



COMMISSIONERS: Nat Lowell (Chair), Fritz McClure (Vice Chair), Matt Fee, Jack Gardner, Wendy Hudson, David Iverson, Bert Johnson, Leslie B. Johnson, John Trudel, Maureen Phillips, and Judith Wegner

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Remote Meeting *via* Zoom and YouTube – 4:00 p.m.

Purpose: Regular Meeting:

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Andrew Vorce, Director of Planning; Eleanor W. Antonietti, Land Use Specialist

ATTENDING MEMBERS: Nat Lowell, Fritz McClure, Judith Wegner, John Trudel, David Iverson, Bert Johnson, Maureen Phillips, and Wendy Hudson

LATE ARRIVALS: Bert Johnson

ABSENT: Matt Fee, Jack Gardner, Leslie Johnson

OTHER: Derek Shooster, MassDOT

I. Call to Order:

4:05 p.m.

II. Establishment of Quorum:

LOWELL announced that this Open Meeting of the Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission is being conducted remotely *via* Zoom and YouTube, consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the "COVID-19 Virus."

III. Approval of Agenda:

ROLL CALL of those participating:

1. Nat Lowell Aye
2. John Trudel Aye
3. Fritz McClure Aye
4. Judith Wegner Aye
5. Dave Iverson Aye
6. Maureen Phillips Aye
7. Bert Johnson Aye
8. Wendy Hudson Aye

Agenda adopted by **UNANIMOUS** consent.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

- February 20, 2020

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The **MOTION** was made by Fritz McClure and seconded that the NP&EDC does hereby vote to approve the NP&EDC minutes for February 20, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

1. Nat Lowell Aye
2. John Trudel Aye
3. Fritz McClure Aye
4. Judith Wegner Aye
5. Dave Iverson Aye
6. Maureen Phillips Aye
7. Bert Johnson Aye
8. Wendy Hudson Aye

Minutes adopted by **UNANIMOUS** consent.

V. Public Comments:

NONE

VI. Action / Discussion Items:

A. 3C Programming Documents:

1. FFY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program – authorize release for public review

SHOOSTER explains the TIP program. Federal requirement that the document be released for public review. This reflects all transportation projects receiving federal funding. NP&EDC has a regional target that it receives to fund transportation projects based on MARPA (Massachusetts Regional Planning Agencies) formula. That amounts to a little of over 1/2 million dollars per year. There is a Statewide projects component as well. These all have to be reflected in regional TIP. Anything receiving transit funding for NRTA is also reflected along with any other federal documentation required (greenhouse gasses, performance safety project). Last year, Nantucket did not actually have any projects that it was using regional funds to program. There were no statewide projects last year programmed in the TIP. For 2021-2025, there continue to be no projects receiving regional target funding, but there has been funding earmarked for Safe Routes to School (“SRTS”).

Sharing and referring to document on screen – Nantucket Region Program showing what Nantucket region’s proposed program is for 2021-2025 TIP. MassDOT Project ID #610533 is for Nantucket middle and high school complex improvements funded through SRTS, using just under \$1,000,000 of TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) funding. That is the lone highway project that proposed action for JTC (Joint Transportation Committee) body is to release for public review and comment. Along with that are transit projects by year for NRTA. Sharing and referring to document on screen – showing what is reflected for 5311 funds – rural operating assistance and other non-federal sources. The tables will also be reflected in the DRAFT TIP document.

Normally this document would have been prepared in advance, but with no one filling Mike Burn’s position yet, he has been working with Director Vorce and other staff to help move this along.

IVERSON asks if we have this 5311 document in packet.

SHOOSTER explains that last year’s is in the packet, and the numbers may not have changed except for 2025 which generates new data that would be reflected. If there had been any changes to TIP funding amounts, those would be reflected as well in DRAFT TIP.

LOWELL asks if TIP money not spent last year would carry over, i.e. do we accrue unused funds?

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SHOOSTER MassDOT launched eSTIP so all Regional Transportation Managers can see in real time what they have built into their TIP. For Nantucket, the only project we have reflected here is the statewide prioritized project. It is a use it or lose it program. Program has to be project ready and deliverable.

VORCE asks about Project ID #608664 – Surfside Road and Bartlett Road.

SHOOSTER It comes down to funding and will of JTC to program it. Unfortunately, a project like this at \$3.3 million exceeds regional program target for any given year. You could AC (advanced construction) the project which means pay for it over span of 2 or more years, but you cannot AC a project for more years than it takes to construct.

WEGNER asks what is impact if we need to put money into COVID recovery and asks him to keep us posted if more information comes along about prioritizing in terms of budget crises caused by COVID – unemployment, health care costs. If gas tax revenue will not be there, that could matter. Wants to stay on top of it. Thinking about Steamship Authority which is island’s lifeline. Operating costs could be a target if we moved money from one place to another.

SHOOSTER apples and oranges. The funds from FAST (Fixing America’s Surface Transportation) Act are already identified to be spent for next 5 years. No reason that MassDOT is concerned about deliverability and funding for highway and transit projects. The Steamship (“SSA”) has come up with Cape Cod Commission and Martha’s Vineyard. SSA is not particularly communicative with development of these projects. Mike Burns was present at MRPA annual meeting. Thinks he may have included some SSA numbers. Currently, we don’t have any concerns for the funding piece for any of the projects that have been identified as fiscally constrained for regional and statewide TIP. We would not propose the SRTS project if we did not have the money that was awarded for that project. It needs to be endorsed in May by your region.

LOWELL asks Derek what he needs from us.

SHOOSTER explains that they do not have the physical document in hand but he will work with Andrew and Staff on the document. DRAFT content will reflect the SRTS and the transit projects just mentioned. The safety performance targets that you endorsed at your February meeting would be captured as well.

The **MOTION** was made by Bert Johnson and seconded that the NP&EDC does hereby vote to authorize to release the Draft 2021-2025 TIP for a 21 day pubic review period.

The vote was **UNANIMOUS**.

ROLL CALL of those participating:

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| 1. Nat Lowell | Aye |
| 2. John Trudel | Aye |
| 3. Fritz McClure | Aye |
| 4. Judith Wegner | Aye |
| 5. Dave Iverson | Aye |
| 6. Maureen Phillips | Aye |
| 7. Bert Johnson | Aye |
| 8. Wendy Hudson | Aye |

Agenda adopted by **UNANIMOUS** consent.

VII. Other Committee Reports

LOWELL thanks Derek

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HUDSON has just been appointed to governor's Economic Recovery Advisory Board, through Retailers Assn. of Mass. This is a small group. Current restrictions are extended to May 18th. Going to be a long haul. Maybe we can ramp up our role here.

McCLURE Coastal Resiliency has not been meeting

LOWELL we had a quick CapCom meeting recently to work on Article 10. ATM will probably be reschedule for the fall. There may be a truncated version this summer.

HUDSON Janet Schulte told her that Regional Planning Agencies are providing some modest fiscal relief. Maybe we could look into that.

SHOOSTER clarifies that anything from RPAs would go to Exec. Directors, thus in our case to Andrew.

LOWELL asks Andrew to look into that by contacting Janet Schulte.

PHILLIPS ConCom has been meeting as usual. Had a 4 ½ hour meeting last week. Trying to approve things so that things can go back to normal when we do approve. It has worked quite well. Took a little longer going through all of those application materials.

WEGNER Planning Board will be meeting on 5/21.

VIII. Other Business

NONE

IX. Adjournment

Bert Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m.; Fritz McClure seconded. So voted by Roll Call Vote.

1. Nat Lowell Aye
2. John Trudel Aye
3. Fritz McClure Aye
4. Judith Wegner Aye
5. Dave Iverson Aye
6. Maureen Phillips Aye
7. Bert Johnson Aye
8. Wendy Hudson Aye

Meeting adjourned by **UNANIMOUS** consent.

Submitted by:
Eleanor W. Antonietti