



NANTUCKET TOWN ASSOCIATION MEETING

October 28, 2025, at 4:00 pm

Meeting held in the Learning Lab of the Atheneum and by Zoom

FINAL AND APPROVED MINUTES

Attendance: Trish Bridier, Mary Longacre, Gail Norton, Lee Saperstein, Susan Scott, Bill Seay, Campbell Sutton, Anne Terry, Barbara von der Groeben, and Charley Walters.

The Zoom link for remote attendance is, as always,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87455121153>.

Guests: Andrew (Drew) Patnode, Director, and Chris Lowe, Solid Waste Coordinator, Department of Public Works.

1. Call to Order.

Mary Longacre, Interim President, started the meeting at 4:02 pm. She announced that the meeting was being recorded and is available at <https://youtu.be/khJM1qUIBug>.

2. Approval of the September 23rd Minutes of the Town Association.

Mary Longacre asked for approval of the September 23, 2025, minutes of the Nantucket Town Association and Campbell Sutton so moved, Anne Terry seconded, and they were approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Mary Longacre reported positively that the Association's funds that began the month at \$3,405.10 grew by \$325.00, less expenses, to a new total of \$3,715.44; the report is attached to these minutes. The increase was due to the dues paid by 11 new members, bringing paid membership to 60. Mary reminded all members to encourage their friends and neighbors to consider joining the Town Association as part of our membership drive. The members present agreed that new members' dues should extend through December 31, 2026.

4. Old Business.

Mary Longacre asked Lee Saperstein, as a member of Nantucket Civic League Board of Directors, to report on the Civic League's reception of the Town Association's endorsement of the Civic League's letter to the Planning Board on the need to provide legislative history of zoning warrant articles to the Annual Town Meeting (see the Minutes of September 23, 2025). He said that the endorsement was received with thanks and he thought the letter was sent promptly to the Planning Board.

5. New Business.

Mary Longacre next introduced DPW Director Drew Patnode and Solid Waste Coordinator Chris Lowe to talk about Nantucket's Waste Recycling Facility and practices. They started with a brief review of their experiences with managing municipal solid waste and, also, gave insight into Nantucket's singular arrangements. Their proposed presentation, which previews their report on November 5th to the Select Board, is attached. Although they never got past the third slide, they did cover a lot of the material shown in subsequent slides. For instance, they started with an explanation of the new Waste Services Agreement with Waste Options that begins on December 1st. The new agreement retains ownership of all physical facilities by the Town, when previously they had been owned by the contractor. The new agreement, they said, incorporated a lot of experience gained from the old one. In response to a question by Campbell Sutton, they explained that maintenance of the facilities will be undertaken by the Town when previously it was less clear who was responsible for repairs and upgrades. In a follow-on question, Anne Terry asked about sweeping the parking lot of broken glass and they replied that they will look into the issue. A substantial amount of time was taken up in a discussion of the disposal of garden waste and brush and why it needs to be taken into the back area of the facility. Essentially, the volume of such waste is so great that it would overwhelm the skips, which is why residents are asked to take it back over the scales to the dump area. They are not charged for this.

Next, the presentation took up issues of waste identification and how each type needs to be disposed. Many electrical items such as alkaline batteries and LED light bulbs are routine non-compostable wastes and should be so disposed. Universal Wastes such as lithium-ion and button batteries and fluorescent light bulbs should go to the specific shed on Tuesdays and Saturdays; water-based paints may be discarded on Wednesdays and Sundays, April through October, otherwise, along with oil-based paints and stains, on separately scheduled hazardous waste-disposal days. Universal wastes must be shown to the attendant who will accept them or suggest that they go into the regular, non-compostable, waste bins.

The issue of charging fees took up much of the remaining time. They explained that there is a little-used requirement that disposal of more than twenty pounds of Construction & Demolition materials per visit must go over the scales and be charged a commercial disposal rate, despite being generated by household use. Several members present had had this requirement imposed on them and wanted clarity of its application.

Before closing, Lee Saperstein asked several quick questions. He knew how older cathode-ray tube (CRT) monitors and TVs were recycled for their lead content and wondered if similar processes existed for the recovery of the rare-earth elements (REE) in new flat-screen monitors and TVs. All electronic equipment goes off Island to a specialized electronics recycling firm, they replied, who should know the latest recycling methods. Lee Saperstein asked about the fate of all of the plastic bags that are recovered from the sorting facility. They are separately bailed and land-filled was the answer. Lastly, he asked if there was any methane generated in the land fills and was reminded that carbonaceous material was converted to compost and very little of that went into the landfill, thus there was very little methane generated. Because only compostable wastes go through the digester, compost now is relatively free of glass and plastics and may be used without concern anywhere in a garden or on a lawn.

The discussion went past 5:00 pm and Mary Longacre suggested that it was time to adjourn. She thanked the presenters and all agreed that a return visit would be worthwhile.

The DPW has produced a series of videos to help explain proper trash handling procedures to residents which can be found at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL49sKqpy7VAgHgXuhpYlQS_P69ZQco-EV

6. Adjournment.

Adjournment came by acclamation at 5:03 pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for November 25, 2025, and will be the time to hold elections. Because that date is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, the meeting may be moved to December 2, 2025. Please look for an announcement.

OCTOBER'S TREASURER'S REPORT

Available Balance at last report: \$ 3,405.10 on 6/23/25

Dues Received	\$280.00 through PayPal
	\$45.00 checks

Total Income	\$325.00

Expenses:	\$0.00
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PayPal Fees:	\$(14.66)
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Total Expenses	\$(14.66)

Balance as of 10/28/25:	\$ 3,715.44
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60 members have paid their 2025 dues so far.

Mary Longacre, Treasurer

Departmental Update

Department of Public Works Solid Waste Division

Chris Lowe, Solid Waste Manager

Drew Patnode, Director

November 5, 2025



Agenda

1. Mission and Goals
2. Organizational Structure
3. FY25-27 Budget Summary
4. FY26 EIRs and capital requests
5. Key Projects
6. Recent Achievements
7. Challenges and Opportunities
8. Summary

1. Mission and Goals

Mission

The mission of the Nantucket DPW Solid Waste Division is to provide effective management of Nantucket's solid waste today and into the future, guided by principles of sustainability, and accounting for the balance of the economic, environmental, and social health of our island.

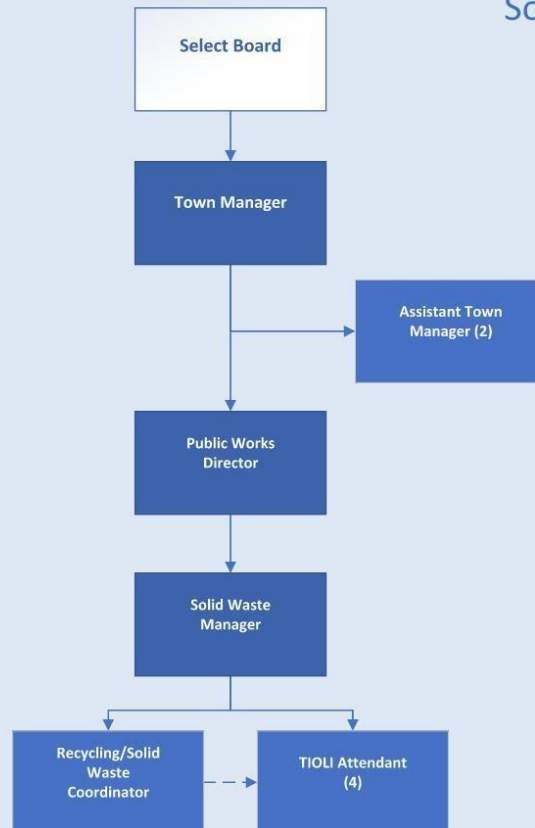
Goals FY 26

- Goal 1: Ensure a smooth transition to a new Waste Services Contract, and purchase of Solid Waste Facility assets.
- Goal 2: Improve operations and abilities to allow for more effective solid waste management, including Universal Waste and Hazardous Wastes
- Goal 3: Plan, design, and construct meaningful site improvements as the Solid Waste Facility for effective waste, stormwater, and emerging contaminant management.

2. Organizational Chart



Solid Waste



Department Organizational Structure

- The DPW Solid Waste Division has a total of 6 budgeted positions for FY26
 - Chris Lowe, Solid Waste Manager
 - Alice Kellogg, Recycling & Solid Waste Manager
 - Four (4) TIOLI attendants
- 0 vacancies at the time of this presentation
- Recent hires:
 - Ralston Hall, TIOLI Operations Attendant

FY 25-27 Budget

- SWEF under budget at EOY (FY25) (over budget in FY24)
- Hybrid budget developed for FY26 (new WSA begins 12/1/25)
- FY27 Budget is entirely a projection based on new WSA and historical volume data, but no historical budget data

4. FY 26 EIRs

Expense Increase Requests:

- Professional Services – adjusted to reflect spending overages across previous three years, based on projection of estimated volumes and cost of disposal of various waste streams, and accounted for additional consulting and engineering services in conjunction with the new WSA and APSA transitions
- Freight – based on historical trends
- Recycling – based on actual spending over previous three years and estimated market rates.
- Electricity – based on trends and increased kWh rate

4. FY 26 Capital Requests

Solid Waste Capital Requests:

- Reappropriations:
 - ✓ Leachate Tanks
 - MRF Bathrooms & Break Room
 - ✓ Tip Bldg. Siding & Roof
- Aeration Bldg. Siding & Roof
- Bio-filter Bldg. Siding, Roof, & Doors
- Composter Ram Feed Replacement
- Two new/replacement conveyor systems
- Security Cameras



5. Key Projects & Initiatives

Solid Waste Website Updates

- Major overhaul nearly complete
- Working closely with Communications Office

Recollect Routeware App

- Wizard Waste tool for residents/visitors

Solid Waste Guide

TIOI Shipping Container Roof

SOLID WASTE GUIDE

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE DIVISION

We are committed to providing residents with economical and environmentally responsible options for solid waste disposal and recycling.

SEASON	DATES	MONDAY	SATURDAY
WINTER	Oct 1 to Apr 30	8 AM to 3 PM	8 AM to Noon
SUMMER	May 1 to Sep 30	7 AM to 3 PM	8 AM to Noon

RESIDENTIAL DROP-OFF

Disposal of household waste & recyclables is free of charge for the residents of Nantucket.

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HOUSEHOLD WASTE

- Recyclable: Cardboard, Plastic, Tin/Aluminum & Glass
- Compostable Waste
- Non-Recyclable Non-Compostable (NRNC)
- Other Waste (Under 20lb)
- Construction & Demolition
- Scrap Metal

TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT/ SWAP SHOP

All items are subject to inspection and approval by TIOI attendants, who reserve the right to decline any item at their discretion. Shopping is limited to 1 hour per visit and 1 visit per day. TIOI use is a privilege, not a right. Do not overpack your donation drop-off.

DONATIONS MUST BE:

- In good working conditions
- Clean
- Pre-sorted with like items

NON-ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Personal care products
- Medical equipment
- Foods and liquids
- Mattresses, boxsprings, upholstered furniture
- Child car seats
- Hazardous products
- Universal Waste
- Construction material
- Tires

DAYS	OPEN HOURS	DROPOFF HOURS
MONDAY & FRIDAY	-	8 AM - 3 PM
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY	8 AM - 1:30 PM	-
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	8 AM - 1:30 PM	8 AM to Noon

TEXTILE RECYCLING

Textile donations are accepted as part of the TIOI program. This helps reduce textile waste and ensures compliance with the Massachusetts Textile Ban.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Clothing
- Footwear
- Accessories
- Linens

NON-ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Large rugs
- Carpets
- Items stained with bodily fluid, grease, oil, or hazardous substances
- Items that are wet or moldy

DAYS	DROPOFF HOURS	LOCATION
MONDAY & FRIDAY	8 AM - 3 PM	Scale House
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY	8 AM - Noon	Universal Waste Shed

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW) events provide Nantucket residents and contractors with safe, free opportunities to dispose of hazardous materials at the Department of Public Works several times each year.

Disposal limit: 55 gallons or 200 pounds per vehicle.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Automotive Products
- Cleaning Products
- Oil-Based Paint & Paint Products
- Pesticides & fertilizers
- Other Hazardous Wastes

PROGRAM	WHEN	WHO CAN PARTICIPATE	LOCATION
Household Hazardous Waste Collection	Oct 1 to Oct 31	Residents	DPW Administration Office 186 Nantucket Road

OVER 10 LBS & OTHER WASTE DISPOSAL AT SCALE HOUSE

All commercial vehicles must be weighed at the scale for disposal.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Construction & demolition debris
- Bulky items, & furniture
- Mattresses & box springs
- White Goods & Freon Appliances
- E-waste: Flat screen monitors and TVs, CRTs, CPUs, phones, computers (CPUs), laptops & tablets
- Yard waste, brush and stumps
- Clean Wood & Pallets
- Auto/Truck Tires
- Metal

NANTUCKET GOLD COMPOST

Premium certified organic compost, ideal for enriching your garden and improving soil health. Nantucket Gold is available in convenient 50lb bags and in bulk, \$5/bag.

TIPPING FEES

- Tipping fees are posted online and at the Scale House.
- Payment can be made online, in person, through a drop box, or by email.
- Note: Cash or check only for accounts without a credit card on file.

GENERAL RULES

- All state waste disposal bans must be followed.
- Abusive language toward employees will not be tolerated.
- Hazardous waste may only be disposed of at official Hazardous Waste Collection Events.
- High-pressure gas cylinders are not accepted.
- For your safety and that of others, scavenging or "picking" is strictly prohibited.
- The site is under continuous video surveillance.

MAP GUIDE

HOUSEHOLD WASTE & RECYCLABLES

1. Compostable
2. Non-recyclable, Non-compostable (NRNC)
3. Glass
4. Tin/Aluminum
5. Plastic
6. Cardboard

OTHER WASTES

7. Construction/Demolition (CDD)
8. Scrap Metal
9. Invasive Plants
10. Laptops & CRTs
11. Mattresses & Upholstered Furniture

RECYCLE & REUSE

12. Textile & Book Recycling
13. Universal Waste Collection
14. Water Filters (Blenders) Plant Recycling (to 10 gall)
15. Take It or Leave It/ Swap Shop

RECYCLING STORAGE BUNKERS

16. ABC waste
17. Glass Crushed
18. CRT's & TV's
19. Hazardous Waste (Do Not Use!)
20. White Goods & Freon Appliances
21. Tires
22. Metal

GREEN WASTE

23. Leaf & Yard Waste
24. Compost
25. Clean Wood & Pallets

TRANSFER STATION

26. Construction & Demolition Facility
27. Mew Stockpile

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING GUIDE FOR NANTUCKET

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING
186 MADAKET ROAD,
NANTUCKET, MA 02554

WWW.NANTUCKET-MA.GOV/SOLIDWASTE
SOLIDWASTE@NANTUCKET-MA.GOV
508-228-7244

5. Key Projects & Initiatives, Continued

Environmental Consulting

- Sanborn Head & Associates
 - Review & Study Landfill Cell Utilization & Phase 1 Closure
 - Engineering for 2nd Scale & Scale House
 - PFAS – Nature and Extent Investigation

Capital Improvements

- Cell 3b – under construction
- Building and Equipment Improvements

6. Recent Achievements

Universal Waste & Paint Collection

- Improved, regular collection and storage
- Dedicated Staff Member
- Training for proper Universal Waste& Paint Management & Disposal

Textiles Collection & Recycling

- Improved collection, storage, disposal methods

Solid Waste Facility Perimeter Fence & Gate

Leachate Tank Replacements WSA, APSA, & Service Transition

7. Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges:

- Transition into new Waste Services Agreement
- Results of regulatory review and guidance upon completion of Nature & Extent (PFAS/reclaimed soil) investigation
- Progressing Landfill Phase 1 capping, reclaimed soil reuse, per MassDEP guidance & permitting

Opportunity:

- Transition to New Waste Services Agreement will provide a more transparent contract and allow for timely review of fees, billings, and overall enterprise fund budget

8. Summary

DPW Solid Waste is constantly evaluating management of all waste streams, recycling and waste diversion opportunities, DPW and contractor operations, and strives every day to improve solid waste management effectively for our island community.

