

SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the meeting of April 1, 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, Matt Fee, Thomas Dixon, 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.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The March/April Town Manager E-newsletter will be issued tomorrow.

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

2. Town Awarded \$30,000 [Historic Survey and Preservation Planning Grant](#)

The Town of Nantucket has been Awarded \$30,000 by Massachusetts Historical Commission for its [Certified Local Government \(CLG\) Community Project Towards the Creation of a Preservation Plan for the Island](#). Ms. Gibson thanked Preservation Planner Holly Backus for her work to secure the grant.

3. 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>.

4. 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 Scheduled for:

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

- Monday, April 13 at 5:00 PM – Remote Only - Article 71 (Stormwater Management Bylaw)
YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/80CWYjYMu3E>; Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mbjzmYWySnuZ5zy4xEobkg

- Tuesday, April 14 at 5:00 PM – Remote Only - 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

- Tuesday, April 21 at 5:00 PM – Remote Only - Article 15 (Somerset Needs Area Sewer Extension Appropriation)

YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/aGUiEc-M0iM>; Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-link>

5. Public Works Director: Spring Roadwork Updates. Public Works Director Drew Patnode gave an update on spring road work, including road paving and sidewalk reconstructions. Mr. Patnode also spoke on work that will be underway shortly involving resetting several manhole covers around the island. Mr. Fee inquired about roadside sand. Mr. Patnode responded. Following Mr. Patnode's report, Ms. Gibson commended the DPW for its spring/post-storm clean-up efforts.

6. 2026 Annual Committee/Board/Commission Vacancies and Appointment Timeline. Operations Administrator Erika Mooney reviewed the committee appointment timeline and list of current openings. She noted the following:

- the Roads and Right of Way Committee is phasing out as it has been merged into a new Transportation and Public Access Advisory Committee (TPAC), 6 at-large members of which will be appointed by the Town Manager, the rest by the Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission.
- the Sign Advisory Committee will be advertised for all seats, with new staggered term limits which will become three-year terms after initial appointments.
- there will be an additional Zoning Board of Appeals vacancy with a recent resignation, to be accepted by the Board at tonight's meeting.
- Town Administration will be working with Planning and Land Use Services (PLUS) staff to advertise a Planning Board vacancy due to a recent reported resignation, once officially accepted by the Town Clerk's office.
- Town Administration has requested a definitive answer from Town Counsel as to the status of Planning Board alternate seats.
- amendments to the Board's Committee Appointment Process will be presented to the Board at its April 15 meeting.

7. No Select Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026; Next Meeting to be Held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

8. 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 responses from the Board's March 25th meeting were reviewed by Chair Hill and shown on the screen.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Eldridge thanked the DPW Director for the roadway update and asked about deteriorating roadside edges along sections of Milestone Road.

Mary Wawro inquired about the language of Article 73 on the 2026 Annual Town Meeting warrant with respect to provisions of the Town Code. Ms. Wawro was advised that the 3-minute limit was up and continued speaking.

Rick Atherton spoke on concerns he has about Article 73.

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. Mohr; all in favor, so voted.

1. Approval of Minutes of March 25, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

2. Approval of Payroll Warrants for March 29, 2026.

3. Approval of Treasury Warrants for April 1, 2026.

4. Approval of Pending Contracts for April 1, 2026 - as Set Forth on the Spreadsheet Identified as Exhibit 1, Which Exhibit is Incorporated Herein by Reference.

VIII. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Nantucket Wine and Food Festival Charitable Foundation, Inc.: Request for Approval and Execution of Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission Charitable Wine License Applications for Festival Events May 27 - 31, 2026 (Tabled from March 16, 2026). Ms. Mohr recused from this matter and left the table. Licensing Administrator Amy Baxter reviewed the matter, explaining that each year the Nantucket Wine and Food Festival (NWF) must apply for an Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) Charity Fundraising License. She added that following the NWF 2025 application, the ABCC reached out to notify Licensing that “Charity Wine Partnerships require 51% of the funds to be donated to charity. Once the event is complete, we’ll need a report/proof from the event hosts confirming that the majority of the funds were donated to charity in order to issue future charity partnership licenses of this kind.” Ms. Baxter said that at the March 16th meeting, NWF did not have that information available for the Board’s review but some of that is available for review tonight. Some discussion followed.

Mr. Fee moved to approve the NWF license applications; seconded by Dr. MacNab; all in favor, so voted.

Ms. Mohr returned to the table.

IX. CITIZEN/DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REQUESTS/REPORTS

1. Resignation Acceptance: Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Fee moved to accept the resignation of Joe Marcklinger, with thanks for his service; seconded by Mr. Dixon; all in favor, so voted.

2. Our Island Home: Request for Private Pay Rate Increases: Daily Private Pay Rate for Semi-Private Room from \$600 to \$645 per Day; Daily Private Pay Rate for Single Private Room from \$620 to \$665 per Day, Effective July 1, 2026. Our Island Home (OIH) Administrator Robert Eisenstein reviewed a presentation on proposed private pay rate increases, as contained in the Board’s agenda packet and pursuant to previous discussions the Board has had on this matter.

Ms. Mohr moved to approve the OIH private pay rate increases as presented; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted.

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing to Consider Public Assembly Permit for Maria Mitchell Association "Stargazer Circus" to be Held July 23-26, 2026, 11:00 AM to 8:30 PM at Tom Nevers Field, 130 Tom Nevers Road. Chair Hill opened the public hearing. Cultural Affairs and Special Events Coordinator Deana Weatherly reviewed the Public Assembly Permit for the Maria Mitchell Association's (MMA) new "Stargazer Circus" event. Some discussion about particulars of the event followed.

As there was no public comment, Ms. Mohr moved to close the hearing; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted.

Ms. Mohr moved approval of the event as presented; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted.

2. Select Board/Board of Public Works: Public Hearing to Consider Amending Commercial and Residential Landfill Tipping Fees. Chair Hill opened the public hearing. Public Works Director Drew Patnode reviewed the proposed amendments to the commercial and residential landfill tipping fees as presented in the Board's agenda packet. Mr. Patnode noted that Solid Waste Manager Chris Lowe is also present to address any questions.

As there was no public comment, Ms. Mohr moved to close the hearing; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted. Mr. Fee commented on landscaping truck traffic to the landfill. Mr. Patnode responded. Discussion followed as to the fee proposal vs a cap on the volume of material brought to the landfill with any one trip.

Ms. Mohr moved approval as presented; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted.

XI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

XII. SELECT BOARD REPORTS/COMMENT

1. Request for Approval of Draft License with Sconset Beach Preservation Fund (SBPF) for Use of Town-owned Property Along Baxter Road/Sconset Bluff for Erosion Control Project. Sustainability Programs Manager Vincent Murphy introduced the item and reviewed the recent history of the development of the draft license (as contained in the Board's agenda packet) since the last annual town meeting, as well as a summary of the draft license. Dr. MacNab questioned the longevity of the Sconset Beach Preservation Fund (SBPF) and whether the funds referenced in the document will be sufficient should SBPF dissolve. Mr. Murphy reviewed the provisions that have been included in the draft license to protect the Town for such eventualities. Some discussion followed. Dr. MacNab expressed concern overall with the future of the geotube project and financial responsibility. Mr. Fee spoke on the Town's responsibilities and how they may be paid for. Dr. MacNab spoke on compliance issues with the geotube project and expressed concern over those. Amy Eldridge spoke on the impact to Sconset roadways of the truckloads of sand required for the project. Frank Weymar spoke on the tax base consequences of erosion on the Island. Burton Balkind questioned the number of licenses the Town has had with SBPF, spoke on the lack of compliance with these licenses and spoke in favor of soliciting input from fishermen for offshore sand mining. Meridith Moldenhauer of SBPF thanked Town officials for their work to come up with the draft license and spoke on specific details of certain aspects of the license, including truck routes. Doug Rose spoke on the removal plan for the geotubes and the complications he sees with implementation. He stated that he believes the

removal plan should and could be more “iron-clad”. Mr. Murphy responded. Emily Molden of the Nantucket Land and Water Council reviewed concerns about the license. Some discussion followed.

Ms. Mohr left the meeting at 7:00 PM; she returned at 7:02 PM.

Mr. Fee noted there are many details that still need to be worked about. Mr. Murphy addressed Ms. Molden’s comments. Ms. Moldenhauer responded as well. Guy Wisinski spoke in favor of the license and in favor of the geotube project. He spoke on vandalism that occurred to the geotubes a few months ago and questioned the speed at which the “emergency access plan” is being developed. Mr. Murphy said that there is an active police investigation underway regarding the vandalism. Mr. Murphy spoke on the development of alternative access and pointed out the complexities of the planning for this. D. Anne Atherton questioned several provisions of the draft license and spoke on each. Some discussion followed. Rick Atherton spoke on the license conditions and requested that the instruments for escrow and other legal requirements be made available to the public as well as specific dates for various actions. Ms. Moldenhauer and Mr. Murphy responded. Mary Wawro spoke on the status of the project’s approval by permitting authorities, as well as pending appeals. Mr. Murphy spoke on the length of time it took for the Conservation Commission to approve the current project and noted that the license for use of the Town property for the project is separate from appeals and approval of the project.

The Board generally agreed to discuss the next agenda item before considering action on the draft license.

2. Request for Discussion Regarding Concerns over Sand Delivery Frequency/Volume Over Public Roads in Connection with Sconset Beach Preservation Fund Erosion Control Project at Baxter Road. Burton Balkind of the Nantucket Coastal Conservancy (NCC) reviewed concerns over the frequency and resulting impact of sand deliveries that will be necessary for the erosion control project and reviewed slides as provided in the Board’s agenda packet to demonstrate the concerns. D. Anne Atherton spoke further on estimated trips of deliveries. Mr. Murphy noted that the estimates presented are not definitive and are subject to many variables. He acknowledged that a significant number of truck trips will be necessary for the sand requirements of the project. Discussion followed as to sand sources and if offshore sand mining were available, it could reduce the number of truck trips. Mr. Fee spoke on other erosion control structures around the island that also require sand, that do not gain the attention that this project has. Chris Powicki of the Sierra Club of Cape Cod spoke about concerns with the geotube project. Ms. Moldenhauer responded and spoke about the public benefits of the project with preservation of the Bluff. Ms. Atherton spoke on harm she stated is being done to the beach area below the Bluff. Ms. Atherton thanked the Board for this discussion.

Chair Hill asked the Board to consider the license. Mr. Fee asked about adding anything based on tonight’s discussion. It was generally agreed to add specifics about the escrow agreement for the sand. Discussion followed as to establishing an escrow for the road repairs. Ms. Mohr suggested that if SBPF does not pay for road repairs as currently written, that an escrow be required. Ms. Moldenhauer suggested using money from one of the other escrows already to be established. Some discussion followed and Mr. Murphy suggested some potential further review on this with Town Counsel and to determine how to come up with an appropriate number for an escrow. Discussion followed. Dr. MacNab suggested that the license be valid for only one year. Mr. Fee suggested an annual compliance review by the Board. Some discussion followed. Dr. MacNab moved to continue the matter until the Board’s April 15th meeting so that staff can prepare the language discussed tonight with respect to an annual compliance review and another escrow for road repair; seconded by Ms. Mohr; all in favor, so voted.

3. Open Meeting Law Complaint Filed Against Select Board by Meghan Perry Glowacki, Dated March 20, 2026: Acknowledge Receipt of Complaint; Review and Discuss Response; and Authorize Submission of Response by Town Counsel; Votes May Be Taken. Attorney Janelle Austin of Town Counsel's office reviewed the Open Meeting Law complaint filed against the Select Board and the proposed action for the Board to take if they are in agreement with the proposed action. The Board discussed the allegations of the complaint with Ms. Austin and reviewed the draft prepared by Town Counsel.

Ms. Mohr moved to approve the draft response to the Open Meeting Law complaint prepared by Town Counsel, and to authorize Town Counsel to finalize and send the response to the complainant and the Division of Open Government, consistent with our discussion this evening; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted.

4. Update on the Investigation of the Investigation of African Meeting House Vandalism. Dr. MacNab said the investigator has worked with District Attorney's office and received "favorable response"; and, is now working with the State Police.

5. Committee Reports. There were no committee reports.

XIII. 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; March 11, 2026; Request to Continue to April 29, 2026). Chair Hill reopened the public hearing.

Ms. Mohr moved to continue the hearing to April 29, 2026; seconded by Mr. Dixon; all in favor, so voted.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mohr moved adjournment at 8:18 PM; seconded by Mr. Dixon; all in favor, so voted.

Approved the 15th day of April, 2026.

**SELECT BOARD
APRIL 1, 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:

- III. 2. Grant Award notice; Narrative of Nantucket's Certified Local Government Community Project
- III. 6. 2026 Committee Appointments Timeline; 2026 Committee Appointments Openings list
- VII. 1. Draft minutes of 3/25/2026
- VII. 4. Pending Contracts spreadsheet
- VIII. 1. AIS re: Nantucket Wine Fest; NWF 2025 Charitable Giving Calculations; NWF corporate certification; Dreamland Certification Form; Dreamland letters; Event descriptions; Dreamland Charity Wine License Application; Nantucket Hotel Certification Form; Nantucket Hotel letters; Event descriptions; Nantucket Inn Certification Form; Nantucket Inn letters; Events descriptions; Nantucket Inn Charity Wine License Application; Portion of Select Board 3/16/2026 minutes; Charitable giving list & backup
- IX. 1. Joe Marcklinger resignation from Zoning Board of Appeals; ZBA membership
- IX. 2. Letter from Our Island Home Administrator re: rate increases; OIH rates presentation – UPDATED
- X. 1. AIS re: Maria Mitchell Association's Stargazer Circus; Special Event Application; Contract between MMA and Venardos Circus; Communication between MMA, Tom Nevers Civic Association & Town; Venardos Insurance Safety Record; Board of Health Temporary Housing Approval; MMA Slide Deck with Site, Tent Layout, Safety Plans; Approved Tent Permit
- X. 2. 2026 Solid Waste Tipping Fee Adjustments presentation
- XII. 1. Draft license between Town & Sconset Beach Preservation Fund for Baxter Rd Erosion Control Project
- XII. 2. Letter from Nantucket Coastal Conservancy re: SBPF Sand Plan
- XII. 3. Email from Town Counsel with MOTION re: Open Meeting Law complaint; KP Law memo re: Glowacki OML complaint; Glowacki OML complaint