SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the meeting of April 15, 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 and Brooke Mohr. Dr. Malcolm MacNab participated remotely.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and said that Dr. MacNab is participating remotely, therefore 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. Select Board/Planning Board Accepting Applications for Vacant Seat on Planning Board until Noon on Friday, April 24, 2026; Submit Applications to Planning Board at 2 Fairgrounds Road, Nantucket, MA 02554; Joint Appointment to be Made at May 20, 2026 Select Board Meeting. Operations Administrator Erika Mooney reviewed where pertinent information may be found on the Town website.

3. 2026 Annual Committee/Board/Commission Vacancies and Appointment Timeline; Committee Appointment Process: Boards, Commissions & Committees | Nantucket, MA - Official Website. Ms. Mooney reviewed the committee appointment timeline and list of current openings.

4. The Finance Committee is Holding a May 4, 2026 Annual Town Meeting Informational Session on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 5:00 PM Via Zoom:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83529177804?pwd=GRrub0bVTH7LQbRRIIFStF5HQwvpZX.1

5. May 4, 2026 Annual Town Meeting Starts Monday, May 4, 2026 at 4:30 PM at Nantucket High School, Mary P. Walker Auditorium, 10 Surfside Road
Warrant Article Information May be Found at https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/3722/2026-Annual-Town-Meeting; and Public Outreach Session Scheduled for:

- 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/webinar/register/WN_TZWDQZW8Q8mtxksQNSs6Rg

6. 2026 Annual Town Election Scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM at Nantucket High School, 10 Surfside Road.

7. Bartlett Road Will be Closed from Surfside Road to Thirty Acres Lane from Monday, April 20, 2026 to Friday, April 24, 2026, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, for Stormwater Drainage Installation.

8. DPW: April 24, 2026 Arbor Day Proclamation; and Seedling Giveaway on Saturday, April 25, 2026 and Sunday, April 26, 2026 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM or When Seedlings are Gone at Nantucket Landfill (Residential Drop-off Parking Lot).

9. The Community Claims Fund Launched on Monday, January 26, 2026 to Accept Claims. This Fund was Created as Part of the Blade Failure Settlement with GEV. Verus, LLC, the Administrator of the Fund, has Created a Dedicated Website with More Information and Instructions for How to File a Claim: www.NantucketBladeSettlement.com. Claims Must be Filed No Later than June 26, 2026. For Questions, Please Contact the Verus Support Team at NantucketBladeSettlement@Verusllc.com or 508-305-7225.

10. Town Offices will be Closed on Monday, April 20, 2026 in Observance of Patriots' Day.

11. No Select Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 22, 2026; Next Meeting to be Held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026.

Ms. Gibson noted that this is Finance Director Brian Turbitt's last formal Select Board meeting before he heads to another municipality to become their Finance Director. She thanked Mr. Turbitt for his service and for the many improvements he has made to strengthen the Town's financial position, including audits and a bond rating that only 14 other municipalities in the state have achieved. She added that Mr. Turbitt will be at Nantucket's 2026 Annual Town Meeting and has agreed to be available to help close out a few pending matters thereafter. The audience gave Mr. Turbitt a round of applause. Ms. Mohr commended Mr. Turbitt on his expertise and assistance with complex and complicated housing financing in the last several years. Mr. Dixon, Mr. Fee, Dr. MacNab and Chair Hill all thanked and/or commended Mr. Turbitt as well and he was wished the best of luck in his new position.

12. 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) Chair Hill reviewed public comment responses from the Board's April 1st meeting, which were also shown on the screen.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

JP Caron of Waydale Road and General Manager of the Town's Solid Waste Facility for the operator, Waste Options, spoke on comments made at a recent Planning Board meeting regarding a dormitory permit with which he and his family are involved. He spoke on his commitment to the Island.

Amy Eldridge thanked the Town for allowing a forum with the State Auditor last weekend to be held in the Community Room.

Hadley Dutra spoke on "proper procedure" for Nantucket public boards, referring specifically to the Board of Health and the public comments of some members regarding a School proposal for athletic facility improvements including a synthetic turf field, as well as an open meeting law violation. Ms. Dutra exceeded the 3-minute time limit and concluded her comments after being so notified.

Campbell Sutton thanked Mr. Turbitt for his service; and, thanked Mr. Caron for making his public comments and expressed regret that he felt he had to make them.

Graham Vesey asked for clarification on the Board of Health motion that is in its agenda packet for April 16th.

Kate Garrette commented on the Board of Health motion as well and commented further on the scope of testing that seems to be proposed, stating that it is scientifically unrealistic.

Vincent Murphy commented on the Board of Health motion and noted that the scientific testing proposed is "science fiction".

Chair Hill said that regulations require a noticed public hearing.

VI. NEW BUSINESS
There was no New Business.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, WARRANTS AND PENDING CONTRACTS
Ms. Mohr moved approval of items VII 1 – 4; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

1. Approval of Minutes of April 1, 2026 at 5:30 PM; April 2, 2026 at 9:00 AM; April 7, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

2. Approval of Payroll Warrants for April 12, 2026.

3. Approval of Treasury Warrants for April 15, 2026.

4. Approval of Pending Contracts for April 15, 2026 - as Set Forth on the Spreadsheet Identified as Exhibit 1, Which Exhibit is Incorporated Herein by Reference. Ms. Gibson noted several pending contracts for further explanation. Dan Kramer of Hazen and Sawyer, along with Stormwater Manager Charles Johnson, reviewed the contract with Niezgoda and Murray for Washington Street stormwater repairs. Special Projects Manager Chuck Larson reviewed the scope of the Hazen and Sawyer contract for the preparation of a stormwater master plan.

Burton Balkind asked if the stormwater master plan project is consistent with the Town's Coastal Resiliency Plan. Mr. Larson responded affirmatively.

Mr. Fee commented on the Airport Grant Assurances approved as part of Pending Contracts, noting that the assurances are very "one-way" by the federal government. He expressed frustration at this.

VIII. CONSENT ITEMS
1. Gift/Donation Acceptances: Fire Department; Planning and Land Use Services (PLUS). Ms. Mohr read the donor list, and amount of the gifts/donations and purposes as noted in the Select Board agenda packet and moved to accept the gifts for their designated purposes, with thanks to the donors; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

IX. CITIZEN/DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REQUESTS/REPORTS
1. Presentation on Proposed Remote Town Meeting Legislation. Moderator Sarah Alger introduced Dave Bernstein, who reviewed the presentation on proposed remote town meeting legislation as contained in the

Select Board's agenda packet. Ms. Alger said that the presentation is informational only but that people frequently ask her why they cannot vote from home for Town Meeting. Ms. Mohr asked how the Town would "accept" remote Town Meeting voting. Attorney Lauren Goldberg of Town Counsel's office said that a Town Meeting vote would most likely be required to file special legislation. Some discussion followed as to what pending legislation might require; and, existing pending legislation. Mr. Dixon asked about the specifics of a close vote. Mr. Bernstein responded. Mr. Fee asked about remote voting with "one issue" voters. Mr. Bernstein said he was not sure. Mr. Fee asked about the use of remote voting with representative town meeting and the number of voters who may want to speak at the same time. Mr. Bernstein responded. Ms. Goldberg spoke on her experience with remote representative town meetings, noting that it can be very challenging. Mr. Dixon asked about the Secretary of State's position on this. Mr. Bernstein said that he has sent them information but has not received any negative comments. He said the Attorney General supports it. He acknowledged that the technology is not fully developed. Ms. Sutton concurred with Mr. Fee's comment about "one issue voters". She expressed concern about vote tracking to individuals. Town Clerk Nancy Holmes responded to Ms. Sutton's concern with respect to Nantucket's electronic voting system. She said an overriding concern she has, is accessibility for those who might not have sufficient technology. She commented on the potential cost. Mr. Bernstein said that such a system would have to be initiated incrementally and iteratively. Ms. Goldberg said security issues are a valid concern. Mr. Bernstein reiterated the value of pilot programs. Some discussion followed.

<u>2. Fire Department: Update on New Fire Engine #5 (Replacing Fire Engine #7) Manufacturing.</u> Deputy Fire Chief Nick Esposito gave an update on a new fire engine that is being built at a plant in Nebraska. He spoke on the features that distinguish the vehicle from others and make it specific to Nantucket.

<u>3. Request for Review and Potential Approval of Amendments to Select Board Committee Appointment Process.</u> Ms. Mooney reviewed the proposed amendments to a) change the advertising of the openings from a "local newspaper" to "any print and/or electronic media, having general circulation within the Town of Nantucket". This change brings the advertising requirement in line with Town Bylaw Chapter 2, Administrative Procedures, § 2-1(A) "Public hearing required; manner of notice" which was updated pursuant to the vote on Article 85 of the 2025 Annual Town Meeting; and, b) to update the date when the Select Board makes its appointments, from its last meeting in June to "at a June meeting…" This will allow new appointees more time to be sworn in, attend Open Meeting and Conflict of Interest Law trainings, and connect with their committees to understand meeting schedules and scope of work.

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

<u>X. SELECT BOARD REPORTS/COMMENT</u>

<u>1. Review of Proposed New Our Island Home Bids (in Connection with Article 11 of May 4, 2026 Annual Town Meeting).</u> Finance Director Brian Turbitt reviewed a slide showing updated bids for the construction of a new Our Island Home (OIH). Mr. Fee spoke in favor of keeping the appropriation request at the same number as for the 2025 annual town meeting. Some discussion followed. Mr. Turbitt noted that a Technical Amendment to the Finance Committee Motion will be needed and he will provide it.

Mr. Turbitt thanked the Board and Ms. Gibson for their support during his tenure as Nantucket's Finance Director and expressed gratitude for his time in Nantucket.

2. Request for Approval of Draft License Terms with Sconset Beach Preservation Fund (SBPF) for Use of Town-owned Property Along Baxter Road/Sconset Bluff for Erosion Control Project (Continued from April 1, 2026). Ms. Gibson reviewed the agenda information for this item, noting that feedback from the Board and others has been worked into revised license terms, which are in the packet. Ms. Mohr asked what would prevent the Board from doing something "completely different" from the license terms before the Board. Town Counsel Attorney Vicki Marsh addressed the question. Mr. Fee commented that it would be the intent, in his opinion, for a license containing the terms as presented, be executed, following an affirmative Town Meeting vote. He acknowledged there could be a "trust issue" with the voters. Sustainability Programs Manager Vincent Murphy reviewed the extensive iterative process that the license terms has followed; and the revisions that have followed from the April 1 Board meeting. Some discussion followed. Ms. Mohr expressed support for moving forward, noting significant and compelling reasons to do so. Ms. Goldberg said that Town Meeting typically does not discuss or vote on the terms of a license and that adoption of the terms is important and that it is possible that something may have to be modified later for legal reasons. Meredith Moldenhauer affirmed SBPF's agreement of the terms in the Board's packet and spoke on the importance of the project and the ultimate license for use of the Town's property. Burton Balkind asked if revisions are made following Town Meeting, will they be made public. Ms. Gibson and Board members confirmed that there would be an open public process. Dr. MacNab stated he is not comfortable with the project and remains skeptical about its viability.

Ms. Mohr moved approval of the terms as presented; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted. Ms. Marsh noted that if Article 73 passes at the 2026 Town Meeting, a final license will be brought to the Board for execution. The Board thanked Mr. Fee for his work with Town Administration on this item.

3. Update on the Investigation of the Investigation of African Meeting House Vandalism. Dr. MacNab read "highlights" from a communication he received from the investigation firm (attached) and said he would forward them to the Board subsequently.

4. Announcement of Select Board Executive Session Vote Taken on April 2, 2026, Pursuant to the Request of the Zoning Board of Appeals, to Authorize an Appeal of the Housing Appeals Committee (HAC) Proposed Decision to Approve the Surfside Crossing 40B Housing Development with Conditions Once it Becomes Final. Chair Hill made the Announcement.

5. Committee Reports. There were no committee reports.

XI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Traffic Safety Recommendations. Transportation Program Manager Mike Burns reviewed the following Traffic Safety recommendations as outlined in the Board's agenda packet:

- 13 West Chester Street – Remove one (1) 2-hour parking space at 13 West Chester Street. Applicant will have to pay to relocate existing fire hydrant to the west side of the proposed driveway and east of the utility pole to accommodate the proposed driveway configuration; removing the on-street parking space results in a net gain of parking. Ms. Sutton said she thinks the Nantucket Historical Commission should undertake a review of this request. Some discussion followed. Mr. Fee spoke against the request. Mr. Burns spoke on the specifics of the request noting that the Historic District Commission has approved the request. Mr. Fee moved to deny the request; seconded by Mr. Dixon. Discussion followed as to ways in which the driveway could be reconfigured. Some discussion then followed as to scheduling a Board discussion about its policy on these parking space removal issues. Amy Eldridge spoke against removal of parking spaces. Mr. Fee revised his motion with the agreement of Mr. Dixon to table the request; by roll call vote, pending further discussion about the Board's parking space removal policy: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

- Washington Street at Salem Street – Permanently designate three (3) on-street parking spaces along Washington Street at Salem Street for Tour Vans Only (spaces accommodate two tour vans); this was previously approved for the 2025 summer season. Ms. Mohr moved approval as presented; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

- 10 York Street – remove one (1) on-street parking space across from driveway at 10 York Street (deferred from December 3, 2025 meeting). Tabled to a future meeting pending the policy discussion noted above.

- 2 Cabot Lane – remove one (1) on-street parking space in front of 2 Cabot Lane to improve access to driveway (deferred from December 3, 2025 meeting). Some discussion followed. Mr. Dixon said he is not sure this is 100% necessary. Mr. Fee said the size of vehicles is problematic in areas like this. Ms. Sutton commented on this item and suggested "seasonal" parking allowances. Chair Hill commented that vehicles need to fit the driveways and expressed concern as to eliminating a parking space. Ms. Mohr moved denial of the request; seconded by Mr. Fee. Mr. Fee commented further on high demand for parking in the area. By roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

- Summer Street – remove six (6) on-street parking spaces between Pleasant Street and Pine Street to accommodate emergency response vehicles and relocate one (1) accessible parking space to the north side of Summer Street between Trader's Lane and Pine Street, as shown in Option 2 (deferred from December 3, 2025 meeting). Mr. Burns reviewed staff discussion with the Summer Street Church representatives. Ms. Sutton expressed concern about the removal of the parking spaces due to the lack of spaces in the immediate area and lack of off-street parking. Ms. Mooney reiterated the purpose of the recommendation: emergency response. Ms. Sutton stated that many streets downtown have emergency access problems and that the Town should obtain "stream-lined" emergency vehicles. Ms. Eldridge expressed concern about the removal of the parking spaces. Mr. Dixon suggested a "pilot" for Option 2 of a specific duration. Discussion followed. Ms. Mohr asked Fire Chief Mike Cranson about the route a fire truck might take to a fire in the area. Ms. Mohr suggested trying removal of two spaces on the south side of the street, at the Pleasant Street end. Ms. Mohr so moved; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mohr moved adjournment at 7:51 PM; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

Approved the 29th day of April, 2026.

SELECT BOARD
APRIL 15, 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. Planning Board Vacancy Appointment Timeline; Planning Board vacancy notice
- III. 3. 2026 Annual Committee Appointments Timeline; List of annual committee seats available
- VII. 1. Draft minutes of 4/1/2026; Draft minutes of 4/2/2026 open session; Draft minutes of 4/7/2026
- VII. 4. Pending Contracts spreadsheet; Airport Grant Assurance - Taxiway G Phase III; Airport Grant Assurance - Runway 6-24 Centerline Rehab; Airport Grant Assurance - Purchase Aircraft Tug; Airport Grant Assurance - Apron Drainage
- VIII. 1. Gift summary & recommended motion; Fire gift; PLUS gift
- IX. 1. Presentation on proposed remote town meeting legislation
- IX. 3. AIS re: amendments to Committee Appointment Process; Redlined Committee Appointment Process
- X. 1. Our Island Home - revised project cost & borrowing comparison
- X. 2. AIS re: SBPF License Term Sheet; Redlined License Terms; Letter from Nantucket Land & Water Council
- XI. 1. AIS re: Traffic Safety recommendations; Memo from Transportation Program Manager; 13 West Chester St graphic; Washington St graphic; 10 York St graphic; 2 Cabot Ln graphic; Summer St - Option 1 graphic; Summer St - Option 2 graphic; Portion of Select Board 12/3/2025 minutes re: Traffic Safety recommendations