Chalke's several additional questions. George Ellis asked about microplastics impact from the Vineyard Wind turbine blade failure of July 2024, with respect to drilling in this area. He asked further if there is a connection to the Town's sole source aquifer. Mr. Dugan responded.

Ms. Holdgate left the meeting at 6:27 PM; she returned at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Ellis asked other questions which were answered by the drilling team. Amy Eldridge commented on issues with Vineyard Wind and urged the team to understand and address the community's concerns. Chair Mohr suggested that the team respond to any community questions as presented, going forward.

<u>2. Housing Office: Request for Approval and Execution of Regulatory Agreement, Meadows I, between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, the Town and Meadows One ACK, LLC.</u> Housing Director Kristie Ferrantella reviewed the request. Mr. Fee moved approval as presented; seconded by Mr. Dixon; all in favor, so voted.

<u>IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS</u>

<u>1. Public Hearing to Consider the Renewal of Private Shellfish Aquaculture Licenses Held by Matt Herr of 64 South Shore Road (Licenses 13, 13A, 13B, Head of Harbor), Andy Roberts, Inc. of 28 Kelley Road (Licenses 10, 10A, 10B, Head of Harbor), McClain Raith of 7 Milestone Crossing (Licenses 15, 15A, 15B, Head of Harbor), Charles Connors of 53 Polpis Road (License 14, 14A, 14B, Head of Harbor) and Renewal and Expansion for Sean Fitzgibbon of 10 Trotters Lane (Licenses 12, 12A, 12B, Head of Harbor).</u> Chair Mohr opened the public hearing. Natural Resources Director Jeff Carlson reviewed the request for aquaculture license renewals as noted, with the exception of the licenses for Charles Connors who did not submit his license renewal paperwork in time.

There being no public comment, Dr. MacNab moved to close the hearing; seconded by Ms. Holdgate; all in favor, so voted.

Dr. MacNab moved to approve the renewals of the aquaculture licenses as presented, with the exception of the licenses for Charles Connors; seconded by Ms. Holdgate; all in favor, so voted.

<u>X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT</u>

<u>1. Update on Town Infrastructure Projects Road Reconstruction Schedule (Tabled from April 16, 2025).</u> Ms. Gibson introduced DPW Director Andrew Patnode, who reviewed the presentation as contained in the Board's agenda packet. Sewer Director David Gray assisted with the presentation. Mr. Fee asked if sidewalk reconstruction is done to withstand heavy cars and trucks which often park on or drive along sidewalks on narrow streets. Mr. Gray responded affirmatively. Some discussion followed about the capacity of the one local asphalt plant for all Town and other projects. Mr. Fee commented on his observations that "growth is not linear".

<u>2. Monthly Town Management Report.</u> This matter was tabled to a future meeting.

XI. SELECT BOARD REPORTS/COMMENT

1. Vote(s) to Approve Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement for Town Purchase of Composter and Transfer Station and Waste Services Agreement (Contract with Solid Waste Facility Operator). Ms. Gibson introduced the item and introduced the Town's team that has been working on these agreements for several years: Solid Waste Consultant George Aronson of CommonWealth Resource Management, Finance Director Brian Turbitt, Town Counsel John Giorgio, Capital Program Committee member Howard Matz, Solid Waste Manager Chris Lowe, Special Counsel for the Waste Services Agreement (WSA) Michael Leon and Chair Mohr. Ms. Gibson added that prior and current Board members have also been involved in the lead up to where these agreements stand today. Chair Mohr provided a brief overview of the status of the documents and the goal to increase transparency and clarify costs, pricing, responsibilities and waste stream management with the new WSA with Waste Options Nantucket (WON). Mr. Aronson noted the presentation as found in the Board's agenda packet is essentially the same presentation as was given to the Board at its April 9, 2025 meeting. He provided a summary of the documents to be approved. Mr. Fee acknowledged that there was a substantial level of detail that was explored, examined and discussed throughout the process. Chair Mohr concurred and said a complex part of the agreement is the transition of facilities and equipment from Waste Options to the Town. Dr. MacNab complimented the process and said the "right people" were on the team, it was transparent, the Board was updated appropriately and there is no controversy that has been expressed at this end of this process, which is a good sign. Jason Graziadei of the Nantucket Current asked about the cost of the contract. Mr. Aronson responded and explained that it is not just one number, and there are initial transition expenses, which are not permanent. Mr. Aronson said that the total cost of all solid waste activities totals approximately $16 million, annually.

Ms. Holdgate moved that the Select Board vote to authorize the Town Manager to execute the Waste Services Agreement, the Asset Purchase Agreement, and the Repair Agreement between the Town and Waste Options Nantucket, all as set forth in the agenda packet for this meeting; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted.

2. Committee Reports.

Mr. Fee said he has concerns about the 2025 annual town meeting warrant articles that Ms. Rayport brought up and hopes there will be clear answers at town meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Holdgate moved adjournment at 7:22 PM; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted.

Approved the 7th day of May, 2025.

SELECT BOARD
APRIL 30, 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. 6. 2025 Committee Appointment Timeline; 2025 Committee Openings Information
VII. 1. Draft minutes of 4/14/2025; Draft minutes of 4/16/2025
VII. 4. Pending Contracts spreadsheet
VIII. 1. Email thread re: NSF Expedition 501; Email from Town Counsel; Comment letter to GMAC; IODP3-NSF Expedition 504 presentation
VIII. 2. AIS re: Richmond Regulatory Agreement; Regulatory Agreement & Restrictive Covenants for Meadows One
IX. 1. AIS re: aquaculture licenses public hearing; Public hearing notice; Memo from Natural Resources Director re: Aquaculture Lease Renewal Request; Aquaculture lease area maps
X. 1. Spring 2025 Road Projects presentation – UPDATED
XI. 1. AIS re: purchase agreements for waste management services; Overview presentation of Agreements with Waste Options Nantucket (WON); Draft Waste Services Agreement with WON; Asset Purchase & Sale Agreement; WON Repairs Letter Agreement; Motion to approve agreements