

APPROVED MINUTES

Organizational Focus Committee

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Training Room @ 4 Fairgrounds Rd, Nantucket, Ma

Board Members Present: Stephen Welch (Chairman), Val Oliver (Vice Chair), John McLaughlin

Staff Present: Cathy Flynn, Administrative Specialist

Guest Presenter : Holly Backus, Land Use Specialist; P.L.U.S. Department

I. Procedural Business

- a. Stephen Welch called the meeting to order at 1:02pm
- b. Audio/Video Announcements: Stephen Welch
- c. Adoption of Agenda: Motion to Approve voted unanimously

II. Minutes

Review:

Approve:

Motion to Hold (Oliver)

III. Public Comment : None

IV. Unfinished Business

1. Presentation "Keeping History Above Water".
Mr. Welch stated that he would like to tie in this presentation with the OFC's recommendation for the HDC.

Mrs. Backus went to this presentation in Newport, Rhode Island two years ago through Roger Williams University.

The city of Newport, Rhode Island spearheaded this conference. First in the country to discuss sea level rise and how it effects historic structures. Communities all up and down the eastern seaboard are at risk of losing their coastal heritage. They wanted to find out what is causing this and how to adapt.

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The Coastal Conservancy of Nantucket will be showing “High Tide on Main Street” June 25, 2018.

FEMA’s mitigation plan “how to” guide was created in 2005. Mrs. Backus made a presentation to the Board of Selectmen, now the Select Board, because the Town of Nantucket’s Hazard Plan that was created in 2007 didn’t include FEMA’s plan.

The presentation highlighted:

- a. The problem of climate change; super storms, sea level rise, water surge and erosion.
- b. They documented case studies from Annapolis, Maryland and Fernandia Beach, Florida.
- c. The National Park Service has preservationist. Structural Adaptations; ie, amphibious architecture and buoyant foundations.
- d. Historic resources must be included within the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is a way to receive funding through FEMA and MEMA.

Our plan is out of date, but will be funded through grants. Integrating historic properties and cultural resource considerations into the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Working on the resiliency plan and will focus on policy and regulatory tools. In turn, they will give a recommendation to the Master Plan and comprehensive climate change plan for Massachusetts.

A plan is necessary to identify and implement local polies in order to reduce loss from natural disasters.

We need to “take action” collectively. The HDC is now included. Multiple local agencies and town departments are involved.

Both the Resiliency Plan and Hazard Mitigation Plan will help with funding in order to implement

Former Emergency Management Coordinator, Dave Fronzuto, worked diligently for the town to receive funding for projects.

Mrs. Backus will be speaking with the Historic District Commission, date to be determined.

The historical cultural resources must be included in the conversation.

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2. Discussion: “**Building with Nantucket in Mind** ” revisions & related topics (review Brian Pfeiffer mtg.)

The meeting with Mr. Pfeiffer was briefly discussed. The board thought he had a lot to offer with respect to historical knowledge. Funding possibilities available through the CPC, in re-writing BWNIM. There was mention of hiring a local consultant or someone the Nantucket Historical Association. Another example would a group at the local level, as Mr. Pfeiffer might not be available at times.

The guide can't be a historic document. It should also consider what has evolved, ie five in one fences.

The OFC is also looking at what Nantucket will look like in thirty years. For example, are casement windows acceptable because they are used? The OFC needs to determine what is acceptable versus what is historical.

The Madaket Area Plan was briefly touched on. The OFC discussed the possibility of making a recommendation to the HDC to have town council provide us with their opinion on what is required as an area of special concern anywhere on the island and what is required for an historic district anywhere on the island and then we can move forward. Madaket might be a district of concern versus an historic district.

The next meeting the OFC will discuss fences, gates and railings. The goal will be to make a recommendation over the next few weeks to the HDC.

They will review documentation sent from TJ Watterson regarding solar and discuss at the meeting. And lastly to drafting a mission statement.

V. Date of Next Meeting: June 20, 2018

VI. Adjournment: Made by Val Oliver at 3:12pm. Carried unanimously.

Submitted by Cathy Flynn

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- VII. **New Business:** none
- VIII. **Committee Comments/Announcements:** none
- IX. **Date of Next Meeting :** June 13, 208
- X. **Motion to Adjourn :** Made by John McLaughlin at 3:19pm. Carried unaminimously