

Nantucket Historical Commission

March 20, 2026 Meeting

10AM

131 Pleasant Street, Nantucket MA and via Zoom

Attendees:

Betsy Tyler (Commissioner)
Barbara Halsted (Commissioner)
Rita Carr (Commissioner)
Holly Backus (staff – Preservation Planner) - online
Angus MacLeod (Commissioner) – online
Sarah McLane (Commissioner)
Abby De Molina (Commissioner)

Absent:

George Butterworth (Commissioner)

Agenda

- Roll call at 10:05 AM *Commissioners Rita, Barbara, and Betsy, and Sarah are in person. Commissioners Angus is online. Staff Holly is also in person.*
- Public comment *None*
- Staff update: Nothing beyond the agenda
- Historic resource surveys update
 - PaleoWest, LLC/ Chronical Heritage survey of Town-owned historic resources
 - Consultants will complete their site visit in late April
 - Easton Architects, Massachusetts Historical Commission FY23, Brant Point and Cliffside Area
 - Rita and Holly met via Zoom with the project team and MHC members
 - Tight timeline for completion due to previous delays; survey will generate 110 survey forms
 - List of 79 properties was reviewed; additional forms will focus on Easton street and completing forms for the remainder of the Brant Point area that has not yet been surveyed.
- 2026 Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey & Planning Grant for Preservation Plan
 - Holly was notified that Nantucket was approved for this grant
 - Next step is a kickoff meeting with the state Commission to move forward in the procurement process
- Civil war monument damage repair
 - Rita drafted a letter to the Town Manager to explore the NHC taking measures to improve the process for damage. Asked the commission if she should wait until after Annual Town Meeting to move forward.
 - Abby suggested waiting; Angus worried about how busy things are in the Town immediately after Town Meeting
 - Consensus was to wait

- Upcoming training: Coalition of Eastern Massachusetts meeting on 3/24 at 10:30; Holly highly recommends attendance.
- Commission Goals: Brief review of on track initiatives; reminder of upcoming Certified Local Government Meeting on April 10
- Approval of Minutes: October 17, 2025 and January 26, 2026 meetings *Motion to approve the minutes by Angus, second by Betsy. Angus – aye, Sarah – aye, Barbara – aye, Betsy – aye, Abby – Abstain, Rita – aye.*
- Other business *None*

Motion to adjourn by Betsy at 10:30 AM, seconded by Sarah. Unanimous approval., Betsy – aye, Barbara – aye, Angus – aye, Sarah – aye, Abby, - aye, Rita – aye.