

SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the meeting of March 11, 2026. 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 Dawn E. Hill, Thomas Dixon, Matt Fee, Dr. Malcolm MacNab and Brooke Mohr.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. SELECT BOARD ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented, with two changes: item X-1 was moved earlier in the agenda as indicated; the HDC appeal at the end of the agenda will be continued to April 1, 2026 and not heard tonight.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson reviewed the announcements as noted:

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

2. The Nantucket Affordable Housing Trust is Accepting Nominations for the 2026 Dr. Howard Dickler Citizen Award, which Honors a Community Member who Demonstrates Exceptional Voluntary Leadership and Advocacy in Support of Affordable Housing on Nantucket. Nominations may be Submitted to Housing@nantucket-ma.gov through April 10, 2026. Learn More at: <https://nantucket-ma.gov/3621/Dr-Howard-Dickler-Citizen-Award>.

3. Stay Current with Town News

The Town of Nantucket's Latest Monthly E-News Updates are Now Available. The Housing Department Newsletter was Distributed on Monday, March 2, and the Town Manager's Newsletter was Distributed on March 4. Read the Latest Editions and Subscribe to Receive Future Updates Directly in Your Inbox at: <https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/1043/Monthly-e-News>.

4. May 4, 2026 Annual Town Meeting

Warrant Article Information May be Found at <https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/3722/2026-Annual-Town-Meeting>.

5. Summer Internship Program

The Human Resources Department is Accepting Applications for the Town's Summer Internship Program. The Program Provides Students with Hands-On Experience in Local Government and the Opportunity to Contribute to Town Projects and Services. Learn more and apply: <https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/Jobs.aspx?Uniquelid=108&From=All&CommunityJobs=False&JobID=Town-of-Nant...>

6. ServSafe Food Protection Manager Course

The Health and Human Resources Department will Offer a Three-Day ServSafe Food Protection Manager Course April 1–3 at 4 Fairgrounds Road. Classes will be Held from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, with the Exam on the Final Day from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Cost is \$50 (Cash or Check Payable to the Town of Nantucket; Drop off at 131 Pleasant Street). Space is Limited to 15 participants. To register, email health@nantucket-ma.gov.

7. Town Awarded \$175,000 Seasonal Communities Grant

The Town of Nantucket has been Awarded \$175,000 through the Commonwealth's Seasonal Communities Grant Program to Support Affordable Housing Trust Initiatives and Advance More than 42 Potential Housing Units. Read the Full Press Release Here: <https://nantucket-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/54417/Town-of-Nantucket-Awarded-175000-Seasonal-Commun...>

8. Select Board Announcements/Comments. There were no announcements/comments.

IV. UPDATE ON PUBLIC COMMENT QUESTIONS FROM PRIOR SELECT BOARD MEETINGS (see <https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/3788/2026-Public-Comment-Questions-Responses>) Public responses from March 4th were not ready.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Eldridge commented on National Grid's new "Smart Meter" program and expressed concern about it.

Jason Graziadei of the Nantucket Current commented on the National Grid "Smart Meter" program and asked for the "basis of a statement the Town put out this morning".

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 Ms. Mohr; all in favor, so voted.

1. Approval of Minutes of March 4, 2026 at 5:30 PM; March 5, 2026 at 9:00 AM.

2. Approval of Treasury Warrants for March 11, 2026.

X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Overview of Legal Services Transition. Ms. Gibson introduced the item and noted that lead Town Counsel attorney, John Giorgio will be retiring at the end of June, 2026. Managing partner Lauren Goldberg will be assuming the duties of Mr. Giorgio and it was felt that a public overview of the transition for the community would be appropriate. Mr. Giorgio spoke on his history with the Town since his firm KP Law assumed the position of Town Counsel in 2011 and expressed appreciation for being able to represent the Town. Mr. Giorgio received a round of applause from the audience. Ms. Goldberg spoke on her role and history with KP Law, as well as her current and on-going representation of the Town, and the legal team at KP Law that is available to the Town. She concluded by reiterating the value of Nantucket as an ongoing client of the firm.

VIII. CITIZEN/DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REQUESTS/REPORTS

1. Request for Waiver of Historic District Commission, Planning and Land Use Services (PLUS) and Sewer Permit Fees for Baker Family/9 Pine Grove Lane. Operations Administrator Erika Mooney introduced the item and noted Paul Santos, representing the Baker family, is present to answer any questions. Ms. Mooney reviewed other situations where fee waivers have been granted by the Board when homes have been damaged or destroyed by fire. Mr. Santos reviewed the request and spoke in favor. Some discussion followed regarding the sewer fee part of the request and whether or not a lien or other mechanism to collect that fee in the future could be applied. Chair Hill asked what the sewer fee is comprised of. Mr. Santos said

that the size of the house is changing (will be larger), so there is a higher fee than a standard “disconnect – reconnect” fee. Mr. Fee moved to approve a waiver of all HDC and PLUS fees as requested, but only the Sewer disconnect and reconnect fees, not the modification fee; seconded by Ms. Mohr; all in favor, so voted

2. Department of Public Works/Solid Waste Division: Review of Proposed Landfill Fee Adjustments/ Schedule Public Hearing/Extend Emergency Solid Waste Regulation Regarding Disposal of Yard Waste at Town of Nantucket Solid Waste Facility from March 31, 2026 to May 1, 2026. Public Works Director Andrew Patnode introduced the item and reviewed the presentation as contained in the Board’s agenda packet. Some discussion followed on the analysis undertaken as to the waste stream volumes and cost to the Town to dispose of this material, which is not matched by current fees. Mr. Fee asked if it might be possible that if the fees increase, contractors might use personal vehicles to avoid a fee. Mr. Patnode said while that is possible, it does not seem to be a significant concern due to the volumes of some of this material that is brought in by commercial contractors. Campbell Sutton commented on local haulers having been recently consolidated into one firm. Ms. Mohr moved to extend the emergency solid waste regulation regarding disposal of yard waste from March 31, 2026 to May 1, 2026; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted. Ms. Mohr moved to schedule a public hearing for April 1, 2026 to consider the proposed fee increases; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted.

3. Finance Department: Request for Approval of Bond Anticipation Note Sale Held on March 3, 2026 in the Amount of \$9,325,000, Dated March 20, 2026 for the following purposes: Sea Street Pump Station, Affordable Housing Land Acquisition, Airport – Milling and Overlaying Runway and Airport Projects. Finance Director Brian E. Turbitt reviewed the request. Mr. Fee moved approval of the motion contained in the Board’s agenda packet for this agenda item dated March 11, 2026; seconded by Ms. Mohr; all in favor, so voted.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing to Consider the Removal of the Time of Year Restrictions for the Six Two-Acre Private Aquaculture Leases known as Head of the Harbor – Coskata to Open those Parcels to Year-Round Use Similar to All Other Private Aquaculture Leases. Chair Hill opened the hearing. Natural Resources Director Jeff Carlson reviewed the proposal, which he noted had been recently reviewed with the Board when this public hearing was scheduled. Mr. Fee asked about the history of the restrictions. Mr. Carlson explained.

As there was no public comment, Dr. MacNab moved to close the hearing; seconded by Mr. Dixon; all in favor, so voted.

Mr. Dixon moved to approve the removal of the restrictions as presented; seconded by Dr. MacNab; all in favor, so voted.

X. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

1. Overview of Legal Services Transition. This matter was taken up earlier as noted.

2. Public Works/Transportation Planner: Request for Approval of Pilot Stop Signs on Surfside Road at Intersection of Surfside Drive and Miacomet Road. Mr. Patnode introduced the item and reviewed the materials in the Board’s agenda packet. Discussion followed as to how long the pilot program should be in place. Ms. Mohr suggested it remain through the May 4th annual town meeting. Amy Eldridge expressed support for the pilot program, stating that it is a “brilliant” idea. Walter Flaherty, sponsor of a citizen warrant

article on the 2026 annual town meeting warrant for these stop signs, spoke in favor of the pilot program. Campbell Sutton spoke on traffic congestion in this area and spoke in favor of the program. Some discussion followed. Ms. Mohr moved approval of the pilot program as recommended, through town meeting; seconded by Dr. MacNab; all in favor, so voted.

XI. SELECT BOARD REPORTS/COMMENT

1. Update on the Investigation of the Investigation of African Meeting House Vandalism. Dr. MacNab said that the investigation is continuing; and, that the investigator has most recently requested information from the Cape and Island's District Attorney office.

2. Committee Reports. There were no Committee Reports.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing to Consider the Appeal of Schwartz Family Properties Trust, Gerald Schwartz, and Heather Reisman of Historic District Commission Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness No. HDC2025-08-13048 with Conditions to Install Fencing, Gates and Cattle Grates at 11, 13, 17 and 21 Nonantum Avenue, Map 87, Parcels 110, 139, 58 and 156 (Continued from February 18, 2026). Chair Hill re-opened the hearing. Mr. Dixon moved to continue the hearing to April 1, 2026; seconded by Ms. Mohr; all in favor, so voted.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mohr moved adjournment at 6:39 PM; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted.

Approved the 18th day of March, 2026.

**SELECT BOARD
MARCH 11, 2026 – 5:30 PM
PSF COMMUNITY ROOM, 4 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
AND REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM WEBINAR
NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS**

List of documents used at the meeting:

- VII. 1. Draft minutes of 3/4/2026; Draft minutes of 3/5/2026 open session
- VIII. 1. AIS re: Permit fees waiver request for 9 Pine Grove Ln; Waiver request; 2/25/2015 Strang waiver approval letter, Strang waiver request, 2/25/2015 Select Board minutes; 12/7/2016 Lindquist waiver approval letter, Lindquist waiver request, 12/7/2016 Select Board minutes; 3/3/2021 Pigue waiver approval letter, Pigue waiver request, Email from Sewer Dept., Email from Housing office, 3/3/2021 Select Board minutes
- VIII. 2. Solid Waste Tipping Fee Adjustments presentation; Emergency Regulation Limiting Monthly Yard Waste Deliveries by Contractors, effective 1/7/2026; 1/7/2026 Select Board minutes
- VIII. 3. AIS re: sale of Bond Anticipation Notes; Vote of the Select Board dated 3/11/2026; List of bidders
- IX. 1. AIS re: Public hearing re: Aquaculture Lease restrictions; Public hearing notice; Maps (2)
- X. 2. AIS re: Pilot Stop signs on Surfside Rd; Map of recommended signage & pavement markings
- XII. 1. HDC Appeal of 11-21 Nonantum Ave; HDC Appeals Procedure; Public hearing notice; Appellant appeal submission; HDC File; Memo from HDC re: appeal; Supplemental information submitted by appellant; March 4, 2026 email from appellant counsel with attached letter and exhibits