

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN – TOWN OF NATICK

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**COMMUNITY-SENIOR CENTER GREAT ROOM – 117 EAST CENTRAL STREET**

**July 30, 2018**

**6:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Amy Mistrot, Vice Chair Susan Salamoff, Clerk., Michael Hickey, Jonathan Freedman, Richard P. Jennett

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Board of Health: Chairman Don Breda, Ian Wong

Finance Committee members: Chairman Patrick Hayes, Dirk Coburn, David Coffey, Jeff DeLuca, Bruce Evans, David Gallo, Mike Linehan, Dan McCauley, Jim Shurlock, Dan Sullivan, Kristine Van Amsterdam, Linda Whollschlager,

Planning Board members: Chairmain Glen Glater, Terri Evans, Jullian Munich, John Wadsworth

Town Staff: Town Administrator Melissa Malone; Police Chief James Hicks, Board of Health Director, Jim White, Director of Community and Economic Development Committee, Jamie Erickson; Town Planner, Ted Fields, Attorney Katie Laughman of KP Law, PC.

The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

### **CITIZEN'S CONCERNS**

No citizen's concerns

### **DISCUSSION AND DECISION**

#### **1. Discussion of adult-use marijuana regulation implementation**

Mr. Erickson gave a presentation on Adult Use Marijuana in Natick. Mr. Erickson identified the staff working group as well as relevant town boards and committees who have been providing input along the process. Mr. Erickson outlined the timeline from 2016 when the state-wide vote on adult marijuana use took place through December of 2018 when the Town will be seeking approval of local regulations and policies, including when the Board of Selectmen provided direction to develop responsible regulations after the Cannabis Control Commission regulations were published during the spring of 2018. Mr. Erickson also identified which regulations and/or policies would regulate marijuana use such as health, zoning, and licensing issues and which boards would be responsible for each type of regulation.

Mr. Erickson shared a Town of Natick map on which where possible areas for both industrial use and retail use overlay districts. The map reflected where schools, both public and private, are located with required buffer zones drawn around each to identify the locations that had to be eliminated from consideration. As

well, similar buffer zones were drawn around major playgrounds to provide a similar area of protection from where children would congregate.

Questions, concerns, and input was received by all board members present in a planned rotation to allow for equal access for all boards and to provide at least one opportunity for each member to engage on the topic.

No votes were taken on this topic. The meeting was intended to share an update on the current process for responsible regulation and provide feedback/general direction to the working group as they finalize the work needed to create the warrant articles ahead of the required action during Town Meeting.

Documents: Adult use Marijuana in Natick Presentation dated June 21, 2018  
Draft - Zoning Map of Natick reflecting possible overlay districts

## **2. Discussion of the downtown parking garage project**

Mr. Errickson shared a history of the downtown parking garage and summary of events that have led to the current Walker Consultant proposal for four possible parking garage options.

In June, 2017 an RFQ was issued to select a consultant to prepare a comprehensive Natick Center Parking Garage Feasibility Study for the existing municipal parking lot at 20 Middlesex Avenue. Walker Associates conducted the feasibility study which Town Planner, Ted Fields presented to the Boards. The study included an existing conditions assessment of the of the project site, a market analysis, and public outreach to discuss the existing parking challenges, the type and style of a future garage, the mixed-use development in the down town area and financing options for a potential garage. Four potential garage design concepts were presented.

Mr. Errickson, Mr. Fields and Ms. Malone addressed questions from all board members in a planned rotation to maximize participation from each board and to allow all members to ask at least one question.

No action was taken on this topic. The meeting was intended to share information to the relevant boards who could in turn provide feedback and direction to the Community and Economic Development office on the four possible parking garage options from which two options might be put forth for further development.

Documents: Town of Natick Parking Structure Feasibility presentation prepared by Walker Consultants, VHB and Abramson & Associates, Inc. dated July 26, 2018.

## **SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS**

There were no selectmen's concerns.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

July 30, 2018

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Michael J. Hickey, Jr., Clerk

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