

SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the meeting of May 27, 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, Robert DeCosta, Matt Fee, Brooke Mohr and Jill Vieth.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM following a meeting of the County Commission.

II. SELECT BOARD ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Chair Hill noted there is one additional announcement and one correction to the agenda. The agenda was otherwise 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. Town Manager's Monthly E-News Out Thursday, May 28

The Town Manager's Monthly E-News will be out Thursday, May 28. Subscribe to Receive the Newsletter and Stay Connected with Town Communications, including Newsletters, Alerts and Updates at www.nantucket-ma.gov/stayconnected.

3. Housing Production Plan Community Workshop

The Housing Department and Affordable Housing Trust Invite the Community to the 2nd Housing Production Plan Workshop on Monday, June 1 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM at Nantucket High School Cafeteria. Remote Participation Also Available. More at www.nantucket-ma.gov/HPP.

4. Housing Production Plan Community Survey

The Housing Department, through the Affordable Housing Trust and in Partnership with Barrett Planning, has Released the Second Round of its Housing Production Plan Community Survey, which is Open through Sunday, June 7. Take the Survey Here: www.nantucket-ma.gov/HPP.

5. Request for Public Comments on Vineyard Wind Debris Response Summary

The Town of Nantucket Invites the Public to Review Vineyard Wind's Debris/Infrastructure Failure Incident Response Plan Summary and Submit Comments or Questions by June 15, 2026. More Information at <https://nantucket-ma.gov/3809/DebrisInfrastructure-Failure-Incident-Re>.

6. Public Comment Questions Subscriber Lists

The Town has Added a Subscriber List for the Public Comment Questions Page, which Features Responses to Questions Raised During the Public Comment Portion of Select Board Meetings. Sign Up Here: <https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/3345/Public-Comments-Questions-and-Town-Respo>.

7. Town Website Redesign Launch

Town's Updated Website Will Launch on Friday, June 6. During the Transition (3 Hours) from Current Site to New, Users May Experience Brief Delays or Interruptions. Ms. Gibson corrected the date as Friday, June 5.

Energy Coordinator Lauren Sinatra announced upcoming community Energy Information Sessions on June 1st and 2nd hosted by National Grid and the Town Energy Office to provide residents with information on billing assistance programs, smart meters, Mass Save incentives, Nantucket PowerChoice and other energy-saving initiatives, with opportunities for residents to ask questions and receive assistance. She noted details are posted on the Town website and will be in the Town Manager E-news.

8. Select Board Announcements/Comments. Mr. DeCosta noted an upcoming blood drive next week and encouraged people to participate.

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 noted there were no public comment questions posed at the May 20, 2026 meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Catherine Ward noted that she received a letter from the Water Department on drought restrictions and questioned the criteria for filling pools.

Megan Perry requested a copy of an audit pertaining to the Wiggles Way housing development.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, WARRANTS AND PENDING CONTRACTS

Chair Hill noted that the draft minutes from April 27, 2026 at 11:00 AM and May 18, 2026 at 11:00 AM are not yet ready for approval. Ms. Mohr moved approval of item VIII 1 – 3 with the exception of the minutes from April 27, 2026 at 11:00 AM and May 18, 2026 at 11:00 AM; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted.

1. Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2026 at 11:00 AM; April 30, 2026 at 2:00 PM; May 18, 2026 at 11:00 AM; May 18, 2026 at 1:30 PM; May 20, 2026 at 10:00 AM; May 20, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

2. Approval of Payroll Warrants for May 24, 2026.

3. Approval of Treasury Warrants for May 27, 2026.

4. Approval of Pending Contracts for May 27, 2026 - as Set Forth on the Spreadsheet Identified as Exhibit 1, Which Exhibit is Incorporated Herein by Reference. Ms. Gibson reviewed the Pending Contract for an annual maintenance agreement between the DPW and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for reimbursement for the maintenance of Milestone Road, and commended Public Works Director Drew Patnode negotiating a doubling of the state reimbursement from the last contract.

Mr. Patnode reviewed a contract for the tennis operation at Jetties, which had been the subject of various emails this afternoon. Mr. DeCosta questioned the fees of residents vs non-residents. Parks and Recreation Manager Charles Polachi responded and explained the fee structure. Mr. DeCosta asked how the pickle ball courts are reserved. Mr. Polachi explained. Some discussion followed as to the use of the pickle courts. Mr. DeCosta asked if the operational arrangement with reservations and/or fees can be modified. Mr. Polachi responded affirmatively. Mr. DeCosta said he would prefer pickle court use be free

and without reservations. He asked for this agreement to be taken up separately. Discussion continued as to the reservation program, specifically advance reservations. Ms. Vieth said she also supports free tennis. Kristie Ferrantella commented that the reservation system and fees proposed have been in place for over 20 years and work. Robert Liddle spoke on his experience with pickle court reservations, off-island. Megan Perry spoke on the school tennis courts reservation arrangements, cost and use. Some discussion followed. Mr. Patnode reiterated that the system in the lease is the same system that has been in use for the last two years, with no reported issues.

Ms. Mohr moved approval of the tennis facility operation lease with the understanding that the reservation system be reviewed and that a plan be brought back to reflect that people cannot reserve specific times for the entire summer and allows for drop-in time; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted.

Ms. Vieth questioned a contract for a feasibility study for a solar carport canopy at the 2 Fairgrounds Road parking lot. Deputy Town Manager Gregg Tivnan explained the feasibility study scope. Mr. Fee suggested that the placement of the canopy be reviewed if there are changes to that property. Mr. Tivnan further explained the scope of the feasibility study and noted the canopy would be placed in an area that cannot be built upon. Some discussion followed.

Ms. Mohr moved approval of remaining Pending Contracts; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted.

VIII. CITIZEN/DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REQUESTS/REPORTS

1. Applicant Introduction/Review of Applications for Agricultural Commission, Airport Commission, Board of Health, Cannabis Advisory Committee, Capital Program Committee, Cemetery Commission, Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee, Conservation Commission, Contract Review Committee (Human Services), Council for Human Services, Council on Aging, Cultural Council. Operations Coordinator Erika Mooney reviewed the applicants for each committee and the following applicants spoke on their applications:

Agricultural Commission – no applicants were present.

Airport Commission – Anthony G. Bouscaren and F. Scott Wilson.

Board of Health - Meredith (Meri) Lepore, Ann Smith, Amy Beaton, Kate Garrette and Ernest Strang. Ms. Mooney noted that Kit Murphy was unable to attend tonight and plans to speak at next week's meeting.

Cannabis Advisory Committee - Ms. Mooney noted that Joseph W. Plandowski is unable to attend either meeting to review his application.

Capital Program Committee – Howard Matz. Ms. Mooney noted that Barry Rector was unable to attend tonight and plans to speak at next week's meeting.

Cemetery Commission – Ms. Mooney noted that Amelia Holmes was unable to attend tonight and plans to speak at next week's meeting.

Conservation Commission – no applicants were present.

Contract Review Committee (Human Services) – Linda Williams and Tara Restieri.

Council for Human Services –Jamie Leiss and Kyan Samuel Roberts.

Council on Aging – no applicants were present.

2. Resignation Acceptance: Council on Aging; Finance Committee. Mr. DeCosta moved to accept the resignations of Arlene O'Reilly from the Council on Aging and Jill Vieth from the Finance Committee, with thanks for their service; seconded by Ms. Mohr; all in favor, so voted.

3. Tree Advisory Committee: Request to Dedicate Tree at Nantucket Public School Property at 10 Surfside Road as a "Liberty Tree" in Connection with the 250th Anniversary Celebration of the American Revolution. Tree Advisory Committee member Mary Longacre reviewed the request and read the wording of a proposed commemorative plaque. Mr. DeCosta moved to approve the request; seconded by Ms. Mohr, all in favor, so voted. Ms. Longacre noted that a dedication time will be subsequently scheduled.

4. Request for Waiver of Town Noise Bylaw to Accommodate Multiple Concrete Deliveries at 100 Wauwinet Road on Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 4:00 AM to 7:00 AM (Actual Delivery Time will go Until 5:00 PM). Ms. Mooney reviewed the request, noting that requestor Pat Levesque is present to answer questions. Mr. Levesque explained the details of the plan for the deliveries. Some discussion followed as to a rain date. Mr. DeCosta moved approval with a rain date of June 6 and for the neighbors to be notified; seconded by Ms. Mohr; all in favor, so voted.

IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Committee Operations Coordinator: Review of Committee Member Compliance Requirements, Including Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest Law Training. Ms. Gibson introduced this matter. She explained that pursuant to state law changes to the Open Meeting Law and public records several years ago, the position of "Open Meeting Law Compliance/Records Access Officer" was established and funded; however the position quickly became consumed by public records requests which have become more frequent and more complex. She said that open meeting law and committee operations remain issues and funding was secured for FY 2026 for a Committee Compliance Coordinator position which was filled last fall, with Debora Goudemond. Ms. Goudemond reviewed the presentation as contained in the Select Board's agenda packet. Ms. Mohr commended Ms. Goudemond on her compliance report, noting the significant increase. Mr. Fee asked if signed Committee Code of Conduct forms are tracked. Ms. Goudemond responded affirmatively. Ms. Gibson thanked Ms. Goudemond for her presentation and work with committee compliance issues.

2. Police Chief: Update on 2026 Summer Traffic, E-bike and Parking Enforcement Plans. Ms. Gibson introduced the item noting that it was requested by the Board a couple of weeks ago. Police Chief Jody Kasper reviewed the presentation as contained in the Select Board's agenda packet. Mr. Fee asked about parking on sidewalks. Amy Eldridge asked about handicap parking. Chief Kasper responded. Discussion followed as to construction vehicle parking, particularly on narrower streets. Matt Peel spoke on loading zone enforcement. Chair Hill noted that parking downtown is likely to be worse this summer without the valet lot. Mr. Fee said the 2 Fairgrounds parking lot should not be free. Ms. Vieth commended Chief Kasper on its efforts to address e-bike issues. Mr. Fee spoke on the dangers of electric scooters. Ms. Eldridge thanked Chief Kasper for the police response to calls about speeding e-bikes. Kate Garrette concurred. Ms. Mohr asked about enforcement with cannabis impairment. Chief Kasper responded. Some discussion followed. The Board thanked Chief Kasper for the presentation.

X. SELECT BOARD REPORTS/COMMENT

1. 2026-2027 Select Board Committee Representative Appointments. Ms. Mooney displayed the various representative positions available. The Board was in general agreement of the following appointments:

Ad Hoc Budget Work Group: Chair Hill and Ms. Mohr
Audit Committee: Chair Hill and Ms. Vieth
Board of Health: Mr. DeCosta
Cannabis Advisory Committee: Chair Hill
Capital Program Committee: Ms. Vieth
Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee: Mr. Fee
Community Preservation Committee: Chair Hill
Nantucket Affordable Housing Trust: Ms. Mohr
NCTV Board of Directors: Ms. Mohr
Washington Street Resiliency Work Group: Mr. Fee

Mr. DeCosta questioned the Washington Street Resiliency Work Group's purpose and Ms. Mohr suggested that group needs only one Select Board representative. Mr. Fee spoke on a prior Polpis Harbor Municipal Property Advisory Committee. Ms. Mohr suggested that could be a Town Manager work group.

2. Update on the Investigation of the Investigation of African Meeting House Vandalism. Ms. Mohr said the report is still being peer reviewed and it is expected to be released when the investigator is back from vacation. Clifford Williams stated that he is on the workgroup for the investigation. Ms. Mohr said that the workgroup was established for procurement purposes only. Mr. Williams read the original warrant article. He said he would like the workgroup to meet with the investigator. He added that he has spoken with the investigator but has now been "ghosted". Ms. Mohr noted that this matter has been reviewed repeatedly and she will work on a timeline of actions for presentation to the Board for an upcoming meeting. She said it is important that accurate information be issued.

3. Committee Reports.

No committee reports.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mohr moved adjournment at 7:47 PM; seconded by Ms. Vieth; all in favor, so voted.

Approved the 3rd day of June, 2026.

**SELECT BOARD
MAY 27, 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 4/30/2026 - 2pm; draft minutes of 5/18/2026 - 1:30pm; draft minutes of 5/20/2026 - 10am; draft minutes of 5/20/2026 - 5:30pm
- VII. 4. Pending Contracts spreadsheet - amended 5/26
- VIII. 1. Committee membership & applicant list; committee applications; 2026 Annual Committee Appointments Timeline
- VIII. 2. Council on Aging resignation; Council on Aging membership list; Finance Committee resignation; Finance Committee membership list
- VIII. 3. Memo from Tree Advisory Committee re: Liberty Elm dedication; email from School
- VIII. 4. AIS re: Noise Bylaw waiver request - 100 Wauwinet Rd; email from Pat Levesque
- IX. 1. Committee Operations Update presentation
- IX. 2. 2026 Summer Enforcement for Parking, E-bikes, Traffic presentation
- X. 1. 2026-2027 SB committee representative list; 2025-2026 SB committee representative list