

SELECT BOARD

Minutes of Meeting of July 6, 2022. The hybrid meeting took place in person at the Public Safety Facility Community Room at 4 Fairgrounds Road; and, via remote participation using Zoom Webinar. Members of the Board present were Jason Bridges, Matt Fee, Brooke Mohr, and Dawn Holdgate. Melissa Murphy joined the meeting remotely.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bridges read a prepared statement as to how the meeting will be conducted and the ground rules for discussion and called roll for those present. Chair Bridges called the Select Board meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

II. SELECT BOARD ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as posted, with a minor change to section XI, to switch the order of the two items.

Chair Bridges called for a moment of silence to acknowledge the recent passing of Charles "Jack" Gardner, former Select Board member and local public servant for many, many years. Following the silence, Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson and Operations Administrator Erika Mooney and Chair Bridges shared their memories of his long, dedicated service to the Town in many different capacities.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Select Board Meeting is Being Audio/Video Recorded.

2. 2022 Committee Vacancies. Operations Administrator Erika Mooney reviewed current committee vacancies.

3. Select Board Announcements/Comments. None.

IV. FOLLOW-UP ON COMMENTS FROM PRIOR SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

There was no follow-up.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Montgomery spoke against an appointment the Select Board made at its June 22, 2022 meeting to the Nantucket Historical Commission (NHC), which replaced an incumbent member (Hillary Rayport) with a new member (Abby De Molina).

Campbell Sutton read a letter regarding some of the appointments the Board made at its June 22, 2022 meeting, including the Historical Commission and the Planning Board (joint appointment by Select Board and Planning Board).

Chair Bridges asked that commenters please stay within a 3-minute timeframe.

Georgia Raysman spoke against the NHC appointment.

Vallorie Oliver requested that the Board schedule an agenda item to receive public comment about a proposed off-shore wind farm(s).

Dr. George Butterworth, Carl Borchert, Clement Durkes, Angus McCleod and Richard Raysman spoke against the NHC appointment.

Richard Ray spoke on his application to the Board of Health and asked why he was not appointed to that Board.

Cathy Ward asked about the Board's process to determine who to appoint to committees.

Clifford Williams commented on the Easy Street bulkhead area and suggested it be "cleaned up".

Megan Perry commented on some of the appointments made at the June 22, 2022.

Anne Dewez spoke against the NHC appointment and questioned information contained or not contained in the Board's packet.

Ms. Mooney spoke to the packet comment Ms. Dewez made.

Michelle Ewes spoke against the NHC appointment.

Town Historic Preservation Planner Holly Backus spoke on her own qualifications, NHC activities and said that many historic preservation activities are continuing.

Eve Messing and Diane Coombs spoke against the NHC appointment.

Andy Lowell commented on Select Board committee appointments.

Hillary Rayport spoke on her service on the NHC, thanked people for their support and spoke on the NHC appointment.

Mr. Fee thanked Ms. Rayport and the NHC for their work. He said if anyone has questions as to how he votes, they can get in touch with him directly.

Ms. Holdgate agreed with Mr. Fee and said that she declines to make any disparaging comments about any of the candidates for appointment.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, WARRANTS AND PENDING CONTRACTS

Ms. Murphy moved approval of items VII 1-3; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted by roll call: Chair Bridges – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; Ms. Murphy – Yes.

1. Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

2. Approval of Payroll Warrants for June 26, 2022.

3. Approval of Treasury Warrants for June 29, 2022; July 6, 2022.

4. Approval of Pending Contracts for July 6, 2022 - as Set Forth on the Spreadsheet Identified as Exhibit 1, Which Exhibit is Incorporated Herein by Reference. Ms. Gibson reviewed the contracts for a short-term rental registration program and associated services with Granicus; and, a contract for landscaping services for certain Town-owned properties. Finance Director Brian Turbitt reviewed the bid process for the landscaping services. Ms. Holdgate moved approval of pending contracts as presented; seconded by Ms. Mohr; all in favor, so voted by roll call: Chair Bridges – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; Ms. Murphy – Yes.

VIII. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Gift Acceptance: Human Services (Saltmarsh Senior Center); Natural Resources Department. Mr. Fee moved to accept the gifts as indicated in the Board's agenda packet with thanks to the donors; seconded by Ms. Holdgate; all in favor, so voted by roll call: Chair Bridges – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; Ms. Murphy – Yes.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing to Consider Designating Macy Road, Madaket as One-way Northeast-bound from Chicago Street to Baltimore Street. Chair Bridges opened the hearing. Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson and Real Estate Specialist Ken Beaugrand reviewed the information provided by Town Administration at a prior Board meeting at which this public hearing was agreed to be held by the Board. Mr. Beaugrand, Ms. Gibson and Ms. Mooney answered questions from the Board.

There being no public comment, Ms. Holdgate moved to close the public hearing; seconded by Ms. Murphy; all in favor, so voted by roll call: Chair Bridges – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; Ms. Murphy – Yes.

Ms. Murphy moved to designate Macy Road, Madaket as a one-way road northeast bound from Chicago Street to Baltimore Street; seconded by Ms. Holdgate; all in favor, so voted by roll call: Chair Bridges – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; Ms. Murphy – Yes. Mr. Fee said he went out to look at Madaket Beach recently, acknowledged the erosion issue and said he thought it might be good to find a "safe way" to install a ramp. Ms. Gibson reviewed the challenges with installing a ramp, including the instability of the bluff.

X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Post July 4th Weekend Report. Ms. Gibson noted verbal reports will be given and introduced the staff providing the reports, as follows:

Culture and Tourism Director Shantaw Bloise-Murphy summarized the Culture and Tourism activities and said that overall things went well.

Police Chief William Pittman: reviewed some statistics and categories as to calls for service since 2018. He noted a "road rage" incident that occurred on July 4th which did not result in any police action. He urged people to call the police in such situations as posting videos on social media is not an effective way for the police to be notified of an incident. Chief Pittman commented on bike safety and noted numerous bike accidents have been called in. He reviewed an uncovered load enforcement campaign initiated last week. He said some parking changes are being tried out on lower Broad Street to address traffic and pedestrian

issues, due to lines of certain establishments. Ms. Gibson noted that the food truck event seemed successful and credited Chief Pittman for that idea. Chair Bridges thanked all departments involved in getting the Fourth of July activities back after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID pandemic.

Fire Department: Ms. Gibson reviewed the Fire Department report in the Board's packet, using calls for service information provided by the Department; she noted the Department's comment that the reconstituted "water contest" (formerly known as the "water fight") was less chaotic and more manageable with reduced staff and public safety concerns. She noted numerous illegal fireworks complaints and said that it is hard for the Fire Department to locate these without a specific address.

Deputy DPW Director Paul Berard: Mr. Berard said he had no calls about public facilities issues throughout the weekend. Ms. Gibson noted the DPW was extremely busy all weekend with trash pickup.

Chamber of Commerce Director Peter Burke: spoke on a Chamber event for entrepreneurs that was held at the Atheneum on the 4th. He said they hope to expand it next year. He thanked the Town for its work to put on the various events. He suggested businesses let the Chamber know how they did over the weekend. He said he is happy to take in ideas as well.

Ms. Gibson thanked all Town departments involved, noting there is a lot of unseen work that goes on behind the scenes to make everything happen. Chair Bridges thanked staff who worked to retain the water fight (contest) in a different configuration.

2. Review of 2023 Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election Date Options. Ms. Gibson reviewed the potential dates as contained in the Board's packet, noting that Saturday, May 6, 2023 is the recommendation for the 2023 Annual Town Meeting, with the Annual Town Election to follow two weeks later, on May 23. Some discussion followed as to pros and cons of a weekend vs a weekday. Ms. Murphy expressed concern as to a full day of Town Meeting and the disenfranchisement of certain groups of people.

Ms. Holdgate moved to schedule the 2023 Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 6, 2023 and the 2023 Annual Town Election on Tuesday, May 23, 2023; seconded by Ms. Mohr; so voted by roll call: Chair Bridges – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; Ms. Murphy – No.

3. Baxter Road Utility Relocation and Alternative Access Project Update. Ms. Gibson introduced the item, noting that Arcadis, the same firm engaged by the Town to conduct a Baxter Road engineering feasibility assessment in 2021, was re-engaged in early 2022 for Phase I of a Baxter Road utility relocation and alternative access design. She introduced William Casey of Arcadis to provide a presentation of work completed to date, and remaining work to be done. Ms. Gibson thanked Mr. Beaugrand and Coastal Resiliency Coordinator Vincent Murphy for their work on this project, noting it is taking a lot of time. Mr. Casey and Mr. Murphy reviewed the presentation in the Board's packet. Mr. Fee asked about a June 2nd abutters meeting. Mr. Casey said it seemed to go well. Mr. Beaugrand elaborated on the meeting, agreed that it went well and also resulted in several one-on-one meetings with some abutters. He reiterated that a "new Baxter Road" is not being created. What is being planned is various access points for property owners to get to and from their property. Chair Bridges asked about the design timeline for erosion projections. Mr. Beaugrand confirmed the timeline is 2050. Ms. Murphy asked about triggers that would require action to be taken sooner. Mr. Murphy answered.

XI. SELECT BOARD'S REPORTS/COMMENT

2. Continued Discussion on Short-term Rental Work Group Framework. Ms. Gibson reviewed discussions which have happened since the Board's last meeting, which included discussion and feedback by the Finance Committee (FinCom) of the draft framework for the work group. Mr. Fee expressed concern as to the need for additional information from the FinCom and Planning Board before he really gives serious consideration to the framework. Ms. Mohr spoke on the feedback so far from the Finance Committee and said that the Select Board should provide specific feedback. Some discussion followed as to who the appointing authority would be. Ms. Mohr explained how it is currently proposed. Mr. Fee said he is not confident as to the current proposal. Ms. Mohr asked if he has any specific suggestions. Mr. Fee said he is not sure and asked Town Counsel about an ethics issue with respect to the number of short-term dwellings island-wide and conflicts of interest with residents who abut short-term rentals. Town Counsel John Giorgio responded and re-reviewed the guidance he received from the State Ethics Commission on this. Mr. Fee spoke on the need for a "true cross-section" of people to balance this work group. He said he is concerned that will not happen. Chair Bridges said he does not see an issue with ensuring a balanced group. Discussion continued as to how the appointments would/could be made. The Board agreed to some modifications to the membership. Discussion followed as to attendance and objectives of the work group. Mr. Fee raised concerns about how data and information will be gathered. Discussion followed on this. Mr. Fee said he would like to know who is going to obtain needed information. Ms. Mohr said probably a variety of groups will provide it and the group will need to "accept" it as viable information. Discussion followed as to whether there would be a chair or vice chair. It was generally agreed the meetings would be run with a hired facilitator. Rick Atherton commented on how this work group came up in the first place, at the 2022 annual town meeting.

1. Committee Reports. Ms. Murphy announced that she has been accepted to attend law school, her program starts this August, and she will be resigning from the Select Board. Her last in-person meeting will be August 17th and she will plan to attend Board meetings as needed after that, remotely, until an election can be held. She spoke on her personal aspiration to become a lawyer. She made an additional statement as to her service on the Board and expressed appreciation for community support and the opportunity to give back to the community with her service. The Board congratulated her on her acceptance to law school. Chair Bridges reviewed a preliminary plan to schedule a special election to coincide with the November 8, 2022 state election, which will need to be scheduled by the Board, most likely next week.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 PM, Mr. Fee moved adjournment; seconded by Ms. Holdgate, all in favor, so voted by roll call: Chair Bridges – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; Ms. Murphy – Yes.

Approved the 13th day of July 2022.

SELECT BOARD
JULY 6, 2022 – 5:30 PM
PSF COMMUNITY ROOM, 4 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
AND REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM WEBINAR
NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS

List of documents used at the meeting:

- III. 2. 2022 Committee Vacancy Appointments Timeline
- VII. 1. Draft minutes of 6/22/2022
- VII. 4. Pending Contracts spreadsheet; Granicus Scope of Services
- VIII. 1. Gift summary & recommended motion; Saltmarsh gift; NRD gift
- IX. 1. AIS re: designating Macy Rd, Madaket as one-way; Survey plan; Photos; Traffic Safety Work Group recommendation; Select Board vote; Public hearing ad; Abutter notification materials
- X. 1. NPD Calls for Service; NFD calls for service
- X. 2. 2023 ATM & ATE date options
- X. 3. AIS re: Baxter Rd; Arcadis presentation re: Baxter Rd
- XI. 2. Email from Denice Kronau re: STR framework; FinCom comments; Working document; Updated "clean" version