

**Nantucket Commission on Disability**  
**Minutes**  
**Open Session**  
**Friday August 7, 2020**

*Due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the Covid-19 virus outbreak, and pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Regarding Open Meeting Law, this meeting was conducted remotely by video conference via Zoom and the meeting will be aired at a later time on the Town's Government TV YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-sgxAlfdoxteLNzRAUHIxA>*

**Present:**

Mickey Rowland, Jeanette Topham, Georgia Snell, Maribeth Maloney and Brenda McDonough who joined the Zoom call with audio only via the telephone. Ms. McDonough's work computer does not have a camera or microphone.

**Absent:**

John Malloy

**Guests:** None

**Call to Order: 3:37 p.m.**

Mr. Rowland read the "Script for Remotely Conducted Open Meetings" and all members present via Zoom responded affirmatively as Mr. Rowland called their names.

**Agenda: 3:42**

Mr. Rowland stated, by unanimous consent we are adopting the agenda.

**Election of Officers:**

Ms. Topham motioned to nominate Mr. Rowland as Chairman, which Ms. Snell seconded, and all voted in favor of this motion by the following roll call vote:

Ms. Topham- Aye

Ms. Snell- Aye

Ms. Maloney- Aye

Mr. Rowland- Aye

Mr. Rowland motioned to nominate Ms. Topham as Vice Chairwoman, which Ms. Maloney seconded, and all voted in favor of this motion by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Rowland- Aye

Ms. Snell- Aye

Ms. Maloney- Aye

Ms. Topham- Aye

Mr. Rowland motioned to nominate Ms. Maloney as Secretary, which Ms. Topham seconded, and all voted in favor of this motion by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Rowland- Aye

Ms. Snell- Aye

Ms. Maloney- Aye

Ms. Topham- Aye

**Note:**

Ms. Snell was absent for October 28, 2019 meeting and was not eligible to vote approval of the minutes.

**Minutes: 3:30 p.m.**

Ms. Topham motioned to approve October 28, 2019 minutes, which Ms. Maloney seconded, and all the present, eligible Commission members unanimously approved this motion by roll call:

Mr. Rowland- Aye

Ms. Maloney- Aye

Ms. Topham- Aye

**Open Session: 3:31 p.m.**

**New Business: None**

**Note:**

**Topics:**

**Old Business: None**

**Public Comment: None**

**Update: 3:42 p.m.**

**Land Bank Hays Property on Orange Street**

- Eric Savetsky, Land Bank Executive Director, and Jesse Bell, Assistant Director, invited Mr. Rowland and Ms. McDonough to the Land Bank office to discuss the Land Bank plans for the Hays Property located on Orange Street. Mr. Savetsky discussed the planned accessible features on the property and was seeking Mr. Rowland's opinion for creating the best access to all the features associated with this property.

Mr. Savetsky listened to all Mr. Rowland's suggestions and will incorporate them in the revised plans and submit them to the Commission on Disability for comments and hopefully our approval.

**Island Kitchen Variance Request**

- Ms. McDonough discussed the Amended Variance application that Patrick Ridge, owner of Island Kitchen restaurant and ice cream parlor, submitted to the AAB. In 2017, Mr. Ridge applied for a variance to allow overflow dining on the inaccessible second level, stating that it was impracticable to install a lift to the second level. The Commission reviewed this application and voted to support the application with 4 conditions. Condition 2 stated the "No private functions or entertainment shall be provided on the second-floor level exclusively. Any private functions or entertainment must be available on the accessible first-floor level." Mr. Ridge wants to amend condition 2 because he plans to renovate a retail space on the accessible first level to a dining room and a private function room thus having an accessible private function room.

Mr. Rowland and Mr. Ridge exchanged several e-mails to ensure that the new private function room offered similar amenities as the second level, such as a functional fireplace, service bar, casual seating and relaxed dining.

Mr. Rowland supported the variance request because he believed that impracticability had been proven and that people who cannot negotiate the steps to the second level for a private function can be accommodated on the new accessible first level.

#### **Nantucket Outdoor Seating Plan**

- Amy Baxter, Licensing Administrator for Nantucket, contacted Mr. Rowland about reviewing an outdoor seating plan for the island restaurants. Ms. Baxter wanted to make sure that the town got it right by providing outdoor dining while maintaining access to the sidewalks and dining areas.

#### **Academy Hill**

- Mr. Rowland and Ms. McDonough plan to meet with Ken Beaugrand at Academy Hill to discuss installing additional accessible parking spaces on the north side of the building.

#### **Fairgrounds Apartments**

- Ms. McDonough informed the Commission that there is a new apartment development in the planning stages on Fairgrounds Road, which must fully comply with the 521 CMR. Ms. McDonough will contact the developer to reinsure that he is aware that the project has to fully comply with the 521 CMR.

#### **MOD Remote Meeting**

- Ms. McDonough attended a virtual Zoom meeting with Massachusetts Office on Disability regarding the towns', employers' and businesses' reasonable accommodation policies during this global pandemic. There were ten questions that were submitted prior to the Zoom meeting and experts in the questions content answered them. The MOD will send out the question and answer portion of the Zoom meeting in a word document to everyone who attended the meeting. Ms. Topham requested that we forward this document to the town whenever we receive it.

#### **\*Topics Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting:**

#### **Adjournment: 4:25 p.m.**

Ms. Topham motioned to adjourn Open Session, which Ms. Williams second, and all voted in favor of this motion by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Rowland- Aye

Ms. Snell- Aye

Ms. Maloney- Aye

Ms. Topham- Aye

Submitted by:

Brenda McDonough, Facilitator