

NP&EDC

NANTUCKET PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



COMMISSIONERS: Nat Lowell (Chair), Andrew Bennett (Vice Chair), Kara Buzanoski, Jack Gardner, Matt Fee, Wendy Hudson, Bert Johnson, Leslie B. Johnson, Joe Marcklinger, Barry Rector, John Trudell, and Linda Williams

MINUTES

Monday, August 8, 2016

PSF, 4 Fairgrounds Road, Training Room – 5:30 p.m.

Purpose: Regular Meeting:

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Andrew Vorce, Director of Planning; Mike Burns, Transportation Planner; Leslie Snell, Deputy Director of Planning; Eleanor W. Antonietti, Zoning Administrator

ATTENDING MEMBERS: Nat Lowell (Chair), Andrew Bennett (Vice Chair) (arrives after meeting called to order), Jack Gardner, Wendy Hudson, Bert Johnson, Joe Marklinger, Barry Rector (arrives after meeting called to order), John Trudel

ABSENT: Kara Buzanoski, Matt Fee, Leslie Johnson

Public present: Jim Kelly (BOS); Judy Zurheide; Campbell Sutton; Ken Genthner

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:51 pm

II. Establishment of Quorum:

Chairman Lowell declared a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Adopted by UNANIMOUS consent.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The **MOTION** was made by Chairman Lowell and seconded that the NP&EDC does hereby vote to approve the NP&EDC minutes for June 20 & July 18, 2016, as submitted.

The vote was **UNANIMOUS**.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

SEE BELOW

VI. ACTION DISCUSSION ITEMS

I. Action / Discussion Items:

A. PLUS agreement update

LOWELL This is more of a clarification

VORCE Main point was to implement improvements as we have been doing for past 4 years. Given current discussions with HDC and other things, important to understand intent of merging specific departments. Nothing changes any of the basic rules of HDC. This is about the Staff. We hope to introduce another 40+ hours of specific enforcement activities and other clerical duties.

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B JOHNSON Do you currently report to Town Mgr.?
VORCE Yes. 2012 agreement has us report any PLUS activities to the Town Mgr. NPEDC is still independent.
B JOHNSON Will we still be evaluating you?
VORCE Yes
Campbell Sutton (PUBLIC) resident of Nantucket for over 10 years. Concerned with consolidation of power with Town Mgr. in charge of everything. How does this allow the HDC to continue independently?
VORCE Town adopted a charter in 1996 which was amended. All boards retain their independent decision making authority. Staff is here to help the boards, not to influence their decisions.
SUTTON asks who handles hiring and firing of staff
VORCE Town Mgr. continues to approve all hirings. Describes new positions which have been advertized.
SUTTON asks about oversight of the single source in charge of all hiring and firing
VORCE explains that this is not a private sector situation. There are unions involved, collective bargaining, and a professional Human Resources person who oversees all of this.
Jim KELLY (BOS) This document outlines all requirements of PLUS oversight including relationships on hiring and firing within the jurisdiction of Labor Unions so those safeguards are built in. Across town gvt., we have a professional Human Resources department. We work actively to recruit talent. HDC had a request for job description. Maybe we should include them in the interview process.
SUTTON I read the paper.
LOWELL There is some misinformation in the paper. You can meet with anyone in PLUS office anytime. The Public is the customer of the Town. That is how it works now.

B. South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation and Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank – Business workshops for entrepreneurs

VORCE Encourages people to attend and spread the word. NPEDC is cosponsoring this.

C. Housing Production Plan – contract with Edward Marchant

VORCE His total compensation exceeds \$5,000 so needs approval. It comes from DLTA fund. Ask for approval of this contract in amount of \$9,000. DLTA was vetoed by Gov. Baker but that was over-ridden and it was restored.
SUTTON In this contract, he will cost \$9,000 over the course of 2 years. But it also says the cost will vary on a project by project basis. Does he need insurance?
VORCE He is an independent contractor.
ZURHEIDE (1 Folger Ave.) asks how many projects he might be working on?
VORCE explains that it depends on what services the Board members want. A project could come up that requires his consulting services. We have a few projects that he is currently working on as an advisor.
LOWELL He has a lot of institutional knowledge about the island. He will be very helpful.

The MOTION was made by Linda Williams and seconded that **NPEDC approves the \$9,000 contract with Ed Marchant as presented by Andrew Vorce.**
The vote was **UNANIMOUS.**

D. NRTA – review potential revenue sources for existing and expanded service

BURNS This study is focusing on fare rates to see if there is a need for increase as well as a look at other options. Trying to refine the survey. They want to consult with NPEDC. Suggested October meeting as an opportunity to have joint BOS mtg. Date hasn't been selected.
WILLIAMS points out that October meeting will be on October 3rd.

E. Old South Road Corridor Study – Review draft study area and scope

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VORCE This is money that we set aside out of our state allocation.

BURNS UPWP discussion – professional services money was set aside. Shows map identifying 3 areas that we want to do traffic studies on. We have existing recommendations for the OSR corridor. We have the Park & Ride and pedestrian and bike path recommendations. Additional improvements could include better linkages to other connecting streets to improve left-turning mvts., additional pull-offs for bus, increase service during high usage hours. We have intern doing ride counts on certain routes including OSR routes. We have identified high traffic stops. Pedestrian crossings of OSR need to be examined. Growth on the island as demonstrated in data on slide with statistics on 2004 & 2014. We have ideas for improving. Adding approach lanes to relieve some of the congestion. Improve and make safer pedestrian circulation. Reduce queues leading up to the rotaries.

LOWELL At present, we have a 3-way stop and a yield. Now it will be a merging. When was this done?

BURNS About 2006. It will be reevaluated with updated data. There is also a recommendation for a round-about at Fairgrounds and OSR. Want to reduce the left-hand turn conflicts.

B JOHNSON concerned about trailer trucks not making the turn and having to put wheels up on landscaping

BURNS That kind of detail will be fleshed out in later stages

WILLIAMS concerned about Fairgrounds. The STOP sign there allows bikes to come across. Worried about people stopping for bikes crossing with a roundabout.

SUTTON concerned about integration of bike paths with rotaries – suggests putting bike path crossings away from the rotary, in the 2-lane area.

LOWELL Town has gone to great lengths with private sector to get the layout on Bartlett Rd. to give us room for that roundabout. Here we would have more room to maneuver.

ZURHEIDE asks about having an underground crosswalk

BURNS emphasis here is to identify issues. \$25,000 will get you some options.

KEN GENTHNER (45 Goldfinch Drive) Can you clarify the timeline?

BURNS This is in planning and design stages, not a project. Final presentations may be mid-to late 2017, or continue into next fiscal year. We can refine it down the line and use next year's funds. You don't go from a study to construction.

SUTTON The bike path situation combined with the road is a problem.

LOWELL These consultants are familiar with island traffic patterns.

GENTHNER Represents all of Naushop. Encourages Board to address the need to alleviate traffic along OSR and get ahead of elongated time line.

RECTOR Comments that there is no tangible evidence that the existing bike paths are a safety problem. We have objective and real data in support of this alternative.

B JOHNSON for the audience, he explains the TIP concept and how it takes time to amass enough money to implement projects.

VII. Other Business:

ADJOURNMENT M/S/A to ADJOURN MEETING at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by:
Eleanor W. Antonietti