

Town and County of Nantucket
ROADS AND RIGHT OF WAY COMMITTEE

Posted Meeting of
May 17, 2022
Held by Zoom Videoconferencing

DRAFT MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

1. Call to Order, Approval of the Agenda, Approval of Minutes, and Public Comments.

A. Chair Allen Reinhard called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. In attendance were Committee Members Rick Atherton, Nelson (Snookie) Eldridge, Ed Gillum, Bill Grieder, Nat Lowell, Allen Reinhard, Rob Ranney, Lee Saperstein, and Phil Smith; there was a quorum at all times. All present responded to an attendance roll call. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed on the Town's You Tube site.

Supporters attending: Ken Beaugrand (4:29 pm), TaKyra Netter, DPW staff, and Charlie Polachi (4:08 pm), Manager of Parks and Recreation and Cemetery Administrator.

B. Approval of the Agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously by acclamation.

C. Public Comments. None.

D. Minutes. Approval of the minutes from April 19, 2022, was moved by Bill Grieder, seconded by Rick Atherton, and approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

2. Ken Beaugrand Possible Update on Projects.

Ken Beaugrand was delayed in connecting to Zoom and gave his report later in the meeting. Charlie Polachi spoke up and reported activities from the Town. The Washington-Francis Street intersection is to be paved tomorrow (Wed., May 18), which will complete work done to increase the radius of the turn from Washington to Francis. Sidewalks on Washington Street, as part of the continuing effort to improve in-Town sidewalks, are being rebuilt.

3. Sidewalk Projects Update: Lower Pearl St. (aka Lower India St.) ATM Approval of Pleasant Street Sidewalk.

This agenda item continues Charlie Polachi's comments on sidewalks. This year's segment of the recurring expenditures on sidewalks includes replacement of the brick on lower India Street, quondam Lower Pearl Street. It was noted by Allen Reinhard that Town Meeting had approved reconstruction of a section of Pleasant Street, both pavement and sidewalks. After a quick check

on the language of the actual warrant article, it was seen that the reconstruction will extend from Main to Silver Streets.

Ed Gillum asked if sidewalk repairs will include replacement of sections that are paved in asphalt with brick and Charlie Polachi replied, “no,” that replacement will be like with like, i.e., new asphalt will go back. He volunteered to check with Richard (Moe) Moore at the DPW to get a list of future sidewalk repairs. So as to work only once on streets, the timing of sidewalk repairs will depend upon the scheduled work on sewers, particularly the new force main, and electrical installations. Ed Gillum asked if there had been any delays associated with the historical research wanted by the Nantucket Historical Commission, particularly for upper Main Street, and the response was again, “no.”

4. Cross Island Trail and Map of Island-Wide trails.

Allen Reinhard reported that the Nantucket Island Land Bank has published a new map, the “Coast to Coast Trail, Map and Guide,” which is available from the Land Bank office at 22 Broad Street. He expects that it will be added to their digital map file soon. The Land Bank is also upgrading the trail maps for their individual properties and expects to have an integrated map of trails on the properties of the Land Bank, the Conservation Foundation, and Mass Audubon. The upgrade will also include making the map available from App Stores.

He indicated that they are still working on a trail for the historic railroad routes across the Island. The walking path along South Shore Road does follow the segment of the railroad that went to Surfside. Lee Saperstein suggested that the in-town segments, from Steamboat Wharf to the duck pond, be marked. Allen Reinhard noted that the new park on Easy Street has a segment of track in place. Also, the section between Bayberry Court and Dave’s Street is set off with fencing.

Bill Grieder asked if anyone knew what was happening on Appleton Road. Nat Lowell said that it needed work.

2 (resumed). Ken Beaugrand Update.

Ken Beaugrand, who was now connected to Zoom, said that, while he had nothing new to report, the Town will be working on a plan for reconstruction of the intersection of Easy Street and Steamboat Wharf. It is a major entry point to the Island and, right now, there is not a pedestrian way on one side of the major way onto the wharf, forcing people onto the road if they wish to go to the shops on Broad Street. This announcement elicited a lively discussion of that corner and how it might be fixed.

5. Beach Access Map Project.

Allen Reinhard reported that much had been done in laying the foundation for a unified map of beach access points. Nathan Porter has been working on a project to identify ownership of ways, public versus private, that are currently “unknown.” Committee members may be enlisted to read deeds of abutting properties to see if they provide clues to ownership. Rick Atherton asked if Jefferson Street, which runs between the Galley Restaurant and the Cliffside Club, has public access to the water and the answer from Allen Reinhard was yes.

6. Chapter 91 Recommendation to Select Board, Con. Com. Record of Licenses.

Allen Reinhard reported that, again, he had heard nothing from the Select Board about their position on endorsing Senator Cyr’s and Representative Fernandes’s proposal to include “recreation” in the list of activities permitted on intertidal lands in the definitions section of Chapter 91, “Waterways,” in the Massachusetts General Laws. The Committee has written to the Select Board recommending such endorsement.

Rick Atherton said that he follows Conservation Commission, ConComm, actions and that 18 Washing Pond Road has applied for and received a Chapter 91 license for work that is being done on a bulkhead on the north shore. He also suggested that the Committee contact the ConComm to say we want to help them with Chapter 91 work. [Action: Allen Reinhard to contact Jeff Carlson and the ConComm chair to offer help,]

Discussion then flowed to other properties of interest to the committee with respect to walking on the foreshore and they included the condominiums at 80 Washington Street, Petrel’s Landing, 46 Easton Street, and the properties on the proposed Harbor Walk. Ed Gillum said that he had researched the deed at 46 Easton Street and found that it had been licensed since 1899.

7. Old, New, and Other Business, and Member Comments,

Under Old Business, Allen Reinhard reported that, based on questions by Select Board Member, Matt Fee, the Town received briefs from Town Counsel on citizen use of intertidal lands. The dispute on the use of these lands at a property on Little Neck Way led to the opinions rendered by Town Counsel. It was suggested by Ken Beaugrand that the Committee not discuss this issue further because accord appears to have been reached between the Town and the property owner.

Nat Lowell asked about the status of the bill to amend Chapter 91, which was discussed above, and Phil Smith thought that the change to include recreation into accepted activities would represent a taking of property rights that could become both contentious and expensive.

Under new business, Allen Reinhard said that his term on the committee was up this spring and that he was considering whether or not to apply to renew his membership. The terms of Rick Atherton and Bill Grieder are also up in June. Allen Reinhard felt that he had been Chair for a

very long time and that he needed to move aside for another. He would not accept re-nomination to be Chair and, if this became an issue, would not renew his membership. On the other hand, if others would consider running for chair, he would renew so as to be a past-Chair advisor.

In other new business, Nat Lowell said that he was concerned about the complicated route laid out for the new force-main sewer and would like to discuss it at a future meeting. Bill Grieder said that we should invite David Gray to the meeting in which this becomes an agenda item.

[Action: Allen Reinhard to put the sewer route into a future agenda and invite David Gray to attend.]

8. Adjourn.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm by consensus. The next meeting will be held at 4:00 pm on **Tuesday, June 21, 2022**. At present, this is scheduled as a Zoom meeting.

Lee W. Saperstein, Secretary _____ Date _____

Roads and Right of Way Outstanding Projects List:

Public Way Monument Project: (Lee & Allen & Snookie).

- Install remaining monuments at Sconset Footpath, Hulbert Ave., and other locations.
- Update file of existing monuments.
- Move monuments at Westchester St. Ext. & Crooked Lane.

Sidewalk Projects: (Lee & Allen).

- Prospect St. (sidewalk to Upper Vestal St.) and on to Madaket bike path.
- Cliff Rd. Coffin Park to bike path at Sherburne Tpk.
- Pleasant St. Gardner Perry Lane to Williams St.
- Lovers Lane Bike path and road reconstruction: follow progress.
- Follow implementation of downtown sidewalk improvements.
- Bike/Pedestrian connection from Surfside to Hummock Pond to Madaket paths.

Chapter 91 Monitor Project: (Lee, Rick, Phil).

- Make local license information available online.
- Harbor Walk Project, list of permits and approvals, Identify route.
- Chapter 91 licenses along route for the Harbor Walk.
- Locate other locations on waterfronts requiring licenses.

Nantucket Greenway and Trail System Project: (Allen, Lee).

- Nantucket Central Railroad trail map of route.
- Island Trail Map with all walking trails.