

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN – TOWN OF NATICK

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## MEETING MINUTES

EDWARD H. DLOTT MEETING ROOM – NATICK TOWN HALL

FEBRUARY 11, 2019

6:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Chair Amy K. Mistrot, Vice Chair Susan G. Salamoff, Jonathan H. Freedman, and Richard P. Jennett, Jr.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Administrator Melissa A. Malone

**ABSENT:** Michael J. Hickey, Jr., Clerk

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., noting that a quorum was present and that the meeting had been duly posted. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed for those protecting our country.

### CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

Corey Spaulding asked to be placed on a future agenda to speak to concerns that she has about alleged actions by the Natick Public Schools and/or the former Superintendent concerning her daughter and about allegations of embezzlement.

### REQUESTED ACTION

1. Approve and Sign 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant: The Board reviewed the Spring 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Malone provided context relative to the order of the warrant articles to help facilitate the efficiency of this upcoming Town Meeting. Jonathan Freedman made a suggestion to place the Keefe Tech warrant article before the two budget warrant articles to make the most of Superintendent Evan's time. Ms. Malone was amenable and the warrant was revised to make the article titled Amend the Agreement for the South Middlesex Regional Vocational School District #6 and reorder the 2019 Omnibus article to #7 and the 2020 Omnibus article to #8. All other articles remained the same. Jonathan Freedman made a motion to approve the Spring 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as amended. Rick Jennett seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously 4-0-0 in favor.
2. Refer 2019 ATM Zoning By-Law Articles to the Planning Board per MGL Ch 40A, S5: Chair Mistrot asked for a motion to refer Article 24 – Amend Historic Preservation Zoning By-Law; Article 25 – Amend Zoning By-Laws: Wireless Communication Facility; Article 26 – Amend Definition of “Dog Kennel” as Used in the Zoning By-Laws; Article 27 – Amend Dog Kennel Zoning to the Planning Board as each address possible zoning by-law changes. There was a question if Article 23 – Add By-Law Article 72D: Short Term Rentals should also be referred; however, it was determined that this article intends to alter the general by-laws and not a zoning by-law so does not need referral to the Planning Board. Rick Jennett made a motion to refer Articles 24, 25, 26, and 27 to the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Freedman. The Board voted unanimously 4-0-0 in favor.
3. Establish Means-Tested Senior Property Tax Exemption Study Committee: Ms. Salamoff described her interest in the Board establishing a Means-Tested Senior Property Tax Exemption Study Committee yet also stated that she did not feel the composition was ready to be voted during this meeting. She had done significant outreach to Josh Ostroff, Eric Henderson, Assistant Assessor,

and Ms. Malone to understand the needs of what this investigation may warrant. It was determined that the Board would like to learn more about the different components of the means-tested tax exemption; therefore, Ms. Malone will coordinate an administrative presentation for the 2/19 meeting. The Board wants to understand the exemption better and from that understanding support a thorough vetting process that is both sensitive to the additional tax burden that residents will absorb when the Kennedy Middle School and West Natick Fire Station debt exclusion is reflected in the August tax bills as well all possible impacts of possibly creating this additional tax relief to applicable residents.

4. Review Host Community Agreement and Development Agreement with Bountiful Farms, Inc., Registered Marijuana Dispensary: The Host Community Agreement was not discussed as Mr. Hickey, Board member working directly with Mr. Errickson, Community and Economic Development Director, and Katie Laughman, Special Counsel from KP Law on the latest versions, was absent and had yet to review the most recent iterations revised by Attorney Laughman. Mr. Hickey will review the latest iterations and provide them for Board review as soon as possible, which may or may not happen for the 2/19 meeting. Mr. Freedman made the request that Jeff Barton, President of Bountiful Farms and applicant for the medical marijuana facility for which the Host Community Agreement is being negotiated, be apprised of the timing for when the Host Community Agreement will be ready for the Board to review again publicly.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Freedman, the Board voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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Michael J. Hickey, Jr., Clerk

Submitted by Amy K. Mistrot, Chair

February 11, 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes Approved by the Board of Selectmen on \_\_\_\_.

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