

**SELECT BOARD
JOINT MEETING WITH
MARTHA'S VINEYARD SELECT BOARDS**

Minutes of the meeting of July 20, 2023. The meeting took place via remote participation using Zoom. Members of the Board present were Dawn Holdgate, Tom Dixon, Matt Fee and Brooke Mohr. Dr. Malcolm MacNab was absent.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Holdgate called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Introductions were made, with the Board members and Managers joining from the Vineyard: Chilmark, Tisbury, West Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, Edgartown, Aquinnah and Dukes County.

Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson introduced the meeting and said that last fall the Nantucket and Vineyard Select Boards successfully met on various topics and agreed to meet again during 2023, so this meeting became arranged to discuss topics of mutual concern.

II. JOINT MEETING WITH MARTHA'S VINEYARD SELECT BOARDS TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL TOPICS OF MUTUAL CONCERN, INCLUDING:

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TITLE V REGULATIONS. Ms. Gibson reviewed Nantucket's current position on these regulations, noting that the Department of Environmental Protection has, for now, exempted the Islands from these regulations. She reviewed other initiatives Nantucket is working on, including an update of the costs of its Sewer Master Plan. The Vineyard towns and county each reviewed their positions as well.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING. Chair Holdgate, Ms. Mohr and Mr. Fee reviewed Nantucket's efforts to secure, provide and construct municipal employee housing as well as year-round community housing. Laura Silber of the Martha's Vineyard Commission reviewed a meeting that occurred today involving various Vineyard, Nantucket and Cape towns with Senator Cyr's office as to possible legislation to allow municipal employee preference for certain types of housing. Discussion followed among the participants.

SHARKS. Ms. Gibson said that Nantucket has a shark-sighting policy and is prepared, as best it can be, for shark attacks. Some discussion followed.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL ISSUES. Chair Holdgate reviewed Nantucket's Short-Term Rental Work Group as well as the discussion that has occurred at the last two Select Board meetings about proposed warrant articles for a November special town meeting. Discussion followed about short-term rental regulations among the participants.

STAFFING. Chair Holdgate reviewed Nantucket's recent classification and compensation study and most recent collective bargaining negotiations which have resulted in market rate and other increases for a variety of positions. Discussion followed on various approaches towns are taking to attract and retain employees. There was general consensus that the Island towns are all struggling with staffing.

STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY ISSUES. Chair Holdgate expressed appreciation to the Steamship Authority and Hy-line for their provision of services to the Islands. Some discussion followed about safety issues.

SUMMER ISSUES. Chair Holdgate spoke about traffic congestion, e-bikes and e-scooters as being the topics of great complaint this summer.

SUSTAINABILITY. Discussion occurred about the Vineyard's Climate Action Plan.

WASTEWATER. Ms. Gibson reviewed current Nantucket wastewater and stormwater initiatives.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mohr moved adjournment at 5:57 PM; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Chair Holdgate. – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Mr. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

Approved the 2nd day of August 2023.

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JULY 20, 2023 – 4:00 PM
REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM
NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS**

List of documents used at the meeting:

None.