



NANTUCKET TOWN ASSOCIATION MEETING

June 27, 2023, at 4:00 pm

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

FINAL AND APPROVED MINUTES

Attendance in the Atheneum: Mary Anne Easley, Gail Norton, Bill Seay, Anne Terry, Henry Terry.

Attendance by Zoom: Trish Bridier, Anne Dewez, Marsha Fader, Doris Hanna, Mary Longacre, Barbara von der Groeben, and Paula Williams.

Guest: Mike Burns, Nantucket Transportation Program Manager.

Thanks to the Atheneum, Samantha Aguiar, for hosting the meeting. which was recorded and the link to the video is included here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qaKWzjr-EBw>.

I. Call the June 27, 2023, Nantucket Town Association Meeting to Order.

President Henry Terry called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. 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. He also announced that, to avoid conflicts with the Open Meeting Law, there would be no discussion of the Nantucket Town small area plan because members of that working group are in attendance at today's meeting and no agenda for it has been posted.

II. Approval of minutes of the Meeting of May23, 2023.

Henry Terry asked for approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 23, 2023; Trish Bridier moved their approval, Anne Terry seconded them, and the vote to approve was unanimous.

III. Treasurer's Report.

Mary Longacre, Treasurer, reported that the starting balance of \$4,083.39 was increased by \$25.00 in dues payments, and decreased by \$261.38, in payment to Alexandra LaPaglia for web services, giving a current balance of \$3,847.01. Anne Terry moved approval of the Treasurer's report and Trish Bridier seconded the motion and approval was unanimous.

IV. Guest Speaker, Mike Burns, Manager Transportation Programs.

Before introducing Mike Burns, Henry Terry asked if there was any objection to re-ordering the agenda so that our guest could speak first. Seeing none, he proceeded to introduce Mike.

Mike Burns thanked the Town Association for its invitation and said that the meeting was opportune because the Planning Department is in the midst of its four-yearly required update of the Long-Range Transportation Plan, LRTP, and is looking for input through an easy-to-complete survey that can be reached on their web site at www.nantucket-ma.gov/LRTP. He then shared his screen so that he could present some slides taken from a recent presentation to the NPEDC. It is his plan today, he said, to make the presentation on the update, talk more about the survey, and then finish with an open question-and-answer period. The existing LRTP is on the Transportation web site; it covers the period of 2020 to 2040. This update must be submitted to the federal government by September. The schedule for writing the update includes the survey, which closes on July 11th, interaction with the NPEDC over five scheduled meetings, ending with their meeting of August 21st, and a public-comment period from late July to just before the August NPEDC meeting. The following description of the LRTP is found on the web site.

"A federally required fiscally constrained long-range planning document updated every four years, that guides major transportation investments for at least the next 20 years, or 2050 for this planning cycle. This plan describes the region's vision, goals, and implementation strategies. It also describes the current conditions and desired future transportation system."

On a shared screen, he projected several slides taken from a longer presentation made to the NPEDC. With apologies, only the first slide was able to be inserted into these minutes. The YouTube video linked above has the presentation between minutes 2:00 and 14:00. The full presentations made to the NPEDC can be found on the Transportation Planning web page at <https://nantucket-ma.civilspace.io/en/projects/long-range-transportation-plan>. The link to the survey, which is provided by ZenCity Outreach, is on this page also. The Planning Department has printed a business card in multiple languages that has the link on it also. These can be handed out liberally.

He took questions once he finished the presentation. Mary Anne Easley asked about e-vehicle safety for bicycles, scooters, and skate boards, on both the sidepaths and sidewalks and roads. Mike Burns' answer was that State Law controls their use. E-bicycles must be classified according to their speed and any bicycle that is capable of speeds greater than 20 mph is Class 3 and may be used only on the road. Side paths are designed for maximum speeds of 20 mph. Bicycles of any sort are forbidden on sidewalks. He admitted that the law is so new that he needed to research it himself before discussing it with others, including members of the Select Board. As it is new, he has not heard from the Police Department how they intend to enforce the law. He also does not know if the law provides for penalties for its disregard. He hopes that bike riders will be good neighbors and will comply with the law readily.

Henry Terry asked about the status of roadway and sidewalk projects this coming winter. Number one, Mike Burns said, was the design of the Wauwinet side path and, following that, the

Tom Nevers bike way. As the planning consultants go through early design options for these two projects, they will be interacting with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, BPAC. Following right behind those two projects will rebuilding, and filling in where necessary, sidewalks on Pleasant Street and Sparks Avenue. In response to Bill Seay's question of where on Pleasant Street, Mike Burns said that the infill is between Five Corners and Williams Lane but that the entire sidewalk from Five Corners to the Sparks Avenue Rotary will be re-built. There are segments, he admitted that will be narrow and will fill the road's layout completely,

Marsha Fader asked if there are plans for new or rebuilt in-Town sidewalks. Mike Burns replied that there are substantial funds dedicated to the DPW for rebuilding Downtown sidewalks. Anne Dewez had two questions; the first asked if the Town is reaching out to bike rental companies to ensure that they are following the new State rules on classification of the e-bikes. To which he answered that he was unsure because the regulation was so new. The second question asked about a survey that she had just completed and was it the same as the LRTP survey. The one that she has completed was sent out by the NPEDC on behalf of the Nantucket Town Area Plan committee. He hoped that she would complete the new one.

Marsha Fader asked also about safety issues on sidewalks. Are there enforcement protocols and penalties for riding bikes on sidewalks. Yes, said Mike Burns, although they are a matter for the police. The Communications Office will be releasing a video on sidewalk and side path safety. With respect to the mission statement for the LRTP, she asked also about how the Town will interpret "vehicle limitations" and "Island Accessibility." Does this imply that the Town will limit the number of vehicles allowed on the Island; will there be priority given to residents on the ferry? These are both important questions that are under discussion in the Select Board, he answered, and the LRTP survey asks for opinions on these choices. Comparing the state of traffic planning on Nantucket with other regions of which he is familiar, Mike Burns said that we are well organized and are asking the right questions.

At this point, with no further questions, Henry Terry moved back to the agenda items on Old and New Business. There was no Old Business.

New Business.

Henry Terry reminded association members that the Town's Annual Summer Forum will be on Tuesday, July 11th, in the Atheneum Great Hall between 9:30 and 11:00 am. It is designed to give part-time residents an understanding of the working of Town Government. The Town Manager and many of the Department Heads will be there to answer questions. It is open to all and our members may find it of value.

VII. Adjournment.

Movement to adjourn was made by Anne Terry, seconded by Trish Bridier, and approved unanimously; the meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm.

***Next meeting is July 25, 2023, and will be hybrid with an in-person meeting in the Atheneum and a virtual one via Zoom; if one uses Zoom, the address is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87455121153>.**

Lee W. Saperstein, Secretary, saperste@mst.edu.

Nantucket Town Association, June 27, 2023

TREASURER'S REPORT

Available Balance at last report:	\$4,083.39 on 5/23/23
Dues Received:	\$0.00 through PayPal \$25.00 checks

Total Income:	\$25.00
Expenses:	-\$261.38 to Alexandra LaPaglia
PayPal Fees:	\$0.00

Balance as of 06/26/23:	\$3,847.01

2022 had 48 paid memberships
2023 has 43 paid memberships so far, including some new members.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Longacre, NTA Treasurer



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