

SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the meeting of July 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 was Operations Administrator Erika Mooney.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Fee called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

III. PETITIONS - PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Petition from Nantucket Electric Company/ National Grid, Plan # 31123673, to Install a Hand Hole and Approximately 30' of 2-4" Conduits from Pole 35 in Front of 112 Madaket Road. Vice Chair Fee opened the hearing. Jose Vazquez of National Grid reviewed the petition.

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

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

2. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Petition from Nantucket Electric Company/ National Grid, Plan # 31080256, to Install a Junction Box, Pad-mounted Transformer and Underground Conduits at 22 Brewster Road. Vice Chair Fee opened the hearing. Ms. Mooney reviewed the departmental comments regarding the number of public utilities in the roadway currently, along with a sewer map. Jose Vazquez of National Grid reviewed the petition, noting the work will not be in the gravel roadway. Ms. Mohr asked if this proposed petition is for service upgrades due to higher demand or for new service. Mr. Vazquez said it was for new service.

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

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

3. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Petition from Verizon New England, Inc. and Massachusetts Electric Company/National Grid, Plan # 4A0XY3BROW Petition1595251, to Relocate Pole 51-5 Approximately 10' West in Front of 14 Hussey Street. Vice Chair Fee opened the hearing. Ms. Mooney reviewed the departmental comments, noting the Fire Department has concerns about fire truck or ambulance access if the pole is relocated. Vice Chair Fee asked about comments from Planning and Land Use Services (PLUS). Ms. Mooney reviewed comments about the pole being relocated in front of an historic home and that the proposed driveway widening has not been approved by the Historic District Commission (HDC). Ms. Mooney added that the neighbor across the street contacted Town Administration about a week ago about adding an accessible parking space in front of 15 Hussey Street. Mike Wolongevicz, representing Verizon, reviewed the petition. Mr. Dixon spoke in favor of delaying any action until after the HDC reviews this matter and there is a plan for public safety access. Dr. MacNab said he is not convinced there is a

need to relocate the pole. Vice Chair Fee asked Mr. Wolongevicz if there has been any discussion of burying the wires in this location. Mr. Wolongevicz said there has not been. Ms. Mohr suggested continuing the hearing to allow the petitioners time to see if there are other options and to see if the HDC approves a driveway widening.

There was no public comment. Ms. Mohr moved to continue the hearing to September 15, 2025; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Vice Chair Fee – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

Dr. MacNab said any arguments will have to be strong to convince him to change his mind and approve the petition. Vice Chair Fee spoke against parking on sidewalks and turning yards into car parks.

4. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Petition from Verizon New England, Inc. and Nantucket Electric Company/National Grid, Plan #4A0UL7X ROW Revised, to Relocate Pole 75-10 Approximately 10' Northwest from Current Location in Front of 22 Pleasant Street. Vice Chair Fee opened the hearing. Ms. Mooney noted a utility pole was already installed at this location, without approval and in the wrong location. Mike Wolongevicz, representing Verizon, reviewed the petition, saying he and the Verizon engineer guessed it was a temporary placement. Ms. Mohr said she was unwilling to move this petition forward without knowing what was happening with the driveway(s). Mr. Dixon noted this location is routinely a bottleneck due to heavy traffic and long-term implications need to be considered. Ms. Mohr said property owners should be attending these hearings to discuss their petitions and the need for the proposed changes. She said she is not inclined to approve pole relocations without petitioners present to review. Dr. MacNab said the entire street needs to be reviewed, not just this section. Ms. Mohr asked the Board what message it wanted to send to petitioners. Dr. MacNab spoke in favor of continuing the hearing until September. Ms. Mohr moved to continue the hearing to September 15, 2025; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Vice Chair Fee – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

Vice Chair Fee reiterated his comments from the prior hearing about parking on sidewalks and turning yards into car parks. Ms. Mooney said Town Administration will need to review the process of petitions to see what leeway the Board has with requiring petitions for pole relocations due to driveway adjustments to have HDC approval. Mr. Wolongevicz said he will convey the Board's comments to the Verizon engineers.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mohr moved to adjourn at 11:35 AM; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Vice Chair Fee – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

Approved the 23rd day of July 2025.

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List of documents used at the meeting:

- III. 1. AIS re: NGrid petition for 112 Madaket Rd; Dept comments; Madaket Rd petition; Madaket Rd plan
- III. 2. AIS re: NGrid petition for 22 Brewster Rd; Dept comments; Plan to accompany Sewer comments; Brewster Rd petition; Brewster Rd plan
- III. 3. AIS re: Verizon/NGrid petition for 14 Hussey St; Dept comments; Photo to accompany Fire comments; Hussey St petition; Hussey St plan
- III. 4. AIS re: Verizon/NGrid petition for 22 Pleasant St; Dept comments; Photos to accompany DPW comments; Pleasant St petition; Pleasant St plan; Pleasant St graphic; revised "Exhibit A" from Verizon