



NANTUCKET TOWN ASSOCIATION MEETING

November 17, 2020, at 4:00 pm
Meeting held by Zoom conferencing

FINAL AND APPROVED MINUTES

Attendance: Trish Bridier, Lucy Dillon, Mary Anne Easley, Marsha Fader, Mary Longacre, Jane Miller, Gail Norton, Bill Seay, Anne Terry, Henry Terry, Barbara von der Groeben, Charley Walters, and Paula Williams.

Guests: Rob McNeil, Director, DPW, John Belash, Judith Belash, Ginny Carrey, Margaret Eger, and Amy Jenness.

I. Call to Order.

President Henry Terry called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

II. Approval of minutes of the Meeting of September 22 2020.

Henry Terry reminded the group that the October meeting was canceled because of a problem in connecting to Zoom. There was a discussion on the events of the September meeting, mainly to refresh memories. Approval of the minutes of the September 22nd meeting, was moved by Trish Bridier, seconded by Anne Terry, and approved unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report.

Anne Terry gave the report, attached, which had a beginning balance of \$3511.70, to which dues of \$25.00 were added and charitable deductions of \$300 were deducted, creating an end balance of \$3236.70. A motion to approve was made by Mary Anne Easley, seconded by Trish Bridier, and approved unanimously.

IV. New Business

Henry Terry introduced the recent Select Board action to make Center Street one-way between India and Hussey Streets as of December 8th. There was some discussion of the change. He felt that it was worth trying. Lucy Dillon was worried that it would allow an increase of traffic speed

in that stretch. Henry Terry related Lee Saperstein's concern that drivers looking for parking in front of the Post Office and finding none would now have to go around Water Street and Main Street instead of up Chestnut and down India to get back to the Post office.

VI. Old Business

There was no old business.

VII. Speaker, Rob McNeil, Director, DPW

Henry Terry introduced Rob McNeil, Director DPW, who said that he would review projects that affect the Town area. Prominent among them are the repairs to sidewalks and cobblestone streets. For example, the streets around Wilkes Square and those at upper Main Street, where they are fixing potholes and tripping hazards. On November 20th, DPW will start to trim elm trees, grind out old stumps, and repair the brick sidewalks around the trees. At the same time, they will be installing the traditional downtown Christmas trees.

After a delay for insurance adjustments, the Main Street fountain repair is underway and will be soon operational, most likely before Christmas. Mary Longacre asked about placing bollards around it and Rob McNeil said that there were no plans to do so.

Rob McNeil then moved to forthcoming projects such as reconstruction of the sidewalks on Lower Broad Street and Easy Street. There will be a walk and talk inspection of this project on Friday, December 18th at 1:00 pm. In conjunction with this project will be an evaluation of drain systems: duck bills on the sea wall. The Washington Street and Francis Street intersection will be reshaped to accommodate large trucks. The Town has already acquired some of the neighboring property to accommodate the change. The Lily Pond drain pipe to Center Street will be repaired; the problem is that roots have penetrated the clay drain pipe and the pipe crosses private property making excavation for repair more difficult. At present, the pond is two feet higher than it was in the 1980s and this causes local flooding. Lucy Dillon commented that the drain repairs on Liberty and Winter Streets have improved drainage.

A general discussion proceeded after these presentations. Rob McNeil noted that the Town's GIS maps now showed tree locations. Marsha Fader asked about progress on the Town local area plan. Henry Terry replied that our association is waiting for action from the Nantucket Planning and Economic Commission. He also said that he had heard from Julia Lindner at ACK-Now that they have submitted a citizens' warrant article on controlling short-term rentals (www.acknow.org).

VI. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

***Next meeting is in January and will be via Zoom**

*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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Treasurer's Report

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Beginning Balance	\$3,511.70
Deposits/dues	\$25.00
Expenditures	\$300.00
-charitable donation Rotary Club Foundation	
End Balance	\$3,236.70