

**MINUTES
OF THE
WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD
AND NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY**

The Meeting in Public Session

March 27, 2026

The Members of the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority met at 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 27, 2026, via Zoom videoconferencing. Four (4) Members were present: Chair Peter J. Jeffrey of Falmouth; Secretary Robert F. Ranney of Nantucket; and Members Robert R. Jones of Barnstable and Edward T. Gavin of Dukes County. All members participated in the meeting via Zoom. Vice Chair Moira E. Tierney of New Bedford was absent.

The following staff members participated via Zoom: General Manager Alexander T. Kryska, General Counsel Terence G. Kenneally, Chief Operating Officer Mark H. Amundsen, and Communications Director Sean F. Driscoll.

Video and Audio Recording of Today's Meeting:

Mr. Jeffrey announced Mr. Driscoll was making an audio and video recording of the meeting; Kaie Quigley (representing the Nantucket *Inquirer and Mirror*) indicated he was making an audio recording of the meeting.

Statement Regarding Remote Participation:

Mr. Jeffrey announced that, pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, as amended, both he and Mr. Ranney were participating in the meeting remotely because their physical attendance would be unreasonably difficult. Messrs. Jeffrey and Ranney were participating in the meeting by the Zoom videoconferencing app and all members would be clearly audible to each other.

As a result of the remote participation, any and all votes taken by the Members shall be by roll call vote, he said.

Renewed license request from Helen H Offshore Fishing Corp.:

Mr. Kenneally noted that the meeting was being held today because of the Members' request to consider this matter following the March 26, 2026, public hearing on Helen H's license request. The public hearing was held via Zoom and in person at the Authority's Administrative Offices; no members of the public attended in person. Tyler Huckemeyer of Helen H was on the call and did not offer any comments.

Mr. Kenneally said the request has developed a bit, noting that the athletic directors from both Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard provided written support for the request. Helen H is seeking permission to run service April 4, 2026, and May 3, 2026, in exchange for a license fee of \$2.00 per person. Additionally, Helen H is seeking permission to run the service from October 2026 to April 2027.

Mr. Kenneally said staff is recommending approval of the April 4 and May 3 dates, and no conflict had been identified with the fall, winter, and spring services as Hy-Line Cruises' interisland service did not run at that time of year.

Mr. Jones noted that the service would allow for a great experience for families and students and was in favor of it.

Mr. Gavin asked if anyone else was providing this service or had expressed interest in providing this service, and Mr. Kenneally said no one had done either.

Mr. Ranney said he was hesitant to approve the fall and winter service given that this was a relatively new service, so he suggested the Board reexamine the matter in September for an October start.

Mr. Jeffrey said he was in favor of the April and May dates and asked, if the Board did not approve the fall request at this time, would that mean the licensing process would have to start anew. He also noted that the licensing policy may be worth revising given its age.

Mr. Jones reiterated that he did not see any problem with the service and thought it was for a good purpose.

Mr. Kenneally noted he had discussed the licensing policy with Mr. Kryska recently and said it had not been updated because, by and large, the Board had done a good job reviewing requests consistent with the policy over the years.

At 10:17 a.m., Mr. Ranney’s participation was briefly interrupted, and the discussion was paused in his absence.

Mr. Kenneally said he wanted to minimize having to redo the process while the Board reviews its policies over the summer. He said the policy affords the Board flexibility to consider what’s in the best interest of the transportation needs of the Islands, so the Members could form a motion to that effect.

The Members had further discussion about the history of the policy.

Mr. Ranney said his intention was to make the September revisitation more of a renewal than a new request. Mr. Kenneally noted there was an advertising requirement for a renewal as well, so coming back in August would be more appropriate from a notice standpoint.

IT WAS VOTED – upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Gavin – to approve the Helen H Offshore Fishing Corp. license request for April 4, 2026, and May 3, 2026, with consideration for a renewal subject to the Authority’s licensing policy in August 2025.

<u>VOTING</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Mr. Jeffrey	10 %	
Mr. Ranney	35 %	
Mr. Jones	10 %	
Mr. Gavin	<u>35 %</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL	90 %	0 %

At 10:29 a.m., Mr. Jeffrey indicated he would accept a motion to adjourn.

IT WAS VOTED – upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Gavin – to adjourn the meeting.

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ROBERT F. RANNEY, Board Secretary

Documents and Exhibits Used at the
March 27, 2026, Meeting in Public Session of the Board of the
Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

1. March 17, 2026, Meeting Agenda, posted March 25, 2026.
2. Video and audio recording announcement.
3. Statement regarding remote participation.
4. Staff Summary #GM-812, Request for a Limited Passenger License Agreement with Helen H Offshore Fishing Corp., dated March 26, 2026.