

## **Washington Street Workgroup Minutes**

**Friday, May 15, 2026 at 11:00am**

**Hybrid: Zoom and in person at the Land Bank Office**

**Members present:** Matt Fee, Alan Reinhart, John Stackpole

**Members absent:** Nat Lowell, Malcolm MacNab

**Staff present:** Vince Murphy, Liz Phelps, Bob Bystrowski, Mike Burds, Charles Johnson, Anne Dougherty, Laura Marett, Joe Famely, Todd Turcott, Gregg Tivnan, Megan Sheahan, Adriene Lennon

Packet available here:

<https://nantucketma.portal.civicclerk.com/event/24328/files/agenda/34755>

Recording available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOYJGqMSU5I>

- A. Meeting convened in open session at 11.13am.
  - 1. Public Comment opened and closed with no public comment
  - 2. Meeting minutes of December 19 accepted unanimously by members present with no edits.
  - 3. Laura Marett presented the packet materials on the Design Refresh

Matt Fee asked how some of this fit in with the Nantucket coastal Resilience Plan. Vince Murphy responded that the CRP sought to raise the level of the road, and this is a supporting part to buy us time to plan for the larger project.

Laura presented costs on (1) Frances Street Beach & Drainage (2) Land Bank Rain Garden and (3) the Saltmarsh center Green Infrastructure, as well as state and federal funding sources.

Matt and Vince discussed grant applications, strategy and timeframes, as well as how Town and Land Bank may move these projects forward under an MOU. Joe Famely provided more information on these points. Ann Dougherty inquired about matching funds and how those work for grant applications.

Laure continued on the revised Basis of Design and its updates.

Megan Sheahan discussed the financial benefits of the Frances Street pilot project. Between 2030 to 2039, \$1.1m to \$1.8 million dollars in possible benefits. It may also increase local property values. Full Washington Street [project over 10 years from 2040 to 2049 would have \$12m to \$24m in benefits over time. Recreation value, property values were not able to be accounted for and were intrinsic benefits.

Alan R. asked about next steps to get to project implementation, and we agreed to return to that later in the agenda.

Todd presented the operation and maintenance needs, including all compliance for the dune, ADA compliance. Adriene Lennon talked about environmental permitting for Mass DEP, MEPA, 401 Water Quality, ConCom, US ACE among others. Environmental Justice screening was also mentioned.

Discussion on permitting and next step, allowed for the return to Alan R. question about next steps.

The Work Group considered the options of approval of the 30% design. Alan R. made a motion to approve the 30% design, with all the deliverables as discussed, and for staff to sign off on the final report that will be circulated to all members. Motion was seconded by John Stackpole. Unanimously approved by the 3 members present.

Vince Murphy outlined that Town and Land Bank staff will internally meet in June post report to develop a path to next steps

B. Adjourned at 11.55.