

NANTUCKET TOWN AREA PLAN WORK GROUP
Meeting Of April 5, 2022
FINAL AND APPROVED MINUTES

Attending: Mary Anne Easley, Marsha Fader, Mary Longacre, Lee Saperstein, and Henry Terry.

Absent: Liz Almodobar (resigned), Regen Horchow, Alison King, and Mickey Rowland.

Attendance was verified by a roll call; there was a quorum at all times. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed at "Meeting Recording:"

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Chair Henry Terry called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm. Mary Longacre read the script about remote-attendance meetings and said that this one would be recorded. Henry Terry then asked for approval of the agenda. Lee Saperstein suggested that the agenda be expanded to include a discussion on filling the impending vacancy and, also, consideration of a time line for completion of the plan. Henry Terry replied that these were the two major items to be considered. Lee Saperstein then moved approval of the agenda, which was seconded and voted unanimously by roll call. The next order of business was approval of the draft minutes for the meeting of March 18, 2022. Mary Longacre said that because she was not at that meeting, she would abstain from voting. Approval by the remaining members of the Work Group was unanimous.

Henry Terry then reported that Liz Almodobar has resigned for personal reasons and that we needed to consider what to do with the vacancy. He reminded the members that, of the seven respondents, and thus applicants, to the Town's advertisement for membership on the Work Group, four were accepted and three were rejected. Two of the latter group, Diane Coombs and Matt Fee, held other Town positions that involved planning and the third was an architect whose addition to the work group would overload the profession in the Work Group's make up. As a side note, Mary Longacre suggested that, because the Work Group was an officially recognized Town committee, Liz Almodobar should write to the Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission, NPEDC, to give a formal letter of resignation.

While Henry Terry said that he did not know Bob Miklos, Marsha Fader and Mary Longacre said that they did. Henry Terry noted that we were not constrained to these three applicants and asked were there other possibilities. Mary Anne Easley said that Trish Bridier was an active member of the Town Association and might make a good addition to the Work Group. Marsha Fader agreed and pointed both to her experience as a business leader in the Town, proprietor of

Murrays, and her retired status allowing her the time to participate. Henry Terry then asked if the eight remaining members of the Work Group could live with the vacancy.

The members then discussed several things together, one of which was that living with the vacancy is preferred because of the amount of material already covered, including the two subgroups on which Liz Almodobar served, and the length of time it would take a new member to come up to speed on the steps taken to create a local area plan. Henry Terry offered to take this move to the NPEDC. If they said that the vacancy should be filled, he would explore with Trish Bridier her willingness to serve. The other things were a public opinion survey and a timeline for completion of a draft Town Area Plan.

The public opinion survey will be based on questions submitted by each of the subgroups. Mary Anne Easley has already submitted four questions for “Land Use.” She said that they were open-ended, which will be best for gathering opinions although may take more time to analyze. Lee Saperstein and Mary Longacre agreed to meet and create questions for “Circulation” before the next meeting. Henry Terry suggested, and all agreed, that the survey should be assembled and distributed by June so as to capture opinions from part-time residents. Lee Saperstein volunteered to help Henry Terry assemble the survey.

If the survey is returned by some time in July, the Work Group should be able to draft planning statements for each of the seven issue areas (see below) by early fall, edit them for coherence and consistency, and submit a draft Town Area Plan by October. Mary Anne Easley said that the Work Group should schedule a public, open meeting after the survey is submitted to review findings and to give the public one more opportunity for input.

Before suggesting adjournment, Henry Terry asked if there were any more issues to review. Marsha Fader said that she would like to learn from other work groups on how they assembled their plan. Mary Longacre noted that the ‘Sconset plan has been accepted by NPEDC and that Madaket was preparing a draft of their plan. Both benefitted from earlier plans and the current ones are updates. This, according to Henry Terry, makes them different from the Town’s, which will be developed anew. He was not sure how much could be learned from the other two work groups because of this difference.

Henry Terry asked, then, if there were any more comments. Hearing none, he asked to a motion to adjourn and got one from Lee Saperstein, seconded by Mary Longacre, and approved unanimously.

Adjournment. 4:45 pm

The next scheduled meeting is Friday, April 15, 2022; it, however, is canceled. The next meeting will be May 3rd at 4:00 pm. Please supply draft questions by Friday, April 29th.

For reference: Subcommittee composition.

2. Land Use: Liz Almodobar and Mary Anne Easley
3. Housing: Marsha Fader and Mickey Rowland
4. Economic Development: Alison King and Mary Longacre

5. Natural and Cultural Resources: Liz Almodobar and Marsha Fader
6. Open Space and Recreation Plan: Mary Anne Easley and Henry Terry
7. Services and Facilities: Regen Horchow and Mickey Rowland
8. Circulation; Mary Longacre and Lee Saperstein

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