

Roads and Right of Way Committee

Final Meeting Minutes for Review and Approval – April 21, 2026

1. Call to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by Chair Lee Saperstein. This was a hybrid meeting held at the Pleasant Street trailer and via Zoom.

Attendance:

- Present: Lee Saperstein (Chair), Rick Atherton, Phil Smith, Allen Reinhard, Ed Gillum, and Nelson (Snooky) Eldridge.
- Ex Officio/Guests: Mike Burns (Transportation Planning), Drew Patnode (DPW Director), Bob Bystrowski (Real Estate), Gary Roberts (NRTA), Claire O'Connor (Nantucket Land Bank).
- Absent: Nat Lowell, Rob Ranney, and Gordon Auchterlonie.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved. The Chair expressed appreciation for the transition to using transcription tools for documentation.

3. Committee Reorganization (Transportation and Public Access Committee - TPAC)

The committee discussed its transition as it nears the end of its current term in June. It will be replaced by the new TPAC advisory body starting July 1.

- Structure: Nine voting members (3 designated, 6 at-large).
- Designated Seats: Joe Topham and Nat Lowell (NP&EDC), and Mickey Rowland (Commission on Disabilities).
- Applications: Six at-large members will be appointed by the Town Manager. Applications are due by noon on May 8, 2026.

4. Real Estate – Lily Pond Park Easement (6 Westco Place)

Claire O'Connor from the Nantucket Land Bank presented a request regarding a granite public way marker at 6 Westco Place.

- Background: A public easement leading to Lily Pond Park was re-established in 2005. Currently, the entrance resembles a private driveway due to cobbles and plantings, making it invisible to pedestrians.
- Action: The committee supported the Land Bank's request for a formal marker to clarify public access.

5. Transportation Planning (Mike Burns)

Mike Burns presented a project update, with input from Gary Roberts regarding NRTA

bus infrastructure.

- Pleasant Street: Survey results showed 66% resident engagement. Discussion focused on balancing historic character with ADA compliance.
- Infrastructure: Updates were provided on the FFY 2027–2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- Traffic & Parking: Ongoing concerns regarding traffic flow and the Surfside project were noted.

6. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made at 5:35 PM.

- Moved by: Ed Gillum
- Seconded by: Allen Reinhard
- Result: Unanimously approved.