

**NANTUCKET TOWN AREA PLAN WORK GROUP**  
**Meeting Of March 1, 2022**  
**FINAL AND APPROVED MINUTES**

Attending: Mary Anne Easley, Regen Horchow, Alison King, Mary Longacre, and Henry Terry.

Absent: Liz Almodobar, Marsha Fader, Mickey Rowland, and Lee Saperstein.

Attendance was verified by a roll call; there was a quorum at all times. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed at "Meeting Recording:"

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Chair Henry Terry called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Mary Longacre read the official notice about remote meetings and the fact of the meeting being recorded. There was unanimous consent to approve the posted agenda. Approval of the draft minutes for the meeting of February 18, 2022, was moved by Mary Anne Easley, seconded by Regen Horchow, and approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

Henry Terry then asked if there were items to be discussed by the work group. Alison King volunteered that she had met with a representative of the Chamber of Commerce who promised to send her a list of all Chamber members in the Town Area. She met also with a representative of the Artists Association of Nantucket and they committed to sending her a list of all artists with homes or studios in the Town. She promised to review the information provided to ensure that the businesses and artists actually are within the Town area. These data on businesses will help to formulate a response from the Economic Development sub-group, she and Mary Longacre.

After a brief review of the sub-groups and their members, Mary Anne Easley asked if the Work Group should be continuously adding to the draft plan as we obtain input from the sub-groups. Henry Terry proposed that, as we get input from each sub-group, the assembled Work Group would review it in open meeting and provide edits of substance as well as suggested additions and deletions. He thought that we would undertake these reviews in meetings dedicated to only one sub-group at a time and that the process might take some time. This process over time, though, would generate the draft report.

Mary Longacre then said that we needed to create a survey of public opinion on specific issues germane to the Plan and that responses to it would also go into the narrative. This led to a discussion of how best to capture opinions. The thought was that issues should

be defined in the survey well enough so that respondents could choose among alternatives such that the Work Group could assemble them rationally. According to Mary Longacre, questions with multiple choices are better than simple yes/no questions. Also, questions that allow for a gradation of response, the Likert Scale, are also good: “on a scale of one to ten...”. It was decided that the next meeting would be dedicated to assembling the survey and sub-group members were asked to create several suitable questions for their respective areas. Also discussed was how best to select potential respondents: residents, those who work in the area, and even those who live elsewhere but visit it regularly. This then led to a question of notification, specifically addressed post cards or letters, or public notifications in the newspaper and the various social media dedicated to Nantucket. Henry Terry observed that the Director of Planning should be asked for input on survey methodology.

With no further questions, Henry Terry suggested that a move to adjourn was appropriate. Mary Anne Easley offered a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Alison King, and passed unanimously.

**Adjournment** came at 4:10 pm.

For reference: Subcommittee composition.

2. Land Use: Liz Almodobar and Mary Anne Easley
3. Housing: Marsha Fader and Mickey Rowland
4. Economic Development: Alison King and Mary Longacre
5. Natural and Cultural Resources: Liz Almodobar and Marsha Fader
6. Open Space and Recreation Plan: Mary Anne Easley and Henry Terry
7. Services and Facilities: Regen Horchow and Mickey Rowland
8. Circulation; Mary Longacre and Lee Saperstein

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