



**NANTUCKET TOWN ASSOCIATION**

June Meeting of Members

June 25, 2019, at 4:00 pm

In the Gallery of the Nantucket Atheneum

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Present: Mary Anne Easley, Lucinda Garrison, Jane Miller, Gail Norton, Lee Saperstein, Bill Seay, Anne Terry, Henry Terry, and Paula Williams.

Guest: David Gray, Director, Sewer Department.

**I. Call to Order.**

President Henry Terry called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm in the Gallery of the Nantucket Atheneum.

**II. Approval of minutes of the Meeting of May 28, 2019.**

Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting, May 28, 2019, was moved by Anne Terry, seconded by Paula Williams, and approved unanimously.

**III. Treasurer's Report.**

Treasurer Anne Terry reported (attached) income of \$75.00, expenditures of \$388.00, and a new balance of \$4,375.20. After a motion of approval from Paula Williams and a second from Mary Anne Easley, the report was approved unanimously. Jane Miller asked if we could have a periodic report on the investment account held by the Nantucket Community Fund and Treasurer Terry agreed.

**IV. New Business.**

Henry Terry reported on the Nantucket Civic League's Presidents Breakfast held at Sherburne Commons on June 22, 2019. He learned from a report given by Graeme Durovich, DPW, Recycling/Solid Waste Coordinator, that biodegradable bags from the supermarket are to be put into the non-recyclable/ non-compostable bin because they clog the digester as they take too long

to degrade. From Libby Gibson, Town Manager, and Rita Higgins, Select Board Member, he learned that the Town has hired counsel to deal with Vineyard Wind and its impact on Nantucket. The Town is urging that all use reusable water bottles and will be giving out free ones on July 4th. He reported on individual association concerns, which include state of roads, particularly private ones, pools, and sidewalks. He also reminded the group of the National Grid presentation of the L8 project in 4 Fairgrounds Road, Wednesday at 6:00 pm. While these minutes will be available only after that meeting, he wants the members to know that the project could have major impacts on the Town while it is being built.

## **V. Old Business.**

There was no Old Business.

## **VI. Guest Presentation. David Gray, Director, Sewer Department.**

Guest Speaker: David Gray, Sewer Director, said that it might be best if he went right away with questions instead of a formal talk. Anne Terry asked about replacement of lateral sewer lines from house to street and whether there was any town support for this cost. He answered, not within his department and she should try the Board of Health. Mary Anne Easley asked him to talk about Surfside Crossing and its need for infrastructure. He said that the developers have not submitted a complete plan for sewers, thus he has nothing against which to react. The Town would prefer for them to install a gravity line all the way to the sewage plant. In an earlier submission they indicated that they might be amenable to this option but they have not updated the earlier plan for their latest submission. Their preference, now, is to tie into a line that is already at capacity. The Town hopes that they could collaborate on a plan. The Zoning Board of Appeal, ZBA, has approved a gravity line but it is not in the developers' plan. More broadly speaking, the Sewer Master Plan, which is under development, will look to the future capacity of the sewer system. He also said that meeting regularly with the Water Company and the DPW to coordinate all of their projects has been extremely beneficial in terms of minimizing the disturbance to the roadway network. He is also working closely with the Water Company to respond collaboratively to planning board hearings, particularly on Approval Not Required, ANR, applications.

Henry Terry asked about the Harbor/Shimmo project progress. The reply was that the project is nearly complete; bad weather has kept them from final paving on those roads that were opened for trenches. Owners have been informed that they are eligible to apply for a connection to the sewer. They have two years to make their connection but once an application is submitted they have one year to complete it. Monomoy Road has been moved around a pump station and landscaped so that one cannot see the change.

The sewer department is in year two of its Capacity, Maintenance, Operation, and Management Program, CMOM, that has been created to video all of the Town's sewers and, thus, to inspect and repair all weak points. Now that the Town has its own camera truck, the program will continue to give a lot of information about sewers. Gail Norton asked about the state of 9 North Water Street. The sewer, there, he said is shallow and needs to be replaced.

David Gray went on to say that all bad pieces in need of repair are given a priority from 1 to 5 with 5 being the most urgent category. Gail Norton then asked about last year's failure of the force main downtown. A post-mortem analysis suggested that only one joint broke, but because of the use of a sleeve pipe around the older piping, effluent showed up at four locations. The repaired main works but it is to be used only in an emergency. A third force main will be installed so that the failed one can be abandoned. Crews are now routinely checking manholes to see that everything is flowing. Menaces that cause blockages are grease, paper towels, and wipes that may say on the label that they are flushable but are not in reality. Henry Terry asked if they use a water jet to clear blockages. Yes, he said; they do. If people would discard grease in the garbage by wiping frying pans with paper towels that are then discarded, there would be fewer blockages.. Dental floss gets caught in roots that penetrate sewers and then cause a blockage..

Lucinda Garrison said that there is an Atlantic Avenue problem near where she lives. David Gray agreed and said that the development of the problem was from before his time as Director. Nonetheless; the problem with road paving is a category 4 priority. When his department takes on a project to fix a problem, they will work on everything at the same time: sewer, water, and storm drains along with full-width road repaving, so as to avoid a series of uncoordinated road openings.. The L8 project of National Grid may go to overhead wires and that will help him in the sewer department but who knows how that planning will be resolved. Underground location of these power lines could cause blockage to gravity flow when sewers are diverted around underground vaults. On a separate issue, he talked about the development of a fuel farm by the airport. He is concerned about the additional tanker truck travel to the airport. He would like to see a mitigation plan, in the event of a leak from one of these trucks, that could include watertight manhole covers. Work is to be done in the street complex of Derrymore, North Liberty and West Chester to provide for a legal separation, ten feet, of sewer and water lines; the old construction technique was to lay the water line on top of the sewer. Once done, repaving will cover the entire street, not just the trench. Mary Anne Easley mentioned that Brooks Farm Road does not flood as frequently as it used to. David Gray said that, in addition to cleaning out some storm drains and catch basins, newly built homes have installed better drainage control and that has helped. Speaking of old storm drains, several are blocked at the Lily Pond and on parts of West Chester; cleaning up the drainage problem at the Lily Pond is problematic because there is no adequate way to the drain next to the pond for their vehicles. They are aware of storm drainage problems at Somerset Road and Friendship Lane. He reminded that group that he is always available at Town Number: 508-228-7200 X 7801

In closing, he reminded the members that all new construction requires camera work before a connection would be allowed. The language in new building permits, which specifies this requirement, is helping. Good communication is working.

### **VIII. Other Business and Comments.**

None.

### **VII. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm

- **Next Meeting is July 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

June 25, 2019

Beginning Balance	\$4,688.20
Deposits	
Dues	+75.00
Expenditures	-388.00
A LaPaglia \$248	
for Website maintenance	
and domain renewal	
PO Box fee \$140	
End Balance	\$4,375.20

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Terry