

## SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the meeting of March 25, 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 Matt Fee, Thomas Dixon, Dr. Malcolm MacNab and Brooke Mohr. Dawn E. Hill participated remotely.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Fee called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. He noted that while Chair Hill is participating remotely, he will be acting chair, and all votes will be taken by roll call.

### II. SELECT BOARD ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

### 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](mailto:Housing@nantucket-ma.gov) through April 10, 2026. Learn More at: <https://nantucket-ma.gov/3621/Dr-Howard-Dickler-Citizen-Award>.

#### 3. May 4, 2026 Annual Town Meeting

Warrant Article Information May be Found at <https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/3722/2026-Annual-Town-Meeting>; and Public Outreach Sessions (Remote Only) Scheduled for:

- Thursday, April 9 at 5:00 PM – Article 15 (Somerset Needs Area Sewer Extension Appropriation)  
– In-Person Only in Community Room of 4 Fairgrounds Road.

- Monday, April 13 at 5:00 PM – Article 71 (Stormwater Management Bylaw)  
YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/80CWYjYMu3E>; Zoom:  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_mbzmYWYsnuZ5zy4xEobkg](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mbzmYWYsnuZ5zy4xEobkg)

- Tuesday, April 14 at 5:00 PM – Article 15 (Somerset Needs Area Sewer Extension Appropriation)  
YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/L-FucT4lbZE>; Zoom:  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6\\_sKU-xWSoOyf35EXNJSHA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6_sKU-xWSoOyf35EXNJSHA)

- Tuesday, April 21 at 5:00 PM – Article 15 (Somerset Needs Area Sewer Extension Appropriation)  
YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/aGUiEc-M0iM>; Zoom:  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_TZWDQZW8Q8mtxksQNSs6Rg](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TZWDQZW8Q8mtxksQNSs6Rg)

The 2026 Annual Town Meeting webpage was shown on screen.

#### 4. Select Board Announcements/Comments. No announcements or 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 comment question response from March 18<sup>th</sup> were reviewed by Vice Chair Fee and shown on the screen.

#### V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Clifford Williams asked about the African Meeting House agenda item. Dr. MacNab said there will be a brief report.

Thomas Barada inquired about road repairs and asked specifically about several areas and asked if these could be repaired.

Mr. Barada commented on a property at Lincoln Circle with respect to the existing drought and water usage.

Amy Eldridge asked if there are plans to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States on Nantucket this year.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

#### VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, WARRANTS AND PENDING CONTRACTS

Ms. Mohr moved approval of items VII 1 – 2; seconded by Dr. MacNab; by roll call vote: Vice Chair Fee – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Ms. Hill – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

1. Approval of Minutes of March 16, 2026 at 11:00 AM; March 18, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

2. Approval of Treasury Warrants for March 18, 2026.

#### VIII. CITIZEN/DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REQUESTS/REPORTS

1. National Grid: Update on Smart Meter Program. Jesse Harvey, National Grid's (NGrid) Director of the MA AMI Delivery Team, provided brief overview of the purpose of; and, an update on the Smart Meter Program and addressed recent customer concerns about increased bills following the smart meter installation. Erika Mooney and Ms. Eldridge asked questions and Mr. Harvey responded. Mr. Harvey said that representatives from the Smart Meter and Customer Advocacy teams will be available to speak with customers, answer questions about smart meters and assist those who may qualify for discounted rates or account protections as follows:

- **Wednesday, March 25** – Following the Select Board meeting, Public Safety Facility (2nd Floor Training Room), 4 Fairgrounds Road, until 8:00 PM.
- **Thursday, March 26** – 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Public Safety Facility (Community Room), 4 Fairgrounds Road

He noted that the team will be back in May as well.

Mr. Harvey spoke on the accuracy of the meters, ways to save energy and resources available to customers. Ms. Mohr commented on the changes in bill charges she has been informed of prior to and after Smart Meter installation. Mr. Barada commented on usage and billing he has been informed of and asked

how frequently Smart Meters are read. Mr. Harvey responded. Mr. Barada asked if the data is shared. Mr. Harvey said that customer information is not shared by NGrid. Frank Daily commented on a particular bill example which he described as “worrisome” and asked further questions about billing details. Mr. Harvey responded. Catherine Ward spoke on her personal bill situation and expressed concern that she has not been able to get it resolved. Mr. Harvey responded. John Carl McGrady of the Nantucket Current commented on bill increases that he has reviewed and discussions he has had with customers. Mr. Harvey responded. Mr. Fee advised those with billing concerns to take advantage of the aforementioned sessions with NGrid personnel. Mr. Barada asked about the billing if one was to opt out of the Smart Meter program. Mr. Harvey responded. Mr. Fee thanked the NGrid team for coming to the meeting.

Other National Grid team members present included Melissa Ahlstand, Lead Analyst, NGrid’s AMI Change Business Partner who works in conjunction with the Call Center Functions; Kelley Kilty, Senior Supervisor on NGrid’s Accounts Maintenance Operations team under the Billing and Collections group; and Rachel Cruz, Senior Advocate on NGrid’s MA Customer Advocacy team.

Lisa Morgera, NGrid’s Lead Project Manager, AMI Customer and Community Engagement was present remotely.

2. Request for Approval of G.L. c.268A, §19(b)(1) Exemption for Town Manager in Connection with Potential Internship of Immediate Family Member. Ms. Gibson reviewed her request for the Board to approve the §19(b)(1) exemption. Ms. Mohr moved to determine that the financial interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the municipality may expect from Ms. Gibson; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Vice Chair Fee – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Ms. Hill – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

#### IX. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

There was no report.

#### X. SELECT BOARD REPORTS/COMMENT

1. Consideration/Approval of Amendments to Town Regulations Chapter 338, Short-Term Rental Property, Chapter 338-4(C), Adding New Subsection (7), Pursuant to Board of Health Adoption on March 19, 2026.

Ms. Gibson introduced the item. Health and Human Services Director Roque Miramontes reviewed amendments to Chapter 338, Short-Term Rental Property, noting that they were approved by the Board of Health at its meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Town Counsel Attorney Devan Braun explained the amendment further. Mr. Dixon moved approval of the amendments to Chapter 338-4(C) by adding a new subsection 7, as presented; seconded by Ms. Mohr; by roll call vote: Vice Chair Fee – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Ms. Hill – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted. Rebek Duhaime spoke on unintended consequences of the amendment and asked for clarification. Ms. Braun responded. Ms. Hill withdrew from the vote and recused from the rest of the discussion on this item. Kathy Baird asked for some detail on differences between how short-term rentals are administered by the Town vs by the State. Ms. Braun responded. Mr. Miramontes noted that the Town’s Short-term Rental Coordinator is readily available for discussion about specific concerns.

2. Review/Adoption of Select Board Comments to May 4, 2026 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles. Ms. Gibson reviewed the proposed Select Board comments for Articles 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 73 and 74, as well as a positive motion for Article 11.

Article 11 – Ms. Mohr moved approval as presented; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Vice Chair Fee – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Ms. Hill – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

Article 13 – Mr. Dixon moved approval as presented; seconded by Dr. MacNab; by roll call vote: Vice Chair Fee – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Ms. Hill – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted

Article 14 - Mr. Dixon moved approval as presented; seconded by Ms. Mohr; by roll call vote: Vice Chair Fee – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Ms. Hill – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted

Article 15 - Ms. Mohr moved approval as presented; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Vice Chair Fee – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Ms. Hill – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted

Article 17 - Ms. Mohr moved approval as presented; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Vice Chair Fee – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Ms. Hill – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted

Article 73 – Discussion followed on status of the draft license with the Sconset Beach Preservation Fund (SBPF) as discussed by the Board last week. Ms. Mohr moved to adopt the comment, noting that the SBPF group has a lot of persuading to do in the community; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Vice Chair Fee – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Ms. Hill – Yes; Dr. MacNab – No; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted

Article 74 - Ms. Mohr moved approval as presented; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Vice Chair Fee – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Ms. Hill – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted

3. Update on the Investigation of the Investigation of African Meeting House Vandalism. Dr. MacNab read an email from the investigator as attached to these minutes. Clifford Williams commented on the previously established work group and said that the investigator should meet with the work group. Mr. Williams said that there are people he thinks need to be interviewed who have not been and stated he believes there is a conflict. Dr. MacNab said that the charge of the work group was to recommend an investigator and that charge has been completed. Dr. MacNab said that the investigator indicated to him that he does not need further information. Mr. Williams said again that the work group “needs a meeting”.

4. Committee Reports. Mr. Fee reported on a Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee meeting this week. Ms. Mohr reported on a recent Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission meeting at which Land Bank Director Rachael Freeman attended to review the Land Bank.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dixon moved adjournment at 6:46 PM; seconded by Ms. Mohr; by roll call vote: Vice Chair Fee – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Ms. Hill – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

Approved the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2026.

**SELECT BOARD  
MARCH 25, 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 3/16/2026; Draft minutes of 3/18/2026
- VIII. 1. National Grid Smart Meter Program update presentation
- VIII. 2. Town Manager G.L. c. 268A, s.19(b)(1) disclosure
- X. 1. Town Counsel Memo re: Board of Health Short-Term Rental Regulation; New Subsection (7) of Ch. 338-4(C) - Short-Term Rental Property - per Board of Health 3/19/2026 vote; Current Regulation Ch. 338 - Short-Term Rental Property
- X. 2. Select Board Draft Comments for 2026 Annual Town Meeting Warrant; Select Board 1/14/2026 minutes re: Article 73; Draft 2026 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as of 3/12/2026
- X. 3. Update on Investigation of the Investigation of African Meeting House Vandalism