

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

Minutes of the Meeting of October 18, 2022. The meeting took place via remote participation using Zoom. Members of the Board present were Jason Bridges, Matt Fee, Brooke Mohr and Dawn Holdgate. Melissa Murphy was not present.

Chair Bridges called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson reviewed how this meeting arose: out of a joint meeting with Dukes County last spring which related to Steamship Authority legislation amendments, at the end of which there were suggestions to have a joint meeting in the fall to discuss topics of mutual concern for the Islands.

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

It was generally agreed that Chair Bridges would act as a "facilitator" to recognize those who

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

HOUSING. Ms. Mohr provided an update on Nantucket's affordable and community housing efforts and actions. James Malkin, Chilmark Select Board member, spoke on Vineyard housing efforts, most specifically with a centralized housing bank review committee comprised of town officials and others. He spoke on pending legislation relating to a housing transfer fee and what the goals of the Vineyard are with respect to housing. Some discussion followed as to Nantucket's expenditures and appropriations for housing, from short-term rental revenues.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL ISSUES. Chair Bridges asked Ms. Mohr to review what Nantucket has been doing with short-term rentals. Ms. Mohr reviewed actions taken at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting and the current Short-term Rental Work Group recently convened by the Board. Some discussion followed as to the "unintended consequences of short-term rentals" and how to/if to, regulate them; potential uses of the associated revenue; and, the approaches being taken by various towns. Emma Green-Beach, Oak Bluffs Select Board member asked if any towns were discussing the additional Community Impact Fee allowed under the short-term rental legislation. Mr. Fee commented on the impacts of short-term rentals in many areas. Warren Doty, Chilmark Select Board member spoke on short-term rentals and the various difficulties as to regulations. Chair Bridges noted that a consistent question has been "what is the problem we are trying to solve". Discussion followed as to short-term rentals being acquired by commercial entities and associated impacts.

SUMMER ISSUES. No specific comments.

WIND FARMS. No specific comments.

FOOD SECURITY. No specific comments.

TRUCK TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC CIRCULATION, PUBLIC TRANSIT, PARKING. Jay Grande, Tisbury Town Manager spoke on traffic issues during the “high season” and traffic conditions and asked about approaches Nantucket is taking. Ms. Gibson spoke on several approaches, the Town is taking including regional transit authority, outreach for use of alternative modes of transportation. Chair Bridges added that the Town has been trying to focus on improving sidewalks and multi-use paths for pedestrians and bicyclists. Some discussion followed as to state highways on both islands and how those are maintained and by who.

ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS. No specific discussion.

CLIMATE CHANGE/SEA LEVEL RISE. Coastal Resilience Coordinator Vincent Murphy provided a brief overview of the Town’s Coastal Resilience Plan (CRP). Ben Robinson, of the Martha’s Vineyard Commission provided an overview of what the Vineyard planning process is. Mr. Doty spoke on the projected impacts of sea level rise on the Vineyard. Mr. Murphy spoke on Nantucket’s efforts to determine its risk and the concept of a “downtown neighborhood flood barrier” that has been developed and is contained in the Town’s CRP. He spoke about public outreach for the CRP. Tristan Israel of Dukes County Commissioners spoke on the Vineyard’s use of Massachusetts Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program grants. Mr. Fee commented on the challenges of how to pay for CRP projects and spoke about the need to “retreat” as a strategy. Christine Todd of Dukes County Commissioners, spoke on the possibility of working together more often to secure grant funding. Some discussion followed. Jeffrey DuBard asked about Nantucket’s partnership with ReMain Nantucket. Mr. Murphy reviewed a project associated with the CRP. Chair Bridges reviewed some other projects ReMain has sponsored.

Ms. Holdgate and Ms. Mohr left the meeting at 5:10 PM, at which point the Board no longer had a quorum.

Chair Bridges asked for any thoughts about the Islands working together more. Jen Rand, Town Manager from West Tisbury noted that the managers of Vineyard and Nantucket, frequently communicate and cooperate. Ms. Todd suggested joint meetings be held more frequently. Some discussion followed on ways to do this.

The meeting ended at 5:22 PM.

Approved the 2nd day of November 2022.

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OCTOBER 18, 2022 – 4:00 PM
REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM
NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS**

List of documents used at the meeting:

None.