



NANTUCKET TOWN ASSOCIATION

August Meeting of Members

August 27, 2019, at 4:00 pm

In the Learning Lab of the Nantucket Atheneum

DRAFT MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Present: Mary Anne Easley, Colleen McLaughlin, Jane Miller, Hillary Rayport, Lee Saperstein, Anne Terry, Henry Terry, and Barbara von der Groeben.

Guest: Linda Berger, Lauren Sinatra, Energy Coordinator, Town of Nantucket..

I. Call to Order.

President Henry Terry called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm in the Learning Lab of the Nantucket Atheneum.

II. Approval of minutes of the Meeting of July 23, 2019.

Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting, July 23, 2019, was moved by Anne Terry, seconded by Jane Miller, and approved unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Anne Terry reported (attached) an addition of \$20.00 from the previous month, hence, a balance of \$4,395.20. After a motion of approval from Barbara von der Groeben and a second from Colleen McLaughlin, the report was approved unanimously.

IV. New Business.

Henry Terry reported on the second Nantucket Civic League President's breakfast held on August 24th. He related that a presentation was given by Andrew Vorce, Director of Planning, and Judith Wegner, Chair of the Planning Board, on development of the next iteration of the Town's Master Plan. Of interest to him and, thus, the Town Association, was the inclusion by other associations of links on their web pages to important other pages, such as within the

Town's web site. He will work with our web director to include some of these on the Town Association web site. He learned that the Town is seeking to develop a paid-parking system by next summer. The Civic League Annual Meeting will be at the VFW, 22 New South Road, at 4:30 pm on September 9, 2019..

He called on Hillary Rayport, who reported that the Nantucket Historical Commission wishes to push beautification of Nantucket, particularly in the Old Historic District and presumed that this would be of interest to the Town Association. They would like to repair street furniture; remove old tree stumps and replant with new trees; repair bike racks; and fix burned-out street lights. Although ahead of her presentation, Lauren Sinatra responded about earlier street-light studies; the problems are complex and involve more than burned-out bulbs. She said that the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, WPI, students had done a project in 2014 on the potential benefit of LED lighting in Town street lights and that there was a database of lights contained in the report: <https://wp.wpi.edu/nantucket/projects/2014-projects/1438-2/>. Jane Miller asked if there is a community group looking at the entire electric issue on the Island to which the reply was not really but that there are a substantial number of policy recommendations that were adopted by the Town in 2013 that can be found on her office's web site: <http://www.ackenergy.org/>. She asked for members to let her know if we identify specific fixtures that need to be repaired: lsinatra@nantucket-ma.gov.

V. Old Business.

There was no Old Business.

VI. Guest Presentation. Lauren Sinatra, Energy Coordinator.

After an introduction from Henry Terry, Lauren Sinatra said that she would give a general update on Nantucket energy programs and would then entertain questions. She reminded the group that www.ackenergy.org was the place for energy information. Her first item was to say that she does have a good relationship with National Grid on the energy efficiency issue. This is the MassSave program that assists home owners with individual recommendations for energy efficiency. Nantucket now has a local expert, so appointments can be more generous; the next appointment period is September 17-22.. She said that heat-pump technology had improved to the point that it was much more efficient than oil or gas-powered furnaces. Responding to a question about heat pump effectiveness in cold winters, she said that they only recommend cold-climate heat pumps that work well in sub-zero temperatures. More information is available on the web site for HeatSmart Nantucket. In addition there are more refrigerator recycling dates where old refrigerators are removed at no cost and a credit is granted for a new one. She can arrange also for no-cost solar heating reviews and the Town is now providing better rebates for photovoltaic systems. The Ice Bear Air Conditioning program is winding down. The cooling units are effective but because they are large not many have been installed in Town. Around 50 have been installed.

Turning from homeowner issues, she talked about municipal projects: Nantucket is now a Green Community, which is an official state designation that makes us eligible for state-supported programs and grants. The Town now requires that new buildings meet the Stretch Energy Code for energy efficiency. There is now a substantial energy reduction plan for Town facilities. The starting point is an inventory of baseline usage that will enable savings to be measured accurately. The Town has adopted a more fuel-efficient vehicle purchase policy. At this time, it does not include WAVE buses. They are also prepared to make solar site assessments for facilities that would be candidates for solar.

Jane Miller asked about the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) designation for Town buildings, in particular the Nantucket Intermediate School, NIS. That building still has construction problems that need to be remedied before a LEED application may be made.

The Town will purchase more electrical vehicles and will upgrade existing charging stations and provide for more. She went on to explain that the Town tried nine LED street lights on the Milestone Road. They have had no negative comments and if the community likes them, they will expand their use outside of Town, where they may not be as appropriate.

Jane Miller then asked how do we get the Town to take responsibility for street lights? It seems that there are many players but they are not coordinated. Lauren Sinatra responded that each light is a system of a bulb, a photo sensor, and a fuse. They fail frequently and diagnosing the problem is not easy. The cast-iron posts are historic and belong to the Town but the lights may belong to National Grid. Henry Terry asked if the Town has a contractor to maintain street lights. They did once but accountability problems led to its end.

Lauren Sinatra was pleased to announce that the Town had recently been awarded a \$50K grant to update the Island's electrical resiliency plan. Henry Terry asked about increased use of solar farms and she replied that the Island-wide designation as an historic region has caused permission problems for large land-based solar systems, which is why roof tops are better choices.

Lee Saperstein asked about National Grid's L8 feeder project and whether or not we were looking at total burial of all the wires as opposed to just burying the L8 feeder. She said that she and National Grid have been looking intensively at avoiding a third submarine cable but that she missed out discussions on the feeder project. There then were questions about the permitting delay in the Vineyard Wind project. She answered that there was a rush to complete the Environmental Impact Statement. When the draft was finished, the federal agency realized that it needed to be more responsive to the federal law on historic preservation.

Hillary Rayport asked several questions. The first was whether or not there was any intention to mount 4G wireless antennae on utility poles to which Lauren Sinatra said that she did not know of any. Hillary Rayport said that she would prefer not to increase industrialization of the Town's structures. She then asked about using geothermal heating systems to which the reply was that air pumps work better.

At this point, Henry Terry thanked the speaker and indicated that we had reached the time at which we must leave the room.

VIII. Other Business and Comments.

None.

VII. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4: 55 pm

•Next Meeting is September 24th 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

Aug 27, 2019

Beginning Balance	\$4,375.20
Deposits	
Dues	20.00
Expenditures	0
End Balance	\$4,395.20

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Terry