

SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting of April 11, 2023. The hybrid meeting took place in person at the Public Safety Facility Training Room at 4 Fairgrounds Road; and, via remote participation using Zoom. Members of the Board present were Jason Bridges, Brooke Mohr and Matt Fee. Dawn Holdgate arrived later in the meeting as noted. Dr. Malcolm MacNab was absent. Staff members present were Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson, Natural Resources Director Jeff Carlson and Sustainability Program Manager Vincent Murphy.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bridges called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM. Conservation Commission Chair Ashley Erisman called the Conservation Commission (ConCom) to order at 5:02 PM.

II. JOINT MEETING WITH CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO DISCUSS SCONSET BLUFF EROSION CONTROL MEASURES (CONTINUED FROM MARCH 21, 2023).

Tanya McCoy-Caretti of Arcadis, professional facilitator for this meeting began with a review of the discussion that occurred at the March 21, 2023 joint meeting, from which this meeting was continued; and reviewed the items intended to be addressed today.

Dawn Holdgate joined the meeting at 5:05 PM.

Ms. McCoy-Caretti reviewed “takeaways” from the prior meeting and said that specific action steps and a timeline are goals to get to today. Mark Beale, ConCom member, said he hopes that one of the action items could be a possible application from the Select Board to continue the geotubes currently in place as erosion control for the Sconset Bluff. Jennifer Lachmayr of Arcadis reviewed the scenarios discussed by the groups on March 21st. Ms. McCoy-Caretti spoke about the development of a “tactical plan” with Components of Pre-Planning, Planning, Agreements and Funding. Joseph Plandowski, ConCom member, spoke about timing for a plan to be developed, noting he thinks there is “a lot” of time. Ian Golding, ConCom member, responded that he thinks timing is less “relaxed”. Seth Engelbourg, ConCom member commented on the need to define the geographic scope of the Action Plan. Ms. McCoy-Caretti suggested that be contained as a Component to the “Planning” category of the Action Plan. Mr. Fee said he thinks “triggers” are more likely to be met for action, rather than a timeline. Ms. McCoy-Caretti suggested identifying the triggers as part of this exercise. Discussion followed in small groups as to the steps to be included in the Components. Ms. McCoy-Caretti reviewed the items members came up with, including:

Pre-Planning: geographic parameters; make up current sand deficit; define stakeholders; determine staffing resource needs; develop a home owners’ association; revive Notice of Intent application and associated necessary legal and engineering assistance.

Planning: identify necessary permitting; complete Sediment Transport Study; third-party review of data and reports; identify sand source; community engagement beyond stakeholders; cost estimates; communications plan.

Agreements: construction contractor; stakeholders; plan for Baxter Road (agreed upon); community “buy-in”; acceptable engineering solutions; sand source; agreed upon triggers; public access; right to enter private property and/or easements; current permitting.

Funding: determine funding; explore federal and state grant funding and determine who would do this; review project with Capital Program Committee; explore betterment district; accept voluntary contributions/donations; tax override.

Following a discussion as to the items for each Component, the group discussed where the items would fall on a timeline and Ms. McCoy-Coretti placed the items along a timeline posted in the meeting room. Some discussion followed as to how long certain activities which have already occurred have taken. Discussion followed about discontinuing a portion of Baxter Road so that the Town would not have responsibility for the road. Discussion returned to the development of a timeline, from short-term to long-term items as well as how realistic it is; and who is going to be responsible for what items.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Approved the 26th day of April 2023.

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APRIL 11, 2023 – 5:00 PM
PSF TRAINING ROOM, 4 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
AND REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM
NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS**

List of documents used at the meeting:

None.