

SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the meeting of June 3, 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 Matt Fee, Brooke Mohr and Jill Vieth. Dawn E. Hill and Robert DeCosta joined the meeting later as noted.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Mohr 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:

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

2. Nantucket Under Level 2 Drought Condition

Mandatory Water Restrictions are in Place and Fines will be Charged for Non-Compliance. See <https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/1897/Water> for More Information.

3. Housing Newsletter Out Tomorrow

Latest Housing Newsletter will be released Thursday, June 4, Featuring Updates from Housing Department, Information about Current and Upcoming Housing Opportunities and Resources for Residents, Workers, Community Members. Sign-up at www.nantucket-ma.gov/housingnews.

4. Textile Recycling Event

Solid Waste is Holding a Pop-up Textile Recycling Event on Saturday, June 6 from 8:00 AM to Noon at Solid Waste & Recycling Facility, 188 Madaket Road. Full List of Accepted Materials: www.nantucket-ma.gov/textiles.

5. Housing Production Plan Community Survey

The Housing Department, through the Affordable Housing Trust and in Partnership with Barrett Planning, has Released the 2nd Round of the Housing Production Plan Community Survey, which is Open through Sunday, June 7. Take the Survey Here: www.nantucket-ma.gov/HPP.

6. Brant Point Shellfish Hatchery Tours Are Back!

Tours of Brant Point Shellfish Hatchery Starting Tuesday, June 9 at 11:00 AM Space is Limited and Registration is Required: www.nantucket-ma.gov/hatchery.

7. 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. More Information at <https://nantucket-ma.gov/3809/DebrisInfrastructure-Failure-Incident-Re>.

8. Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring

The Town of Nantucket, with Local and Regional Partners, will Monitor Selected Ponds for Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) Weekly from June 2 through October 3. Report a HAB at www.nantucket-ma.gov/HAB.

9. Select Board Announcements/Comments.

Ms. Vieth said she was pleased that St. Paul's Church will take on the Declaration of Independence reading on July 4th.

Ms. Mohr commented on an affordable housing lottery through Housing Nantucket she was involved with pulling names for yesterday. She said all units will go to locals.

Mr. DeCosta joined the meeting remotely at 5:34 PM.

Ms. Vieth commented on enjoying the Land Bank's new pigs being kept on New Lane.

IV. UPDATE ON PUBLIC COMMENT QUESTIONS FROM PRIOR SELECT BOARD MEETINGS (see <https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/3788/2026-Public-Comment-Questions-Responses>) Ms. Mohr reviewed responses from public comment questions posed at the May 27, 2026 meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Maria Zodda commented on illegal parking on Cliff Road. She requested an immediate response. Ms. Mohr explained the Board's Public Comment policy does not allow for that and the Town will respond per the policy.

Amy Eldridge speaking remotely asked if the Town is considering any special plans to celebrate the 250th anniversary of America.

Campbell Sutton asked if the "lawn sign" policy could be reviewed with respect to sign removal.

Ms. Sutton asked if the Board would like to get quarterly reports from the Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission.

Robert Bates commented on Cliff Road parking and said that it is a safety issue.

Dave Collins commented on traffic at the intersection of Union Street and Francis Street and suggested clarifying signage. He added that the crosswalk needs to be repainted.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, WARRANTS AND PENDING CONTRACTS

Mr. Fee moved approval of items VII 1 – 2; seconded by Ms. Vieth; so voted 3-0. Mr. DeCosta did not participate in the vote as he was experiencing audio issues.

1. Approval of Minutes of May 27, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

2. Approval of Treasury Warrants for June 3, 2026.

Chair Hill joined the meeting in person at 5:45 PM.

VIII. CITIZEN/DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REQUESTS/REPORTS

1. Applicant Introduction/Review of Applications for Finance Committee, Historic District Commission Associate, Nantucket Affordable Housing Trust, Nantucket Historical Commission, Planning Board Alternate, Real Estate Assessment Committee, Scholarship Committee, Sign Advisory Council, Tree Advisory Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate. Operations Coordinator Erika Mooney reviewed the applicants for each committee and the following applicants spoke on their applications:

Finance Committee – Rob Giacchetti (statement read on his behalf), Joanna Roche (statement read on her behalf), Martin McKerrow. Ms. Mooney noted that Cindy Bortman Boggess has withdrawn her application.

Historic District Commission Associate – Joe Paul

Nantucket Historical Commission – Rita Carr

Planning Board Alternate – Dylan Metsch-Ampel. Ms. Mooney noted that applicants Clay Evans and Stephen Welch have both withdrawn their applications.

Real Estate Assessment Committee – Jesse Bell (remote), Lee Tesser (remote)

Scholarship Committee – Francie Baskett (remote)

Sign Advisory Council – Kevin Kuester. Ms. Vieth asked Mr. Kuester a question about greenery placements around signs.

Tree Advisory Committee – Mary Longacre, Eve Messing

Zoning Board of Appeals – the applicant was not present

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate - Jesse Bell (remote)

Agricultural Commission – Kelly Steffen

Council for Human Services – Kelly Steffen

Board of Health – Kit Murphy (remote) stated that she is withdrawing her application.

Capital Program Committee – Barry Rector

Cemetery Commission – Allen Reinhard, Amelia Holmes

Conservation Commission – RJ Turcotte

Mr. DeCosta joined the meeting in person at 6:18 PM.

Ms. Mooney reviewed the conclusion of the committee appointment process and the process to fill unfilled seats. Some discussion followed as to expediting the process somewhat with respect to the unfilled seats.

2. Public Works/Transportation: Request for Review and Approval of Alternative for Pleasant Street Sidewalk Improvements. Transportation Program Manager Mike Burns noted that the recommendations have been reviewed with three advisory committees. He proceeded to review the presentation as contained in the Select Board's agenda. Some questions were asked by Board members as to various aspects of the recommendations, with some concern about losing parking spaces. Mr. Burns was asked who was surveyed about the alternatives. Mr. Burns said that the entire neighborhood was consulted. Some discussion followed as to the detail of the survey responses; speeding and traffic calming measures; surfacing and curbing materials; marking the width of parking spots; treatment around trees; hitching posts; curb cuts and whether or not more curb cuts might be requested with loss of parking.

Ms. Mohr moved to accept the recommended alternatives (see attached) with the request that the loss of parking be as minimal as possible; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted. Mr. DeCosta commented that he is voting yes but does not like the loss of parking. Mary Longacre expressed disappointment that the Board voted and said that the Tree Advisory Committee was not consulted about this and is "horrified" that removal of historic elm trees was even considered. Mr. Fee moved that the Tree Advisory Committee be consulted regarding the work around the trees; seconded by Ms. Vieth; all in favor, so voted. Mr. Burns reiterated that final design will still come back to the Board for approval. Mr. Fee questioned whether or not trucks will be able to drive up onto sidewalks. Mr. Burns said that is not how the project is being designed. Amy Eldridge commented on the loss of parking. Ms. Longacre concurred. Some discussion followed on the array of options reviewed.

Chair Hill asked about the other end of Pleasant Street from Five Corners toward the Rotary. Mr. Burns said that he is waiting on proposals from designers.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing to Consider Application for Amended Bulk Fuel Storage License for Nantucket Memorial Airport to Add AV Gas, Class IB Fuel, 2,000 Gallons, Mobile Storage; Jet A, Class II Fuel, 38,000 Gallons, Mobile Storage; LP Gas, 195 Gallons, Above Ground Storage; LP Gas, 240 Gallons, Above Ground Storage; and LP gas, 2-1,000 Gallons Each, Underground Storage, for Property Located at 14 Airport Rd., Nantucket (Map 78, Parcel 1), Pursuant to MGL Ch. 148 § 13. Chair Hill opened the public hearing. Mr. DeCosta asked about the detail of the tanks. Assistant Airport Manager Preston Harimon explained what is and is not already in place. John Carl McGrady asked if this application relates to jet fuel farm expansion. Mr. Harimon explained that this application is an interim measure while plans are being prepared for the jet fuel farm expansion. Some discussion followed.

Ms. Mohr moved to close the hearing; seconded by Ms. Vieth; all in favor, so voted.

Mr. DeCosta moved to approve the amended bulk fuel storage license for the Airport as presented; seconded by Ms. Vieth; all in favor, so voted.

X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no Town Manager's Report.

XI. SELECT BOARD REPORTS/COMMENT

1. Update on the Investigation of the Investigation of African Meeting House Vandalism. Ms. Mohr said she does not have an update tonight. Clifford Williams submitted what he stated was a copy of the Request for Proposals for the investigation of the investigation.

2. Committee Reports.

Mr. DeCosta commented on house moves and one that occurred today about which he received numerous complaints. Some discussion followed. Mr. DeCosta requested that the Board discuss house moves at some point.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DeCosta moved adjournment at 7:08 PM; seconded by Ms. Vieth; all in favor, so voted.

Approved the 10th day of June, 2026.

**SELECT BOARD
JUNE 3, 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 5/27/2026
- VIII. 1. Committee membership & applicant list; committee applications; 2026 Annual Committee Appointments Timeline
- VIII. 2. AIS re: Pleasant St sidewalk improvements; Pleasant Street Sidewalk Improvements Final Design Alternatives & Survey Results presentation
- IX. 1. AIS re: Airport Bulk Fuel License; public hearing notice; 5/27 letter from Airport Manager; cover letter from Airport requesting amendment to bulk fuel storage license; application for amended license; bulk fuel storage site plan; abutter notification materials; Fuel Storage Analysis from Code Red Consultants; copy of current bulk fuel license for Airport (2022)