

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

EDWARD H. DLOTT MEETING ROOM – NATICK TOWN HALL

September 6, 2016

5:45 PM

PRESENT: Chairman Richard P. Jennett, Jr., Vice Chair Nicholas S. Mabardy, Clerk Jonathan Freedman, and Susan G. Salamoff, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Town Administrator for Operations Bill Chenard and Executive Assistant Trish O'Neil

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. and requested a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to Real Property, Litigation, Deployment of Security Personnel or Devices or Strategies with Respect Thereto, and Exemption (c) of the Public Records Law and the MA Right to Privacy Act MGL Chapter 214, Section 1B, Chair announcing that discussion of Executive Session matters in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the Board of Selectmen's negotiating position and the Town's interests. Mr. Connolly, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, moved to enter into Executive Session and, by a roll call vote, all Board Members voted in favor of the motion. The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:55 p.m., with the plan to resume Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

ABSENT: Mr. Connolly had recused himself during Executive Session and did not return for the remainder of the meeting.

Open Session reconvened at 7:52 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed for those protecting our country.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Chenard announced that there is still a water ban in effect but it has been revised to allow limited nonessential outdoor water use with odd-numbered street addresses allowed to water on Mondays and Thursdays between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m., and even-numbered street addresses allowed to water on Tuesdays and Fridays, also between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Freedman announced that a September 11th memorial service will be held at the Natick 911 Memorial in front of the police and fire stations on Sunday, September 11th.

Ms. Salamoff acknowledged a letter sent by a resident to Linda Stetson, Director of the Morse Library, commending the library staff.

Mr. Mabardy announced Natick Days on Saturday, September 10th; pointed out that flyers and posters are not permitted on the Common and any put up elsewhere should be taken down after an event; and cited a MetroWest Daily News article indicating that the Marion Street Bridge project is progressing and will be completed by next year.

WHAT'S NEW

Town Clerk Diane Packer announced that the State Legislature passed a law last year to allow early voting in the upcoming presidential election. The Town Hall has been designated as the early voting location with rooms reserved that will be staffed by election workers. The national election is on November 8th and early voting will be allowed from October 24th to November 4th, including Saturday, October 29th. This new State Policy applies only to presidential and gubernatorial elections.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPOINTMENTS WITH THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

1. **Council on Aging Director – Accept Donation from the Friends of the Natick Senior Center:** Susan Ramsey presented to request the Board allow the Council on Aging to accept a donation in the amount of \$9,064.75 from the Friends of Natick Center for the purchase of an electric car, funded by the State's Green Communities Program Grant awarded to the Town of Natick in June of 2016. Acquisition of the vehicle will expand transportation services for those in need to Metropolitan Boston medical appointments. Ms. Ramsey thanked Judy D'Antonio, Friends President, and Jerry Pierce, former Friends President. Ms. D'Antonio stated that the Friends organization takes its fundraising job very seriously and outlined several donations made to the COA in the recent past. On a motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted 4-0-0 to allow the COA to accept the donation.
2. **Natick Common Residences, LLC – Request to Occupy a Public Way:** Brendan Carr, Project Manager for the construction of the Natick Common Residences, presented to request a permit to occupy the sidewalk and five to six parking spaces while doing foundation work on the building between September 15 through November 30. Moved by Ms. Salamoff and seconded by Mr. Freedman, the Board voted 4-0-0 to approve the request.
3. **Town Clerk – Appointment of Election Workers:** Diane Packer, Town Clerk, presented to seek approval of potential poll workers for the upcoming elections. Mr. Jennett stated he would not recuse himself from the vote but did recognize that his wife's name was on the list of potential workers. Moved by Ms. Salamoff and seconded by Mr. Freedman, the Board voted 4-0-0 to approve the list of workers.
4. **Police Chief – Appointments:** Chief Hicks requested the Board, as the appointing authority for police officers in the Town, appoint three permanent, full-time police officers with an effective date of Monday, September 26, 2016. The Chief introduced all three officers and thanked them for their service. Moved by Mr. Mabardy and seconded by Mr. Freedman, the Board voted 4-0-0 to appoint Aaron Carter, William Crisafulli, and Derek Kane. The Chief then requested the Board appoint Lindsey Arsenault and Gordon Van Tassel parking control officers and Fadi Karim, Brandon Levesque, Antoine D'Orra, Nicholas Alvarado, and Jeffrey Corbett as auxiliary officers. Moved by Ms. Salamoff and seconded by Mr. Freedman, the Board voted 4-0-0 in favor of these appointments.
5. **Teresa Pagliuca – Interview for Appointment to the Cultural Council:** Due to illness, Ms. Pagliuca was unable to attend this evening and will reschedule.
6. **Meatball Kitchen – Consider Automatic Amusement Device License:** Due to a negative recommendation from the Police Department, Meatball Kitchen withdrew its application for an automatic amusement device license.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

7. **2016 Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles – Articles 5, 6, 7, 17, 23:** Mr. Chenard presented the following Articles for Board review.
 - a. Article 23 – Amend General By-Laws Regarding Directional Signage on Public Rights-of-Way: Discussion postponed; Mr. Ostroff is working with Town Counsel on recommendations and will return on September 19th.
 - b. Article 5 – Inflow and Infiltration Stabilization Fund: Moved by Mr. Freedman and seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board voted 4-0-0 favorable action on the request to add \$101,423.20 to this fund.
 - c. Article 6 – One-to-One Technology Stabilization Fund: No action requested; this information was given on the chance that the Board would like to recommend something different.

Moved by Ms. Salamoff and seconded by Mr. Mabardy, the Board voted 4-0-0 in favor of no action.

- d. Article 7 – FAR Bonus Stabilization Fund: No action recommended. Moved by Ms. Salamoff and seconded by Mr. Freedman, the Board voted 4-0-0 in favor of no action.
 - e. Article 17 – Unpaid Bills: No action requested (no unpaid bills). Moved by Mr. Freedman and seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board voted 4-0-0 in favor of no action.
8. **Grant of Special Municipal Employee Status – Personnel Board**: Mr. Jennett stated notice had been received that this topic would not be heard at this evening's meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair asked if any members of the public or the Board would like to discuss any item on the consent agenda and no discussion was requested. Moved by Ms. Salamoff and seconded by Mr. Mabardy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda conditional upon the fulfillment of all recommendations from Town Agencies and/or Departments. The following items were approved.

- a. Reappointment of Joe Weisse to the MBTA Advisory Board
- b. Requests for Exemption from Town By-Laws Article 41, Section 4 for:
 - Kenneth Magarie (Counselor-Rec & Parks/Math Teacher)
 - Richard Cohen ("Build our Kids," or BOKS, Instructor/Lunch Monitor)
- c. Block Party Request on Franconia Ave on October 1, 2016 with rain dates of October 2nd and October 15th
- d. Boston Marathon Parade Permit for April 17, 2017
- e. Carry the Fallen Parade Permit for October 22, 2016
- f. One-Day Entertainment License for Fourth Annual Joseph's HOPE Benefit Concert for the Epilepsy Foundation of New England at the Natick Elks Club on October 22, 2016

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR NOTES

Mr. Chenard, Deputy Town Administrator, stated that as the result of a discussion with the Finance Committee Chair, no action will be requested at the next Selectmen's Meeting as regards the Capital Stabilization Fund. Permission and a legal opinion have been obtained from the Department of Revenue.

SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS

Mr. Freedman asked for follow-up from the Administration on the appropriateness of the Tiny House located on the Natick Community Organic Farm.

Mr. Mabardy asked if the FAR fund money could be used for the West Natick Fire Station, the Kennedy Middle School, and/or a new parking garage. Mr. Chenard stated that would not be the Administration's recommendation since those funds were designed to mitigate floor to area ratio allowed amounts and these projects are not considered open space projects. Mr. Mabardy asked if FAR funds could be used for the Rail Trail. Mr. Chenard responded that that would be a question for Town Counsel. Mr. Chenard stated the Administration would recommend a debt exclusion override for the Fire Station and the Kennedy School. Mr. Mabardy asked where the mitigation money is that was set aside for the Fire Station and Mr. Chenard said it was still in a fund to be used for the Fire Station but would not be nearly enough. Mr. Mabardy requested to know the amount in the fund, which Mr. Chenard stated he would provide. Mr. Mabardy questioned why the Board had to come up with Action Steps for the Board's Goals and Objectives. Mr. Freedman responded that the document compiled during the BOS Retreat is just to be wordsmithed and provided to the Town Administrator, who will then decide what actual steps are to be taken. Mr. Mabardy stated he would like follow-up on the Navy Yard Field, which had been used as a staging area, and on LaGrange Street and Washington Avenue, where sewer work was done but repairs were never made. Mr. Jennett asked Mr. Chenard to look into that.

Ms. Salamoff noted that there were broken walkers and other pieces of metal equipment near the generator at the Community-Senior Center and wished to know whom to speak to about having it removed. Mr. Chenard stated that they were likely recycling materials, which are picked up once a week. Ms. Salamoff also made note of the upcoming Master Plan Public Information Session scheduled for November 15th.

Mr. Jennett asked to have consideration of a Special Town Meeting on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board unanimously voted on a roll call vote to adjourn the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Richard P. Jennett, Jr., Clerk
January 29, 2018

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