



NANTUCKET TOWN ASSOCIATION

Meeting of February 28, 2017

In the Atheneum Learning Lab

DRAFT MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Present: Ara Charder, Lucy Dillon, Mary Anne Easley, Alexandra LaPaglia, Peter Louderback, Richard Loftin, Colleen McLaughlin, Jane Miller, Gail Norton, Lee Saperstein, Janet Schulte, Anne Terry, Henry Terry, John Wagley, Paula Williams.

Guests: Mike Burns, Transportation Planner, Paul Rhude, Fire Chief.

I. Call to Order.

President Miller called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm in the Learning Lab of the Nantucket Atheneum.

She also asked the group to assemble for a photograph to go on a postcard for recruiting and dues-reminder purposes. Said photograph was duly taken.

II. Remembrance of Frank Spriggs

President Miller asked that we take a moment of silence to remember Frank Spriggs, long-time Town Association Member, and former Selectman, who had recently died. During that moment, your Secretary thought that he would be sorely missed.

III. Approval of minutes of meeting of January 24, 2017.

Anne Terry moved approval of the minutes of the previous meeting; Paula Williams seconded the motion and approval was unanimous.

IV. Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Anne Terry reported (attached) a balance of \$5,916.46; dues of \$160.00 were received and an expenditure of \$300.00 for the December social was made. Acceptance of the report was moved by Colleen McLaughlin, seconded by Lucy Dillon, and approved unanimously.

V. New Business

A. Sponsor Movie

President Miller said that Paula Williams had seen Thomas Bena's film, "One Big Home," at the Dreamland and would like for our Association to sponsor another showing at an opportune time. The cost is \$300 per rental and it could be shown at the Atheneum during Daffodil Weekend or during the summer. A straw vote was taken to see if the motion should go on next month's agenda for formal approval and the vote was unanimously in favor. Most members thought that summer would draw more viewers.

B. War Memorial Restoration

President Miller suggested that it was time to consider formally a contribution to the War Memorial Restoration Project. After a short discussion on the project, how much it was going to cost: \$9750, and an appropriate sum to donate, Anne Terry suggested \$1000. Lucy Dillon moved that we donate that sum, Paula Williams seconded the motion, and the positive vote was unanimous.

C. Parking Survey

President Miller asked Mike Burns, Transportation Planner, if he had any additional information about the parking survey performed jointly by the Nantucket Civic League and Town Association. He replied that there was good coincidence between this survey and one performed for the Planning Office. There were high approval values in both for a year-round shuttle service and a parking garage, while there was less than majority approval for paid parking (kiosk and sticker). Jane Miller also announced that she had some handouts regarding the downtown sidewalk survey; they are from Charley Walters, who is on that committee, and she would bring them to the April meeting for those who would like to read them.

D. Speaker: Nantucket Fire Chief, Paul Rhude.

Jane Miller introduced Chief Rhude, who proceeded to talk about progress toward a new fire station. Annual Town Meeting, when it accepted the report of the Fire Station Work Group, approved a budget of \$15 million for construction. Unfortunately, cost escalations meant that this was not enough to cover the bid amount. At the Special Town Meeting, approval was granted for two million more. Even after a careful review of cost estimates, bids came in \$1.3 over the revised amount. This time the designers went back to the drawing board and concluded that the proposed HVAC system was responsible for a large part of the overage. It has been redesigned to lower costs. Based on experiences in other communities, modular design was examined; unfortunately new State laws limit their use in public construction. A new Request for Bids will allow the contractor to choose among a variety of construction techniques including modular or panelized construction. Bids will close on Mar 16th. At the bid-preview meeting, only one contractor showed up for open review, JK Scanlon, but this is a group who has worked on Nantucket before and the Chief was hopeful that, this time, the bid will match the funds available.

He then offered to answer members' questions and the first one was about the use of modular build and why it might be cheaper. He said that modular buildings are prepared off-site and then moved to Nantucket. At one time, this avoided paying prevailing wages but the change in the law no longer allows this loophole. John Wagley asked about a downtown fire station to improve response times. Chief Rhude spoke about his concern for longer than State-wide average response times; he credited the WPI student design team that worked with him for studying response times and for running a number of simulations. One of these studies for 'Sconset, showed that there would be a substantial insurance benefit that would accrue to home owners for a reduction in response times. He did say that the Town would have to support a 'Sconset crew to obtain these better times and that he did not know how a private benefit could support a public expenditure. He is looking at better deployment strategies including stationing a small crew downtown who could initiate a response before larger equipment arrived. John Wagley then asked if there were mandatory regular inspections of chimneys. Chief Rhude replied that inspections came only when they were built but not thereafter. He will talk to the Town's Building Inspector about proposing a regulation for such an inspection because he recognized it as a good fire-prevention tool.

With respect to emergency responses, the department is upgrading life support team credentials from basic to advanced, ALS. This will require additional training of crews to promote them from Emergency Medical Technicians, EMT, to Paramedics. He has been able to hire four new staff and could use four more. In response to a final question, he said that his department collaborates readily, including cross training, with the airport fire crews.

VI. Adjournment.

On a motion from Anne Terry, seconded by Janet Schulte, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

The next Nantucket Town Association meeting will be March 28, 2017, at 4 p.m., in the Learning Lab at The Atheneum..

Lee W. Saperstein, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

February 28, 2017

Beginning Balance	\$6,056.46
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Deposits	
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Dues	+160.00
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Expenditures	
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Reimbursement to Civic League for social	-300.00
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End Balance	\$5, 916.46
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Respectfully submitted,
Anne Terry