Traffic Safety Work Group Agenda  
Thursday, June 18, 2020 - 10:30 AM  
Remote Participation Via Zoom  
Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020  
Order Regarding Open Meeting Law  
Nantucket, MA 02554  

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I. Call to Order  

II. Public Comment  

III. Official Business  
1. Request for approval of curb cut application for 9 West Chester Street resulting in removal of off-street parking.  
2. Review of application for driveway curb cut at 24 Union Street.  
3. Review request for removal of off-street parking across from driveway at 37 Pine Street.  
4. Discussion regarding parking and encroachment issues on public portion of Appleton Road  
5. Discussion regarding condition of Old South Road from Lovers Lane to Airport Road.  

IV. Other Business*  

V. Approval of minutes of February 20, 2020 at 10:30 AM.  

VI. Adjournment  

*For topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting.
Hi All,

This has been continued for the Planning Board until April’s meeting. The Planning Board can’t adequately hear/render a decision until traffic safety has weighed in on the second driveway access and the elimination of the parking space on West Chester to accommodate such a driveway. Yes, there is an existing curb cut on the left and they are wanting an additional on the right.

Megan Trudel  
Town of Nantucket  
PLUS-Land Use Specialist  
2 Fairgrounds Rd, Nantucket MA 02554  
Phone (508) 325-7587 ext. 7053

From: Erika Mooney  
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2020 11:32 AM  
To: Holly Backus <hbackus@nantucket-ma.gov>; Stephen Arceneaux <sarceneaux@nantucket-ma.gov>; Katie Cabral <kcabral@nantucket-ma.gov>  
Cc: DPW <dpw@nantucket-ma.gov>; Marcus Silverstein <MSilverstein@nantucket-ma.gov>; Cathy Flynn <cflynn@nantucket-ma.gov>; Megan Trudel <mtrudel@nantucket-ma.gov>  
Subject: RE: Driveway Access Request

Holly:
Do they have an existing driveway on the left side of the house (as you are facing it)? And do you mean March 10?

Erika
Good Morning Stephen,

I just wanted to let you know that they have applied for their Second Driveway Access / Curb Cut Special Permit to the Planning Board.
It will be heard at the February 10th Planning Board Meeting.

Thanks,

Holly E. Backus
Preservation Planner
Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Coordinator
Town of Nantucket
hbackus@nantucket-ma.gov
Check out our Community Resilience Planning @ www.resilientack.org

Good morning Erica,

I know you’re gone until Tuesday. Victoria Ewing just called and said that I needed to send this driveway access permit to you for it to go before the board. Please let me know if you need anything else.

v/r

Stephen D. Arceneaux
Deputy Director of Operations
Department of Public Works
Town of Nantucket
508-221-0014
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Town of Nantucket

Department of Public Works

Application for Curb Cut/Driveway Access Permit

Date: 12/19/19

Property Owner: ACK Crazy, LLC

Tel.: ________________

Address: 78 Rue Du Prince, Edwards, CO 81632

On-Island Agent: JBSstudio

Tel.: 774 3335995

Address: POBox 3741, Nantucket, MA 02584

Location of Proposed Work: 9 West Chester St. Map & Parcel: 42.4.3/9

Proposed Improvements: New curb cut and 2 parking spaces

Plot plan showing proposed improvements must be attached. Site must be marked prior to inspection. No permit will be issued unless complete plans showing driveway location and drainage control are attached.

If curb cut will eliminate a legal parking space, approval from the Board of Selectmen is required.

Parking Space Eliminated: ________________ B.O.S. Approved: ________________

All proposed work must comply with Chapter 139 (Zoning Bylaw), Section 139-20.1, Curb Cut and Driveway Access, of the Code of the Town of Nantucket.

Drainage improvements associated with the installation of the driveway on the subject property are the sole responsibility of the property owner.

This permit will be subject to the following conditions. All conditions must be met before certificate of occupancy is issued.

1. Any required pipe and/or appurtenances shall be installed at the owner’s expense.
2. Stormwater run-off shall be prevented from discharging onto the public right-of-way.
3. Where applicable, an apron shall be installed by the property owner as per Ch. 139-20.1 B(2)(d).
4. Any granite or stone curbing removed shall be returned to the Department of Public Works garage.
5. Additional Conditions if any: __________________________

Applicant Signature: __________________________

Issue Date: ________________

Approved by DPW: __________________________

Expiration Date: ________________
Hi Erica:

When we spoke a couple of weeks ago you indicated that we could send this communication to the Traffic Safety Work Group through you. It is attached. When we met with them in February they told us that even though we are unable to attend their March meeting we could provide a written update for their consideration. I think this needs to appear on the agenda.

Thank you,
Rob and Barbara Maier

Rob Maier
24 Union Street
Nantucket, MA 02554
978-697-0731
When we met with you on February 20 you asked us to follow up on certain issues and concerns. Here is our update as of Wednesday, March 11.

--Assurance that the finished driveway when crossing the town sidewalk will leave the sidewalk ADA compliant

   Update: Stephen Arceneaux of DPW has reached out (Friday 2/21) to the Town’s ADA consultant for an opinion on the current status of the sidewalk relative to ADA compliance. As of this writing we have followed up several times with his assistant, Hannah, and directly via email but have not received an answer as to the requirement. At any rate, we are committed to following the Town’s requirement for the sidewalk in the finished project.

--That the finished driveway will slope to the rear of the property

   Update: We have contacted several of the approved excavators on the DPW list and will continue to work with them as the process moves forward. We are not aware of any reason why the driveway could not slope to the rear of the property.

--That the finished driveway be made pervious to water

   Update: We are considering other design options with less brick, including shell or stone. We understand that the final design requires HDC approval.

--That the finished driveway will accommodate our vehicle without encroaching on the sidewalk

   Update: We have remeasured and confirmed that our vehicle will fit.

--Determine the distance between existing yellow no parking lines on our part of the street

   Update: I measured 140 feet from the end of the line in front of our house to the next line at the driveway to 22 Union.

--Determine the distance between yellow no parking lines post-construction

   Update: 8 feet would be added to the existing yellow line leaving 132 feet for parking. On February 25 when I made this measurement, there were 7 vehicles, including cars and pick-up trucks, parked with plenty of space between them. The same 7 vehicles would fit in 8 feet less space.

Our main point is that the loss of 8 feet of on-street parking will be offset by the gain of our vehicle being parked off the street. The result being a net gain of half a space. We hope that you will move our application to the Select Board with a favorable recommendation. If you have further questions about our application we would be happy to return to a future meeting to respond.
Town of Nantucket

Application for Curb Cut/Driveway Access Permit

Date: Jan. 22, 2020

Property Owner: Robert and Barbara Mayer  Tel.: 978-697-0731

Address: 24 Union Street

On-Island Agent: ___________________________  Tel.: ______________

Address: ________________________________

Location of Proposed Work: 24 Union Street  Map & Parcel: 423.2/177

Proposed Improvements: Curb cut for driveway access

Plot plan showing proposed improvements must be attached. Site must be marked prior to inspection. No permit will be issued unless complete plans showing driveway location and drainage control are attached.

If curb cut will eliminate a legal parking space, approval from the Board of Selectman is required.

Parking Space Eliminated: 0.5  B.O.S. Approved: ______________

All proposed work must comply with Chapter 139 (Zoning Bylaw), Section 139-20.1, Curb Cut and Driveway Access, of the Code of the Town of Nantucket.

Drainage improvements associated with the installation of the driveway on the subject property are the sole responsibility of the property owner.

This permit will be subject to the following conditions. All conditions must be met before certificate of occupancy is issued.

1. Any required pipe and/or appurtenances shall be installed at the owner’s expense.
2. Stormwater run-off shall be prevented from discharging onto the public right-of-way.
3. Where applicable, an apron shall be installed by the property owner as per Ch. 139-20.1 B(2)(d).
4. Any granite or stone curbing removed shall be returned to the Department of Public Works garage.
5. Additional Conditions if any: ____________________________

Applicant Signature: ____________________________

Approved by DPW: ____________________________

Issue Date: ______________  Expiration Date: ______________
Curb cut request
24 Union Street
Rob & Barbara Maier
978-697-0731
CURRENT ZONING: ROH
MINIMUM LOT SIZE: 5000 SF
MINIMUM FRONTAGE: 50 FT
FRONTYARD SETBACK: 0 FT
SIDE AND REAR SETBACK: 5 FT
ALLOWABLE G.C.R.: 50% (30% FOR LOTS < 5000 SF)
EXISTING G.C.R.: 38.3%+

NOTE: LOT AND/OR DWELLING DO NOT MEET CURRENT ZONING REQUIREMENTS OF THE TOWN OF NANTUCKET WITH REGARD TO LOT SIZE, FRONTAGE, SIDE SETBACK, AND GROUND COVER RATIO.

FOR PROPERTY LINE DETERMINATION THIS PLOT PLAN RELIES ON CURRENT DEEDS AND PLANS OF RECORD, VERIFIED BY FIELD MEASUREMENTS AS SHOWN HEREON. THIS PLAN IS NOT REPRESENTED TO BE A TITLE EXAMINATION OR A RECORDABLE SURVEY.

N.B. 04/93

LOT AREA = 2710 SF (REC.)
2704 SF (CALC.)

AS-BUILT PLOT PLAN
IN
NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS
SCALE: 1"=10' UPDATED: MAY 12, 2014
TO SHOW SHED
DEED REFERENCE: DBK 1427, PG 272
PLAN REFERENCE: PLBK 15, PG 119
ASSESSOR'S REFERENCE:
MAP: 42.3.2 PARCEL: 177
PREPARED FOR: ESTATE OF
JAMES ARMAND DAVID
RECORD OWNERS: ROBERT C. &
BARBARA BURGESS MAIER
EMACK SURVEYING, LLC
2 WASHAMAN AVENUE
NANTUCKET, MA 02554
(508) 325-0940 J-1228
24 Union Street

Existing Conditions

January 22, 2020

Scale $\frac{1}{4}'' = 1'$

Diagram:

- 24 Union
- Brick Walk
- Garden
- Gate
- Hedge
- Sidewalk

Granite Curb

UNION STREET
No parking line
Outgoing

24 Union Street
Proposed

24 Union Street
Proposed

24 Union Street
with curb removed

24 1/2 Union Street
24 Union Street

**Proposed Driveway Curb Cut**

January 02, 2020

Scale ¼" = 1'

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24 Union

Border Planting

7.9'

Brick
Parking

116”

Brick Walk

Hedge

Sidewalk

Granite curb

*No parking line*

UNION STREET
Rob and Barbara Maier  
24 Union Street  
Driveway Curb Cut  

Scope of work:  

1. Remove 10' of granite curb.  
2. Alter existing Town sidewalk to create slope to enter driveway to match slope of entry at 24 ½ Union Street.  
4. Remove gate.  
5. Remove about 8' of fence and hedge.  
6. Return granite curbing to DPW.
Can you help with this?

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Broker, Great Point Properties  
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One North Beach Street, Nantucket, MA 02554  
dawn@greatpointproperties.com  
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Joe La Barge <joe.labarge@gmail.com>  
Date: June 8, 2020 at 12:29:20 PM EDT  
To: dawn@greatpointproperties.com  
Subject: 37 Pine

Dawn - I hope you are well. I am sure you have a ton on your plate with the response to COVID-19 (we've been tuning into the Select Board meetings and applaud the approach Nantucket has taken), but I was hoping you could connect me with the right person in Town Government to assist with parking on Pine Street. Parking is permitted directly across the street from our driveway; when those spots are occupied it makes it incredibly difficult and sometimes impossible to enter or exit our driveway. Parking in those spots also causes problems for people turning left on Pine from Lyon Street (a parked car was hit the other day by a truck doing just that).

I emailed the Chair of the Traffic Safety Working Group (Mike Burns) but received an automated response that he is no longer with the Town. I have also talked to the Police Department and left a message for the Department of Public Works.

Any chance you can direct us to the right person or let me know how to proceed?

Many thanks.

Joe La Barge  
610-306-0411
Erika Mooney

From: Kenneth Beaugrand
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Erika Mooney
Cc: Kenneth Beaugrand; Robert McNeil
Subject: FW: 7 Appleton rocks Agenda for Roads and Right of Way

Good afternoon Erika

As part of the encroachment issues that the DPW is charged with monitoring, I have been asked to address the placement of three rocks on town owned land in front of the home at 7 Appleton.
I have had good discussions with the two sisters who live with their parents at the property as to the issues involved.

Stated succinctly, I suggested that the rocks be removed and replaced with a No Parking Sign which has worked in the same area closer to Bartlett Road. They then asked why they were being asked to comply while the rest of the street was not being similarly treated.
Their concern is that illegal parking exists all along the stretch of Appleton on that side down to the middle of the road after which here is lawn and other rocks that have been there over a period of time also on the Town’s right of way.

My request is for a discussion as to the proper way to deal with all of the encroachments on Town property by all of the residents of Appleton Road not just the owners identified at 7 Appleton.

The balance of this email contains photos of the area.

Many thanks for considering this for your agenda.

Ken Beaugrand, Real Estate Specialist

From: Diana Nascimento <dianapacer@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Kenneth Beaugrand <kbeaugrand@nantucket-ma.gov>
Subject: Re: 7 Appleton rocks

Dear Mr. Beaugrand,

Honestly, while we appreciate your help in finding a find a solution to the consistently ignored hazard caused by unchecked illegal parking on path in front of our house, placing a sign alone does not solve the issue.

First, I would like to know why our rocks would need to be removed, but not the ones that begin in front of 11, two houses down and continue all the way down Appleton?
Why are only the ones in front of our house the issue? Who specifically has an issue with only our house? Also, why are these same rocks permitted on Essex, Backus and countless other roads, including Appleton, but just not in front of 7 Appleton?

Photos below show rocks and/ or thick grass on the side of the road starting at 11 Appleton.
We look forward to getting some answers as to how the rules for our property differ from others, and what other solutions are possible. Perhaps 2-3 ft grass plantings could be installed by the DPW as well as other obstructions of their choice. I would expect this to be consistent down the entire road, and that the rocks in front of all houses would have to be removed. If there is someone else we should be talking to, please send along their contact information. Who should be contacted at the DPW and in the Town Administration? I would love to copy them on the matter, and get their input in writing as well, as to why rules only apply to certain properties.

Thank you for your time,

Diana Nascimento, JD

On Jun 8, 2020, at 11:25 AM, Kenneth Beaugrand <kbeaugrand@nantucket-ma.gov> wrote:

Good morning Susan and Diana --

I have had a discussion with Town Administration and the head of the DPW and I have this potential solution to the problem of parking in front of your property. The plan is that when you remove the three rocks from the Town property in front of your house, the DPW would then install a No Parking sign in the center of the area in front of your house that is Town property but is improperly being used for parking.

Let me know if that will address the concerns that we discussed.

Many thanks, Ken

From: Diana Nascimento <dianapacer@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:24 PM
To: Kenneth Beaugrand <kbeaugrand@nantucket-ma.gov>
Cc: susanestefans@yahoo.com
Subject: 7 Appleton rocks

Good Afternoon Mr. Beaugrand,

I just spoke with you regarding the safety rocks in front of our house. If I understand correctly, the issue is that we placed the rocks on town property. Specifically, the strip of dirt between the bike path and the road directly in front of our house.

We have called the DPW many times asking for a sign, not that it stops people, and/or rocks similar to what is further down on Appleton Road. We started this project with the DPW over a year ago in an effort to have a solution once and for all, instead of constantly having the police come out and ticket, and before someone is injured. We even offered to procure the rocks at our own expense. The last visit to the DPW resulted in a “go ahead.” If we are expected to remove the rocks, I expect the ones further down Appleton, around 17, will be removed also. I can’t imagine the town values their safety more than ours.

I have included photos of the ongoing issue, and encourage you to check with the police, the number of calls we
I'm not sure what the parameters of your job entail, but would love to pick your brain regarding other rules in effect on island. When I moved here thirty years ago, we were told by our real estate agent that there were certain rules, such as the paint colors and what you were able to have displayed on your property. For example, no boats stored in the front yard, no clothing line visible from street, no dead cars in the driveway, etc. I wonder if you can tell me which of these rules are still applicable today. I'm sure cars needed to be in a driveway.

Our neighborhood has certainly changed over the years and if we are going to pick and choose what is enforced, that would seem discriminatory.

Anyway, thank you for your time. Please forward to me the complaint about the safety rocks, and any notice to remove, in writing. I will consider this correspondence to be notice to the town of the possibility of injury to people and property if left unaddressed. Please include any plans by the town to keep vehicles off that strip and ensure our safety pulling in and out of our driveway.

Thank you,

Diana Stefanski Nascimento, JD
7 Appleton rd
Nantucket, MA 02554

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Public Safety Facility Community Room
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Nantucket, Massachusetts 02554
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~~ Minutes ~~
Thursday, February 20, 2020

Staff in attendance: Sign Technician Ray Sylvia; Town Minute Taker Terry Norton
Attending Members: Transportation Planner Mike Burns (chairman); Arthur Gasbarro; Nantucket Fire Chief Steve Murphy; Nantucket Police Chief William Pittman; Commission on Disability Chair Milton Rowland; Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Rob McNeil
Members Absent: Jack Gardner (vice chairman)

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Called to order at 10:32 a.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT
1. Jason Bridges, Bicycle, Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) – The BPAC looked at Pleasant Street being one way; other options are also being studied. BPAC wants TSWG to also look at this. It would involve very low infrastructure costs.
   Burns – Reviewed the options. Beta Group needs to do a technical memorandum and draft a plan
   Gasbarro – We need to look at the global impact.
2. Curtis Barnes – There are two driveway curb cuts on West Chester Street that don’t conform: Numbers 9 & 27. The cuts are made but they did not create 2 off-street parking spaces.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
1. Chair: Rob McNeil nominated Art Gasbarro as chair. (Seconded) Carried unanimously
2. Vice Chair: Chief Pittman nominated Jack Gardner as vice chair. (Seconded) Carried unanimously

IV. OFFICIAL BUSINESS
1. Continued update on proposed Lovers Lane, Okorwaw Avenue and Monohansett Road improvements.
   Documentation: None
   Discussion: McNeil – They have gotten the permission of abutting homeowners along Lover’s Lane for drainage work. The public information sessions on the upgrade of Lover’s Lane will start on Thursday, March 12.
   Action: Tabled to March 19th by unanimous consent.
   Vote: N/A
   Documentation: Aerial photo
   Discussion: Burns – the area around the Town building has been ID’ed for a moped corral. He would like that permitted before the summer season.
   Gasbarro – He would like to start with the space near the NRTA and Health Department offices.
   Nat Lowell – He is concerned about mopeds continuing to park in the street. Suggested reaching out to the Dreamland as a site for a corral. Suggested designating spaces on corners of intersections for mopeds. He wants to find something that works. Cole Alley would also be good.
Curtis Barnes – He is going to Bermuda and will bring back photos and regulations on how they handle moped parking.

Jason Bridges – At the Handlebar Café, he allows after-hours parking. It would be good to get more businesses to think like that.

Gasbarro – Let’s start with East Chestnut Street space. We should have a drawing completed for the Select Board.

Murphy – He doesn’t know how/if the spaces will be used.

Pittman – We need to keep mopeds and bicycles separate. Mopeds must have on-street parking spaces since they are motor vehicles. It would help if their parking is free with no-time limit.

McNeil – Asked about allowing mopeds to park within 25 feet of an intersection and how many spaces would be ideal.

Burns – We won’t know until we start.

Discussion about “corner” parking.

Action
Motion to create a 3-member workgroup to look into this. (made by: Gasbarro) (seconded)

Vote
So voted

3. Review of initial design options for intersection of Washington Street and Francis Street.

Documentation
Draft design with four options

Discussion
Burns – Reviewed the options. Pointed out that the traffic flow here does not justify a roundabout; that was looked at through due diligence.

McNeil – He has concerns.

Pittman – Option 4 provided for a 3-way intersection. East-bound traffic should not be turning from the center of Washington Street Option 4 is better as it incorporates pedestrians and bicycles. You should have either yield signs or stop signs, not a mix.

Nat Lowell – He likes the way the other end of Francis Street at Union Street is done.

Murphy – He likes the idea of the 3-way stop and removing the lane on Francis that heads toward Union; when you come up Francis, you should end up in a single lane.

Burns – There is no urgency with this.

McNeil – No there isn’t. Pointed out that about 2% of the traffic comes from Washington Street Extension.

Gasbarro – Option 4 with more work might be feasible. Asked about deflection coming out of the Washington Street Extension and why it isn’t straight.

Pittman – Suggested making Washington no-stop with a stop on Francis.

Burns – Suggested Mr. McNeil work with the designer.

Jason Bridges, BPAC – Provided BPAC’s view of the options.

Tabled to March 19th by unanimous consent.

4. Review of application for driveway curb cut at 24 Union Street.

Documentation
Curb cut application; photo of existing; and photoshopped with curb cut.

Discussion
Rob Mehr, owner – Presented the project.

Burns – The project indicates parking for a compact car. Asked how many on-street parking spaces would be lost.

Mehr – It’s a 1 for 1 exchange.

Gasbarro – The parking area should be of adequate depth not to impede the sidewalk. He questions that with the bay window.

McNeil – Also, the curb cut must ensure adequate ADA compliance of the apron across the sidewalk; the DPW can provide that information.

Rowland – The 24 ½ slope doesn’t meet ADA.

Gasbarro – We would be creating more packing out onto Union Street; that’s a safety factor.
Burns – We need the length of the additional yellow lines and more accurate drawings with the slope as well as the length between the existing yellow lines.

MacNeil – He needs to ask if the driveway surface will be impervious and the stormwater management.

Action: Tabled to March 19th by unanimous consent.

Vote: N/A

V. OTHER BUSINESS (Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting)

1. None

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 23, 2020 were approved by the unanimous consent of the meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 12:01 p.m. by unanimous consent

List of additional documents used at the meeting:

1. Draft January 23, 2020 minutes