



NANTUCKET TOWN ASSOCIATION

April Meeting of Members

April 23, 2019, at 4:00 pm

In the Learning Lab of the Nantucket Atheneum

DRAFT MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Present: Barbara G. Cohen, Mary Anne Easley, Richard Loftin, Colleen McLaughlin, Gail Norton, Lee Saperstein, Janet Schulte, Anne Terry, Henry Terry, and Barbara von der Groeben.

Guests: Mike Burns, Transportation Planner.

I. Call to Order.

President Henry Terry called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm in the Learning Lab of the Nantucket Atheneum.

II. Approval of minutes of the Meeting of March 26, 2019.

Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting, March 26, 2019, was moved by Colleen McLaughlin, seconded by Barbara von der Groeben, and approved unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Anne Terry reported (attached) income of \$305.00, expenditures of \$401.68, and a new balance of \$4,148.20. Noting that the expenditures were for a dues-reminder postcard, Colleen McLaughlin asked when it would be mailed and Treasurer Anne Terry said, "next week." The report was then approved unanimously.

IV. New Business.

There was no New Business.

V. Old Business.

There was no Old Business.

VI. Guest Presentation. Mike Burns, Town Transportation Planner.

To begin, Mike Burns handed out a packet of information and explained that the first page, front and back, pertained to the in-town bicycle path along Orange Street from Goose Pond Lane to the Milestone Rotary. The balance of the pages covers the proposed amendments to the Nantucket Long-term Transportation Plan, which must be approved by the Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission, NPEDC. Returning to the In-town bicycle path, he explained that the first page is for the construction in the short term of bicycle lanes that will be alongside Orange Street. A consultant provided by ReMain has helped to provide design for this project and it is ready for bidding. The bicycle lanes will be on both sides of the road so that bicycles can move in the same direction as the traffic. The second page shows a longer-term proposal for a bicycle path alongside the harbor. This proposal has been discussed with Town advisory committees but it is still very hypothetical and has neither start date nor funding sources identified. In response to a question, he said that utility poles along Orange Street would be moved to the other side of the street: southside, in front of Hatch's. Colleen McLaughlin asked if that meant that sidewalks on Hatch's side would be re-built. Yes, was the response, they would be brought up to ADA standards. Mike Burns went on to explain that the Transportation Plan is an approved roadmap for all capital requests for roads and paths. The existing plan is on the Town's website. What is shared today is the proposed update and the schedule of public hearings. He went on to say that there is a tremendous amount of demographic information in the plan and it contains a vision and goals as the last few pages of the handout. Finally, no capital transportation project may begin on Nantucket until it is first included in this plan, reviewed, and approved.

At this point he suggested that there might be questions that he could answer. The first had to do with the new stop signs at Surfside and Bartlett Roads. He said that they are watching carefully that intersection. Traffic is already beginning to queue there. A related question was about the duration of the pilot project to which he replied, "maybe a month, maybe longer." A general discussion of traffic volumes and delays followed.

In response to this discussion, Mike Burns offered insight into other transportation priorities. He said that a high priority exists for rebuilding the Sparks Avenue Sidewalk using Complete Streets and state funding to complement the Town's funds. There is concern to improve access to mid-Island along Pleasant Street and Orange Street. Where trees may be affected, he said that the Town would ask for a professional Appearance review from experts.

In closing, he said that he knew that the Town Association is concerned about the practice of parking on sidewalks. Last fall, the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, WPI, students started a survey of streets on which such parking occurs and will be incorporating those results into a larger traffic study that they will work on in fall 2019. If we are amenable, he will arrange for the students to meet with us and the Committee on Roads and Right of Way to get our input. A final question asked about the status of other bike path projects? He said that the paths along Tom Nevers and Wauwinet Roads, along with the one across Mill Hill, are all under way.

The group thanked him for his willingness to share information about the Transportation Plan and on-going capital projects.

VIII. Other Business and Comments.

None.

VII. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm

- **Next Meeting is May 28th in the Learning Lab**

*Please remember that our use of the Learning Lab ends promptly at 5 p.m. We need to leave the Atheneum at 5:00 pm so that staff can lock the building.

Lee W. Saperstein, Secretary,

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Treasurer's Report

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Beginning Balance \$4,244.88

Deposits

 Dues + 305.00

Expenditures

 A. La Paglia 7 billable hours
 —website maintenance,
 post card design, and email
 dues reminder design (\$280)
 —post card mailing (\$121.68)

-401.68

End Balance \$4,148.20

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Terry