

## SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting of October 25, 2023. 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 Dawn Holdgate, Thomas Dixon, Matt Fee and Dr. Malcolm MacNab. Brooke Mohr participated remotely.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Holdgate called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance.

### II. SELECT BOARD ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as posted.

### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson reviewed the announcements:

1. The Select Board Meeting is Being Audio/Video Recorded.
2. Special Town Meeting is Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 5:00 PM at Nantucket High School, Mary P. Walker Auditorium, 10 Surfside Road.
3. No Select Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 Due to Special Town Meeting.
4. May 7, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Open for Citizen Warrant Article Submittals through November 13, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

Operations Administrator Erika Mooney gave a brief update on the water main extension project west of the Airport, which will begin on Monday, October 30, 2023 with tree and limb clearing along Monohansett Road, Webster Road, Okorwaw Avenue, Skyline Drive and Lovers Lane within the work area. The work is expected to last a week and will be followed by drainage basin cleaning and inspections, layout and engineering of all roads within the project area, and mobilization and pipe staging beginning approximately November 20<sup>th</sup>. She displayed a map of the area with locations noted for the impending work.

### 5. Select Board Announcements/Comments.

There were no Board comments.

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

1. Town Manager: Follow-up on Public Comment from October 18, 2023 Select Board Meeting. Ms. Gibson noted that a question arose at last week's Select Board meeting about a contract with retired Director of Planning Andrew Vorce and why the contract has not appeared on the Board's "Pending Contracts" section of the agenda. She explained that Mr. Vorce is not working under a contract, but is working as a temporary hourly employee with no benefits since he retired from his full-time position with the Town in June. She added that Mr. Vorce is assisting Town Administration with the closeout of several long-term real estate matters; and, for the Planning Commission on certain limited activities. She noted that at least two other retired Town employees have been engaged in a similar manner as part of a strategy to utilize institutional knowledge to help further Select Board strategic goals and other operational functions, maintain momentum on certain activities and provide assistance to close-out important pending matters.

She further added that the Barnstable County Retirement System, of which the Town of Nantucket is a member, does have restrictions on the number of hours and earnings that retirees are permitted.

#### V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Meghan Perry asked what other retired Town employees have been similarly engaged with respect to Ms. Gibson's response, in the prior agenda item. Ms. Gibson said that former Chief Technology Officer Karen McGonigle and Culture and Tourism Director Janet Schulte are both engaged in the same manner.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

#### VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND WARRANTS

Mr. Fee moved approval of items VII 1 – 2; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Chair Holdgate – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

1. Approval of Minutes of October 18, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

2. Approval of Treasury Warrants for October 25, 2023.

#### VIII. CITIZEN/DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REQUESTS/REPORTS

1. Request for Acceptance of \$50,000 from Siasconset Beach Preservation Fund (SBPF) for Consulting Services in Connection with Notice of Intent (NOI) to Conservation Commission for Sconset Beach Erosion Control Project. Dr. MacNab asked if the acceptance of the funds obligates the Town and what would happen if there are disagreements. Ms. Gibson and Sustainability Program Manager Vincent Murphy responded. Mr. Fee moved acceptance of the gift; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Chair Holdgate – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

#### IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Continued Preliminary Review of Town-Sponsored Warrant Articles for 2024 Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Gibson reviewed one item proposed to be added, relating to the acceptance of a Massachusetts general law as to the investment of trust funds.

Ms. Mohr suggested increasing the pay of Select Board members so that people who might be willing to serve can be paid an amount that will help offset the time commitment away from a full-time job. Discussion followed. Chair Holdgate suggested that some research be undertaken with other municipalities as to Select Board member pay; and, when the last Nantucket Select Board pay increase occurred. Ms. Gibson said it could take some effort to determine the latter item but that it has been at least twenty years. Discussion followed as to encouraging participation in government. Ms. Mohr suggested that a financial incentive might be appropriate. Mr. Fee suggested that the Town Council Study Committee might come up with recommendations as to pay for Board or Council members. Ms. Mohr disagreed, saying that waiting is not necessary and said that she would be willing to undertake the research. Mr. Dixon concurred with Ms. Mohr. Dr. MacNab said he would support this if he were convinced that a more diverse group of people would run. Mr. Fee stated that people often should consider starting with other volunteer positions in the government before starting right off with Select Board, due to the level of experience that is very helpful. Discussion followed as to a pay level commensurate with a part-time position. Ms. Mohr emphasized the number of hours that Board members spend on their service.

2. Review of Proposed 2024 Select Board Meeting Schedule. Ms. Mooney reviewed the proposed Select Board meeting schedule for 2024, noting additional meetings have been added to specifically handle licensing and petition applications and hearings, which were recently requested by the Board. Mr. Fee moved to approve the schedule as presented; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Chair Holdgate – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

3. Traffic Safety Work Group Recommendation: Installation of New Curb Cut at 34 Easton Street to Provide Two Off-Street Parking Spaces, Resulting in Elimination of One On-Street Parking Space. Transportation Program Manager Mike Burns reviewed the recommendation. David Bartsch, representing the owner of 34 Easton, concurred with Mr. Burns. Mr. Fee commented that while there may be a net gain of a parking space, it is a loss of green space. He spoke in favor of reserving on-street parking for neighborhoods and not building the Island for vehicles. Ms. Mohr moved approval; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Chair Holdgate – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – No; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

4. Monthly Town Management Report. Ms. Gibson provided a verbal report on various matters her office has been working on.

#### X. SELECT BOARD'S REPORTS/COMMENT

1. Committee Reports. Dr. MacNab spoke on a Board of Health discussion pertaining to firefighter cancer screening recently. Mr. Fee commented on a book he was reading today about a color-coded work activity prioritization system. He said that some improvements in prioritization might be beneficial in order to get important planning initiatives completed. Chair Holdgate spoke on the need to free up time to meet with other Town boards on goals, which is a reason the Board instructed Town Administration to come up with a once per month separate licensing meeting. Chair Holdgate reviewed the Strategic Planning workshop the Board had for several hours yesterday. Ms. Mohr spoke on the benefits of the dialogue during the Strategic Planning session with senior administrative staff of the Town to help understand what it takes to execute the goals of the Board.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mohr moved adjournment at 6:15 PM; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Chair Holdgate – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

Approved the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2023.

**SELECT BOARD  
OCTOBER 25, 2023 – 5:30 PM  
PSF COMMUNITY ROOM, 4 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD  
AND REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM WEBINAR  
NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS**

List of documents used at the meeting:

- IV. 1. Follow-up: Andrew Vorce hiring letter
- VII. 1. Draft minutes of 10/18/2023
- VIII. 1. SBPF gift letter; SBPF check
- IX. 1. Preliminary Outline #1 for 2024 ATM; 2020 ATM paid parking article; 2024 ATM warrant article concept list from Planning
- IX. 2. Draft 2024 Select Board meeting schedule
- IX. 3. AIS re: Traffic Safety Work Group recommendation; Application for curb cut at 34 Easton St; locus map; site plan; GIS aerial photo; street photo