

## SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the meeting of May 2, 2018. The meeting took place in the Public Safety Facility Community Room, 4 Fairgrounds Road, Nantucket, MA 02554. Members of the Board present were Jason Bridges, Matt Fee, Rita Higgins, Dawn Hill Holdgate, and James R. Kelly.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

### II. BOARD ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously accepted by the Board as presented.

### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson noted that the Select Board Meeting is being Video/Audio Recorded.

2. Ms. Gibson reviewed the 2018 Committee/Board/Commission noting information about the committees and duties can be found online. There will be two public hearings: May 21 and June 6; the Board will be making appointments on June 27.

3. Ms. Gibson announced that the first of two Coastal Resiliency workshops will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2018, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the PSF Community Room, 4 Fairgrounds Road.

4. Energy Office: Grant Award for Solar Project at Surfside Waste Water Treatment Facility. Energy Coordinator Lauren Sinatra noted the Town will be receiving a \$200,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to fund 90% of the cost for a Town-owned 75 kilowatts solar project that is estimated to save over \$20,000 on electrical bills per year.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT\*

None.

### V. NEW BUSINESS\*

None.

### VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, WARRANTS AND PENDING CONTRACTS

1. Approval of Payroll Warrants for Weeks of April 29, 2018. The payroll warrants for week of April 29, 2018 were approved by the unanimous consent of the Board.

3. Approval of Treasury Warrants for May 2, 2018. The treasury warrants for May 2, 2018 were approved by the unanimous consent of the Board.

4. Approval of Pending Contracts for May 2, 2018 - as Set Forth on the Spreadsheet Identified as Exhibit 1, Which Exhibit is Incorporated Herein by Reference. Ms. Higgins moved to approve pending contracts for May 2, 2018; Mr. Kelly seconded. So voted, 4-0.

### VII. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Gift Acceptance: Natural Resources Department. Mr. Fee moved to approve the gift from Sandbar Ack, LLC in the amount of \$193.99 and The Reef Ball Foundation in items for a total value of \$705; Ms. Higgins seconded. So voted, 4-0.

### VIII. CITIZEN/DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

1. Energy Office: Request for Approval of Comment Letter to Federal Bureau of Energy Management in Connection with Vineyard Power Off-shore Wind Energy Project. Ms. Sinatra noted that the Federal Bureau of Energy Management has opened the 30-day comment period for the public to provide comments on the proposal of Vineyard Wind project. Ms. Sinatra requested the Board to push forward the Energy Office comment letter. Ms. Sinatra reviewed the three recommendations to the Bureau and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Fee moved to approve submittal of the comment letter to the Federal Bureau of Energy Management; Ms. Higgins seconded. So voted, 4-0.

2. Finance Department: Request for Approval of Borrowing from State Revolving Fund for Sea Street Pump Station Project, Nantucket Harbor Shimmo/Plus Parcels Sewer Extension Project, Surfside Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project. Municipal Finance Director Brian Turbitt explained the borrowing request. Mr. Fee moved to approve the request as presented; Ms. Higgins seconded. So voted, 4-0.

3. Bartlett Tree Experts: Request for Waiver of Town Noise Bylaw from 5:00 AM to 8:00 AM from April 15 to September 15, 2018 for Multiple Locations. Project Administrator Erika Mooney noted that the requester is not present at the meeting but that this has been an annual request. Mr. Kelly moved to approve the request as presented; Mr. Fee seconded. So voted, 4-0.

#### IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Review of Master Planning for Town Parks. Ms. Gibson explained that at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting there was a re-appropriation of \$100,000 for playground replacement for Tom Nevers park and \$50,000 was appropriated for Public Works to be used for a master planning for municipal parks. Town Administration recommends including both appropriations into a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a general parks and fields master planning project. Ms. Gibson reviewed the timing of issuing an RFP and noted that an implementation of the master plan could take years. Ms. Gibson noted different parties interested in improvements to the Tom Nevers park and the JFK bunker. Ms. Higgins asked if the Tom Nevers playground will last until the master plan is completed. Mr. Fee said it probably would.

Nancy Wheatley, 6 Rights Landing, would like to see a good plan for Tom Nevers. She feels different factions have different ideas; however, neighbors would like to see the area as a quiet place with no concerts. Chair Bridges agrees that most neighbors favor "the passive recreation side".

Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Cheryl Emery, feels the Park and Recreation department is fragmented and it would be a good idea to include its reorganization in the master plan. Ms. Emery spoke about a group from Palm Beach and its proposal to renovate the bunker. She also wonders if there is an operation plan for staffing and maintenance of costs to operate parks. Ms. Gibson asked that everyone "please keep in mind there are a lot of needs different groups have and they cannot all be funded without resources."

The Board discussed the reasons that led to the Parks and Recreations department being consolidated and restructured during the economic downturn several years ago.

Private citizen Jesse Dutra spoke in favor of developing a plan.

Mr. Kelly moved to include staffing requirements associated with implementation of a Town Parks Master Plan; Ms. Higgins seconded. So voted, 4-0.

Liza Ottani spoke in representation of a group that has been working towards developing a multisport facility that was presented to be built adjacent to the Nobadeer Fields. She feels there is an unclear direction as to controls the property where such a facility could be constructed. Ms. Gibson noted there are intentions to

include study of this project in the master plan and that there has been some discussion about this with the Nantucket Land Bank.

Nantucket Soccer Club Director Rich Brannigan spoke in favor of a parks and fields master plan. He would like to see the Town putting more resources behind the care of the fields. Mr. Brannigan wonders what would happen if the Delta Fields were taken back over by the Airport and a multisport facility is built at Nobadeer Fields.

Dawn Hill Holdgate arrived at 6:39 PM.

2. Review/Schedule Fall 2018 Special Town Meeting. Ms. Gibson reviewed potential dates: October 22 or 29. Ms. Gibson noted that the Board should start reviewing specific articles in June and July. The Board and Ms. Gibson discussed other possible dates; the Board seems to agree mid-week might be a better option than a Monday. Ms. Gibson will come to the Board with other possible dates at the next meeting. Mr. Fee moved to propose October 10. The Board agreed to wait until Ms. Gibson comes back with other possible dates.

Mr. Bridges mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce is thinking about a Chamber Awareness series starting with a Marijuana Forum sponsored by the Chamber. The Board agrees to wait until they receive public input before drafting any articles on this matter. Ms. Gibson noted Town Administration has emailed the School Committee, the Board of Health, Nantucket Hospital, Behavioral Health Task Force and the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) for their positions on this matter. She mentioned that the Town could have its own forum possibly at the Athenaeum. Mr. Fee feels the Board should have information on potential cost to the Town with retail marijuana establishments, for example: extra police force, firemen, hospital staff, etc. Mr. Fee feels Nantucket should look at some towns in Colorado that have legalized marijuana. Ms. Gibson will forward to the Board a study about Aspen that Chief Pittman shared with her.

Ms. Hill Holdgate noted another Special Town Meeting article to be discussed might be a feasibility study for an elder and community center. Ms. Gibson added that the Center for Elder Affairs is coming to next week's meeting to review the assessment study they did last winter.

Mr. Kelly wonders what will be the Board's action about Old South Road improvements. Ms. Gibson proposed asking Planning to come to next week's meeting with priority recommendations.

Ms. Higgins wonders if it would be possible to include the addition of a sustainability office. Ms. Gibson answered that this might be an article for the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Fee would like the Special Town Meeting to be limited only to the most urgent matters.

Ms. Gibson spoke on wastewater legislation that allows Towns to implement up to 3% surcharge on tax bill dedicated to wastewater projects. Mr. Kelly asked if it is an added fee to the tax payers; Ms. Gibson answered affirmatively. The Board agrees this is an Annual Town Meeting discussion.

## X. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS/COMMENT

### 1. Committee Reports.

Mr. Kelly noted the Board of Health is working on guidelines to be developed regarding the utilization of funds for landscaping in connection with the septic system.

Mr. Fee spoke on an article he shared with the Board on zoning changes and other regulations in Aspen.

Mr. Kelly spoke on the Board's efforts and time spent on the Sconset Beach Preservation Fund request for an expanded erosion control project. He noted that the issue is extremely complex and the Board needs to spend the time thoroughly reviewing all aspects of it.

Ms. Gibson noted that another item in next week's agenda will be a review of the water quality testing results for 2017.

Chair Bridges noted he visited the Sea Street Pump Station renovation project with the Sewer Director this morning and invited people to take the time to visit it.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Approved the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

***SELECT BOARD  
MAY 2, 2018 – 6:00 PM  
PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMUNITY ROOM  
4 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD  
NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS***

List of documents used at the meeting:

- III. 1. Committee Appointments timeline; committee Appointments openings information
- III. 2. Coastal Resilience Workshop flyer; invitation to workshop
- VII. 1. Natural Resources Department Coordinator memo, re: gift acceptance letter
- VIII. 1. Letter to Federal Bureau of Energy Management; map from Vineyard Wind
- VIII. 3. Bartlett Tree Experts email, re: noise waiver
- IX. 1. Town Parks Master Planning background summary; emails
- IX. 2. Special Town Meeting 2018 potential dates and articles list