



NANTUCKET TOWN ASSOCIATION MEETING

April 27, 2021, at 4:00 pm

Meeting held by Zoom conferencing

DRAFT MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Attendance (Participants as noted by Zoom): Trish Bridier, Lucy Dillon, Mary Longacre, Gail Nishimura, Gail Norton, Lee Saperstein, Janel Schulte, Barbara von der Groeben, Charley Walters.

Thanks to the Atheneum, Amy Jenness, for hosting the meeting. They have sent a list of registrants that is attached to these minutes; not all registrants appear to have attended. The meeting was recorded and the link (good for 30 days) is included here:

Meeting Recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/1110eoge3r396rZGQxZMmk-lsTYMhNCPM2bl0YWSYyqxy0qS4JJy0loQ9Sg_wRWu.OVqyzpAHNsNkKubl

Access Passcode: U340*Y=9

Guest: Amy Jenness, Atheneum; Andrew Vorce, Director of Planning, Leslie Snell, Deputy Director of Planning, and Judith Wegner, Chair, Planning Board.

I. Call to Order.

Secretary Lee Saperstein called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm. He said that a cable outage prevented President Henry Terry and Treasurer Anne Terry from attending. He announced that the meeting is being recorded and those who could not attend are welcome to use the above link to watch the recording.

II. Approval of minutes of the Meeting of March 23, 2021.

Secretary Saperstein asked for approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2021. Mary Longacre reminded Lee Saperstein that she had asked for an editorial correction, which she read out to the group. Lee Saperstein noted that it had been incorporated into the minutes that are up

for approval. Thence, Mary Longacre moved approval, Trish Bridier seconded, and the vote to approve was unanimous.

III. Treasurer's Report.

On behalf of Anne Terry, Treasurer, Lee Saperstein gave the Treasurer's report, attached, which had a beginning balance of \$4,346.70, to which dues of \$130.00 were added; with no expenditures, the end balance was \$4,476.70. A motion to approve was made by Mary Longacre, seconded by Barbara von der Groeben, and approved unanimously.

IV. Old Business

There was no old business.

V. New Business

Lee Saperstein reported that are two items of New Business: Warrant Article 90 and a request for help on a Dark Skies initiative.

The co-Presidents of the Nantucket Civic League, NCL, have been asked for support of Article 90 at the June 5th Annual Town Meeting and they, in turn, are asking the member area associations to advise them. Lee Saperstein suggested that a poll of the members present would help to form an opinion on advice to the NCL. Gail Nishimura said that, in her opinion, the sponsors of the article had misrepresented facts. Both Charley Walters and Mary Longacre said that the sponsors were working on amendments to be presented on the floor of the meeting. Before a vote was called, however, Charley Walters suggested that we hold our opinion until we knew the content of the amendments. Mary Longacre agreed with that position. Lee Saperstein suggested that this constituted an amendment to the main motion, namely, take no action. A vote on no action was unanimously in favor and Lee Saperstein said that there was no need to vote on the amended motion because it was clear that no-action had unanimity. He will report this result to the NCL.

The second item was a request from Gail Walker, Vice-President of the 'Sconset Area Association, for help in maintaining a local chapter of the Dark Skies initiative. The move to reduce ambient lighting on Nantucket was featured in a forum sponsored by the NCL. Based on comments by Select Board members, this will become a priority for the Board. Gail Walker's e-mail address is gailwalker101@gmail.com and all willing volunteers should contact her for more information.

VI. Guest Presentation.

Lee Saperstein introduced the guests: Andrew Vorce and Leslie Snell from the Planning Department and Judith Wegner, Chair of the Planning Board, who will be talking about the Nantucket local area plan. Judith Wegner began by thanking the Association for its invitation and willingness to create a local area plan. She noted that the existing local area plans are also under review; the shortage of staff has slowed progress on these. Note: the existing plans can be

found on the Town's web site at <https://records.nantucket-ma.gov/WebLink/Browse.aspx?id=122939&dbid=0&repo=TownofNantucket&cr=1>.

Andrew Vorce added that the local area plans are essential inputs into the Town Plan that is under revision. He indicated that Step One of the Town Plan, an acceptable description of the area's boundaries, has been accomplished and approved by the Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission, NPEDC. The final version has one minor revision from the one distributed with the agenda and a copy is attached to these minutes. He reminded the members that State law requires nine elements in each plan. Lee Saperstein added that the initial application for a Nantucket Town plan addressed all nine of these elements.

The next step is to assemble an approved work group to create a draft local plan for the Town area. Andrew Vorce recognizes that the Town Association's application proposed six members. Additionally, he believes that the NPEDC will add one or two people with commercial interests, another to increase the working group's diversity, and perhaps another from the NPEDC. He hopes that the work group will represent all of the people of the town: residents, part-time residents, commercial workers, and people with cultural interests. The ideal would be for the work group members to live within the Town's boundaries although that may not always be possible. Mary Longacre volunteered to step aside from the proposed work group it that makes it more feasible; Lee Saperstein hoped that this would not be necessary because she has a lot of knowledge about the waterfront.

As the work group develops a plan, it is essential that there be surveys of public concerns and interests and public hearings to incorporate broad citizens' interests. Andrew Vorce noted that the NPEDC will meet again on May 17th and June 21st and hopes that the next step will be reviewed and approved at one of these meetings.

Lee Saperstein accepted that the approved map of the Town puts the waterfront and the Commercial Downtown District into separate areas, presumably to be the responsibility of separate work groups. Because these are essential elements in the Town, he hoped that the NPEDC would tolerate a cooperative and collaborative approach to these areas.

Judith Wegner reminded the Association members that the work group will be assembled and authorized by the Town and, therefore, will need to follow all of the elements of the Open Meeting Law, OML. Lee Saperstein indicated that he was familiar with those elements and would work with planning staff to comply with the OML.

Mary Longacre made a significant suggestion, namely that the Association advertise its intention to create a local area plan and ask for volunteers. Andrew Vorce said that this was an excellent idea and his office would help to assemble and pay for the public notice.

Gail Nishimura, a recent member, asked about how people in the Town would find out about the existence of the Nantucket Town Association. The question was spurred by the notion that a net be cast widely to get volunteers but went beyond that. Lee Saperstein and Mary Longacre said that the association's web site was one source of information and the wide mailing list maintained by the corresponding secretary was another. Gail Nishimura added that flyers

distributed by realtors selling properties within the Town would help notify people of the Association's existence.

VII. Adjournment.

At 5:00 pm, Lee Saperstein suggested that, if no one disagreed, adjournment would be by acclamation. None spoke against and the meeting was adjourned.

***Next meeting is May 25th and will be via Zoom; registration is available at the same address as was used for this meeting.**

*Please remember that we need to end the meeting by 5:00 pm so that the library staff may leave the building.

Lee W. Saperstein, Secretary,

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Registrants

Breed, Anne
Breed, J. Harry
Bridier, Trish
Briskman, Eugene
Davis, Margaret
Dickler, Howard
Dillon Lucy
Duffy, Michael
Ellis, Caroline
Fader, Marsha
Gesner, Julie
Lease, Michelle
Lilly, Debi
Longacre, Mary
MacLeod, Angus
Muhlhauser, Craig
Murphy, Kit
Nishimura, Gail
Norton, Gail
Nydes, Robin
Rayport, Hillary
Saperstein, Lee
Schulte, Janet
Snell, Leslie
Henry Terry
Von der Groeben, Barbara
Vorce, Andrew
Walters, Charley
Wegner, Judith
Willaur, Will
Williams, Paula

NANTUCKET TOWN ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

April 27, 2021

Beginning Balance	\$4,346.70
Deposits	
Dues	\$130.00
Expenditures	0.00
End Balance	\$4,476.70

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