

Town and County of Nantucket
ROADS AND RIGHT OF WAY COMMITTEE

Posted Meeting of 18 August 2020
Held by Zoom Videoconferencing

FINAL AND APPROVED MINUTES

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 Rick Atherton, , Bill Grieder, Nat Lowell, Allen Reinhard; and Lee Saperstein; there was a quorum at all votes. All responded to an attendance roll call. . The meeting was recorded and can be viewed on You Tube.

Absent: Nelson (Snookie) Eldridge. Ed Gillum, and Leslie Forbes

Guests: Ken Beaugrand, Real Estate Specialist,.

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

C. Public Comments; Officers' Comments.

There was no public comment.

D. Minutes. Approval of the minutes from July 21, 2020, was moved by Nat Lowell and seconded by Rick Atherton. Unanimous approval was given by roll-call vote.

2. Projects List Review, Priority Projects.

Allen Reinhard introduced this item by saying that he had reviewed the Projects List and identified those that he believed to be most critical. He felt that a discussion and review of status would help to move them from a planning stage to implementation. The issues are traffic safety and public access and need solutions. How can our Committee best further these projects?

In his mind, the missing sidewalks at Prospect St., Pleasant St., Cliff Rd. and Quaker Road are the highest priority. He recalls that plans were developed for each of these segments but does not recall if they were funded. Rick Atherton suggested that we look at the Capital Program Committee reports to see if any of these sidewalks or paths are on it. He asked if any priority had been assigned to these projects. Each of these ways badly needs a sidewalk and Allen will discuss with Andrew Vorce, Planning Director, and Rob McNeil, DPW Director, their status.

[Action: Allen to discuss status of these projects with Ken Beaugrand, Rob McNeil and Andrew Vorce.]

Discussion about Prospect Street noted that the path that follows North Mill Street through Mill Hill Park to Old Farm Road may have been planned and even funded. It was noted that, if built, bicycles will be able to access both the Hummock and Madaket Road bicycle paths without having to go on Quaker Road. He recalled that the planners and several committee members walked Prospect Street in conjunction with planned reconstruction alongside the hospital. This path adds substance to the recommendation for taking and reconstructing Winn Street. Allen Reinhard will follow up on this one particularly. The benefit of sidewalks along Pleasant and Prospect Streets was also discussed.

Allen Reinhard then asked for opinions on sidewalk construction along Cliff Road to which Nat Lowell replied that we needed to keep alive discussions about this way. He talked about engaging home owners in landscaping that created sidewalks. He noted also that he had seen large vehicle passing bicycles on narrow roads around Cliff Road and thought that these ways should be candidates for “share the road” signage that is painted on the road surface.

Allen Reinhard then said that we will get more movement on these ways if we collaborate with other committees that are interested in road safety: Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee, Jason Bridges, Chair, and The Traffic Safety Work Group, Art Gasbarro. Chair. Bill Grieder asked about the Street and Sidewalk Advisory Committee and Lee Saperstein replied that this was an *ad hoc* committee that no longer exists. As noted here and in Agenda Item 4., Allen Reinhard will contact these committees and suggest that we exchange liaison members.

The next set of priorities is to follow up on the taking and re-construction of Lovers Lane, Okorwaw Ave. and Monohansett Rd. road and accompanying bike path plans. He noted that these projects were slated for approval at the next Annual Town Meeting and may require an over-ride approval.

The third area of concern, noted Allen Reinhard, are the downtown business district sidewalk improvements. There is a recurring budget item of one million dollars per year in the capital budget for rebuilding the downtown sidewalks in a phased fashion. He noted that this work was sparked by the sidewalk survey done by the committee several years ago. Nat Lowell added that he hoped that streetscape improvements, such as crosswalks, would be included in these projects. Allen Reinhard added that we had worked hard to get the Town to fix the downtown sidewalks and he is pleased that they are moving forward to do so.

Ken Beaugrand suggested that we create a written plan for each of our priorities that shows the steps needed to reach our objectives. If cost information is available, it should be added to the plan. Allen Reinhard thought that this was an excellent idea. Nat Lowell recalled that the DPW had a detailed plan of needed repairs but he was uncertain as to where it was. Allen Reinhard said that he would ask Rob McNeil about it. [Action: Allen Reinhard to organize writing of plans for priority projects.]

4. Traffic Safety Workgroup, Bicycle Route Committee and other Commissions, and Boards Assist Us with Our Priority Projects: Someone to Co-ordinate Communication?

This agenda item was integrated into the discussion generated in the previous agenda item. Allen Reinhard will reach out to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee and the Traffic Safety Advisory Working Group with the hope of sharing agendas and, even, exchanging liaison members. [Action: Allen Reinhard to contact Jason Bridges and Art Gasbarro.]

5. Chapter 91 License Monitoring System. Current List Available? Procedure to Add New Applications,

This agenda item was hampered by the unavailability of Jeff Carlson, Natural Resources Director, nonetheless some useful discussion ensued. Rick Atherton repeated his concern for good record keeping and coordination of these licenses with our committee. Allen Reinhard said that the Town should have an addressable, digitized file of these licenses. Lee Saperstein noted that, while the State was unlikely to cede authority, such a delegation would solve a lot of record-keeping problems. Andrew Vorce said that we need a detailed map of Chapter 91 licenses, similar to the one created for the One Big Beach Program. He will ask Nathan Porter, GIS Coordinator, to consider creating one. [Action: Andrew Vorce to ask Nathan Porter about creating a Chapter 91 License map; Allen Reinhard to ask Jeff Carlson to share his files for this effort.]

6. Road Encroachments and Public Road Maintenance.

Allen Reinhard began this agenda item by noting that, as a regular user of the Polpis Road, he had counted at least six substantial potholes that needed to be repaired. Andrew Vorce pointed out that a short section of a bike path had been installed at the intersection of the Monomoy and Polpis Roads but that it revealed that one of the buildings in Monomoy Village was within one foot of the road layout.

At this point, Bill Grieder made a strong plea for fixing parking along the Madaket Road and Washington Avenue. He noted that the COVID-19 outdoor serving arrangements at Millie's, which are in the normal parking lot, forced patrons to park on the road. He shared photographs of crowded and jammed roads adjacent to the restaurant. Because Washington Avenue is not marked with "No Parking" signs, the police, who are short-handed, cannot issue tickets. He asked that we work with the Traffic Safety Working Group and provide him feedback that he can share with residents of Madaket.

Ken Beaugrand thought that some of the land on which cars were parked was Town-owned property and he would look into that. Nat Lowell had a strong suggestion. If Washington Avenue had a 27-foot paved width, it could stand a no-parking ban on one side, presumably the east side. He recommended that our committee ask the Traffic Safety Working Group to assign a no-parking zone to the east side of Washington Avenue and the committee assented. [Action: Allen Reinhard to forward this recommendation to Art Gasbarro.]

5. Member Comments, Old, New and Other Business: Outstanding Projects List; Historic Coloured Cemetery Access.

As Allen Reinhard introduced this agenda item, his Zoom connection failed. Without a quorum, the remaining committee members agreed that the meeting should be adjourned.

7. Adjourn,

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 pm with the loss of a quorum. Our next meeting will be held on **September 15, 2020.**

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.
- Update file of existing monuments
- Move monuments at Westchester St. Ext. & Crooked Lane

Sidewalk Projects: (Allen)

- Prospect St. (bike path 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.
- Follow implementation of downtown sidewalk improvements
- Bike/Pedestrian connection from Surfside to Hummock Pond to Madaket paths

Harbor Walk Project: (Rick)

- Identify route and identify sections needing constructed walkway
- Concept drawings of construction required
- List permits and approvals needed and process to obtain
- Funding

Chapter 91 Monitor Project: (Leslie & Lee)

- Define goals for project
- Make local license information available on line
- Chapter 91 licenses along route for the Harbor Walk
- Locate other locations on Nantucket and Madaket Harbors requiring licenses

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

- Nantucket Central Rail Road trail
- Map existing island trail and footpath systems and identify missing links

- How should maps and information be shared?