

SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting of October 18, 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 Thomas Dixon, Matt Fee, Dr. Malcolm MacNab and Brooke Mohr. Dawn Holdgate participated remotely.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Mohr called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Mohr called for a moment of silence in memory of Carl Borchert, who passed away recently, noting that Mr. Borchert served on various Town boards and committees and was active in Town government.

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. May 7, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Open for Citizen Warrant Article Submittals through November 13, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

3. Latex Paint Collection Day on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at DPW Garage, 188 Madaket Road.

4. Special Town Meeting is Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 5:00 PM at Nantucket High School, Mary P. Walker Auditorium, 10 Surfside Road.

5. No Select Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 Due to Special Town Meeting.

6. Select Board Announcements/Comments. Mr. Dixon noted a suicide prevention seminar sponsored by Fairwinds is occurring this coming Saturday at the Dreamland.

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

There were no follow-up items.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Housing Director Tucker Holland said that the Governor, today, approved the inclusion of housing transfer tax legislation in a State housing bond bill. He noted that while this does not mean that the legislation is passed and it still needs Legislative approval, it is a major step forward for the legislation. He thanked Nantucket's legislative delegation, particularly Senator Julian Cyr; and, many local citizens for their unwavering support.

Megan Perry asked if a "contract" for Andrew Vorce was ever approved on Pending Contracts. Ms. Mohr said an answer will be provided on that at the Board's meeting next week.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, WARRANTS AND PENDING CONTRACTS

Dr. MacNab asked about the GovOS contract for the short-term rental registration software program. Finance Director Brian Turbitt explained the terms, details, cost; and, how this firm was selected. Mr. Turbitt also explained a contract amendment with Option Technologies and what it covers, noting that the amendment is only for the special town meeting and that the contract covers annual town meetings for three years.

Mr. Fee moved approval of items VII 1 – 4; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Ms. Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

1. Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

2. Approval of Payroll Warrants for October 15, 2023.

3. Approval of Treasury Warrants for October 18, 2023.

4. Approval of Pending Contracts for October 18, 2023 - as Set Forth on the Spreadsheet Identified as Exhibit 1, Which Exhibit is Incorporated Herein by Reference.

VIII. CITIZEN/DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REQUESTS/REPORTS

1. Applicant Introduction/Review of Applications and Appointments to Cultural Council, Pursuant to Select Board Committee Appointment Policy. Operations Administrator Erika Mooney read the five applicants' names: Darcy Volpe, Kit Murphy, Olivia Vlahos, Bethany Oliver and Barbara Tibbitts. Ms. Tibbitts introduced herself and spoke on her application. The Board voted for two members by paper ballot:

Darcy Volpe – did not receive any votes

Kit Murphy – received one vote from Mr. Fee

Olivia Vlahos – did not receive any votes

Bethany Oliver – received votes from Ms. Mohr, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Fee, Dr. MacNab, Ms. Holdgate

Barbara Tibbitts – received votes from Ms. Mohr, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Holdgate, Dr. MacNab

So voted to appoint Ms. Oliver and Ms. Tibbitts as indicated above. Ms. Mohr thanked all applicants for their interest.

2. Advisory Committee of Non-Voting Taxpayers: Request for Representative Seat on Town Council Study Committee. Advisory Committee of Non-Voting Taxpayers (ACNVT) Chair Peter Halle spoke on the request for an ACNVT member to have an ex officio seat on the Town Council Study Committee. Mr. Fee asked if the seat is requested to be voting or non-voting. Mr. Halle said the preference is voting, but non-voting is fine too. Mr. Halle added that the Committee hopes the meetings will be held so that members can participate remotely. Ms. Holdgate spoke in favor of a non-voting seat so that an uneven number of voting members is maintained. Mr. Dixon and Dr. MacNab agreed. Ms. Mohr said she agrees and feels strongly that the voting members should be those who vote on Nantucket. Ms. Holdgate so moved to add an ex officio non-voting seat for an ACNTV representative; seconded by Dr. MacNab; by roll call vote: Ms. Mohr

– Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted. It was noted that the representative will be Donna Martino and an alternate will be put forward at a later time.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Petition from National Grid/Nantucket Electric Company, Plan #30760442 to Install Approximately 30' of 2-4" Conduit Across Easton Street from Existing Pole 23 to 16 Easton Street. Vice Chair Mohr opened the hearing. Arron Bourque of National Grid reviewed the petition.

There being no public comment, Dr. MacNab moved to close the hearing; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Ms. Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

Mr. Dixon moved approval of the petition as presented with any departmental conditions as noted in the packet; seconded by Dr. MacNab; by roll call vote: Ms. Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

2. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Petition from National Grid/Nantucket Electric Company, Plan #30742565 to Install Approximately 75' of 2-4" Conduit Across and Along North Water Street from Existing Pole 8 to 3 Step Lane. Vice Chair Mohr opened the hearing. Arron Bourque of National Grid reviewed the petition. Campbell Sutton asked about the “low sling” of wires between poles. Mr. Bourque explained what wires will be underground and what will remain above ground. Some discussion followed as to the specifics of the service to the property and the purpose of the petition.

There being no additional public comment, Ms. Holdgate moved to close the hearing; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Ms. Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

Mr. Fee moved approval of the petition as presented with the departmental conditions as noted in the packet; seconded by Ms. Holdgate; by roll call vote: Ms. Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Abstained; so voted.

3. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Petition from National Grid/Nantucket Electric Company for Plan #30831848 to Install Two Handholes (HH1-1 and HH1-2) and Approximately 20' of 2-3" Underground Conduit Across Milestone Lane for Service at 2 Gold Star Drive. Vice Chair Mohr opened the hearing.

There being no public comment, Mr. Dixon moved to close the hearing; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Ms. Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

Dr. MacNab moved approval of the petition as presented with any departmental conditions as noted in the packet; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Ms. Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

4. Public Hearing to Consider Application for Public Assembly Permit for Nantucket Conservation Foundation's "Batacular Fall Fun Day" to be Held Sunday, October 29, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Milestone Cranberry Bog, 220 Milestone Road. Vice Chair Mohr opened the hearing. Allison Levy of the Nantucket Conservation Foundation reviewed the application as contained in the Board's packet, noting the event is in acknowledgement of the Foundation's 60th anniversary.

There being no public comment, Dr. MacNab moved to close the hearing; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Ms. Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

Mr. Dixon moved approval of the public assembly permit application as presented; seconded by Dr. MacNab; by roll call vote: Ms. Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Preliminary Review of Town-Sponsored Warrant Articles for 2024 Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Gibson reviewed the information in the Board's packet, noting that this is an annual process which begins with this step to review very preliminary possible articles for the next annual town meeting. Senior Planner Megan Trudel of the Planning and Land Use Services Department (PLUS) reviewed the preliminary articles which have so far been discussed by the Planning Board, noting these are very preliminary and likely to change as the process to develop the warrant proceeds. Mr. Fee asked about one of the preliminary possible articles, Ms. Trudel responded. Ms. Gibson reviewed the other items on the list, including:

Paid Parking – Ms. Gibson said that the background on this previously requested by the Board is not complete.

E-bikes regulation – Mr. Fee said that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is working on this.

Noise bylaw – No comments.

Rental car bylaw changes – Ms. Mohr said that one approach might be to change how unutilized rental vehicle medallions are issued or re-issued and determining how to legalize the car-share practice that the Board discussed in September. Mr. Fee suggested that the medallions be put out to bid. It was agreed to consult with Town Counsel on enforcement and approaches regarding the unused medallions.

Ms. Gibson reviewed the rest of the preliminary list, with the Board generally agreeing to the items on it. Mr. Fee asked about an article relating to structure demolition and timing. Ms. Gibson said she would discuss that with the Preservation Planner. Mr. Fee asked if options to assess betterments are being explored. He said specifically, the issue he would like to address is determining if betterments can be post-assessed to private projects, which come to a halt because the participants have decided not to continue funding them. Ms. Gibson said that is under review with Town Counsel. Some discussion followed on this.

Ms. Gibson noted that 2024 warrant articles will remain as an agenda item for the next couple of months as the warrant develops.

XI. SELECT BOARD'S REPORTS/COMMENT

1. Committee Reports. Ms. Mohr spoke on solid waste meetings that occurred yesterday, with a tour of the facility, a meeting with the landfill operator and a meeting with the Town Manager's long-term solid waste planning work group, noting that things are progressing toward the issuance of a Request for Proposals well in advance of the expiration of the Waste Services Agreement in 2025. Mr. Fee asked if any decisions have been made about how material will be processed, such as pyrolysis. Some discussion followed and Town Counsel John Giorgio said that the new contract will be primarily operational but there will be allowances for the possibility of new technology. Discussion followed as to waste streams and separation.

Mr. Dixon asked about current committee vacancies. Ms. Mooney responded.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Holdgate moved adjournment at 6:29 PM; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Ms. Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

Approved the 25th day of October 2023.

**SELECT BOARD
OCTOBER 18, 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:

- III. 3. Latex Paint Collection Day flyer
- VII. 4. Pending Contracts spreadsheet
- VIII. 1. Round 3 Committee applicant list; Cultural Council applications
- VIII. 2. Email from Advisory Committee of Non-Voting Taxpayers
- IX. 1. AIS re: NGrid petition re: Easton St; Departmental comments; Easton St petition; Easton St plan
- IX. 2. AIS re: NGrid petition re: N Water St; Departmental comments; N Water St petition; N Water St plan
- IX. 3. AIS re: NGrid petition re: Milestone Ln; Departmental comments; Milestone Ln petition; Milestone Ln plan
- IX. 4. AIS re: Public Assembly Permit for Batacular Fall Fun Day; Letter from Nantucket Conservation Foundation; Public hearing notice; Public Assembly Permit; Course map
- X. 1. Preliminary Outline #1 for 2024 ATM; 2020 ATM paid parking article; 2024 ATM warrant article concept list from Planning