

IT WAS COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED,
I AM HUMBLER AND MOST
GRATEFUL TO YOU ALL FOR
THIS KIND GESTURE.

IT HAS BEEN MY HONOR, AS
IT WAS FOR PREVIOUS
GENERATIONS OF THE EVERETT
FAMILY TO HAVE SERVED
THE FAMILIES OF NATICK
FOR THE PAST 158 YEARS.

WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION.

Joey Everett

DEAR CHAIRMAN HICKEY, AND
FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS,

I WANT TO THANK THE ENTIRE
BOARD FOR TAKING THE TIME
OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULES
TO PRESENT MY RETIREMENT
PROCLAMATION MONDAY EVENING,



Patricia O'Neil <poneil@natickma.org>

from Natick Community Organic Farm (marathon thank you)

6 messages

Trish Umbrell <trish@natickfarm.org>

Mon, Jun 10, 2019 at 2:08 PM

To: Donna Donovan <ddonovan@natickma.org>, Selectmen <Selectmen@natickma.org>

Attached please find thank yous from Natick Community Organic Farm's 2019 Boston Marathoners.

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Natick Community Services

people-driven. service-focused





A nonprofit, certified-organic farm providing productive open space, farm products, and hands-on education to people of all ages, year-round since 1975.

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June 10, 2019

Ms. Melissa Malone, Town Administrator & Natick Selectmen
Natick Town Hall/13 E. Central St.
Natick, MA 01760

Dear Town Administrator Melissa Malone and Natick Selectmen,

We are absolutely thrilled to inform you that all four of NCOF's 2019 Boston Marathon charity runners met their fundraising goals and successfully completed the 26.2 mile course on April 15th:

Athlete	Finishing Time	Funds Raised
Charlotte Fugere	4:19:14	\$7424
Heather Daehler	4:07:57	\$7137
Emily Murphy	5:07:54	\$6448
Thomas Lytle	5:21:14	\$6425
	total	\$27,450

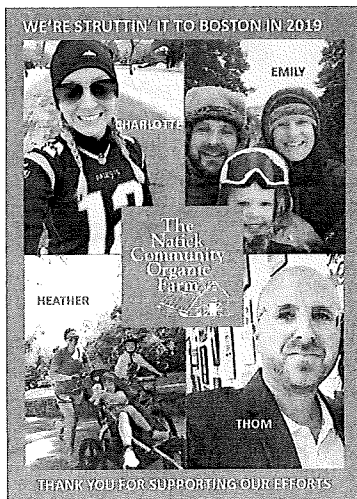
With these funds, NCOF has hired 14 local teens to repair and upgrade the farm's sugar shack. Through carpentry, these teens will develop self-confidence, teamwork, and problem solving skills, which they'll call on their whole lives. NCOF will also use these funds to create a new maple sugaring/farm tour curriculum for Natick's kindergarteners. It will open their eyes to the importance of local trees and local farms, and the resources they can enjoy at their community farm.

Please see the notes below from our team individual members. Thank you again for this marvellous opportunity.

With Appreciation,

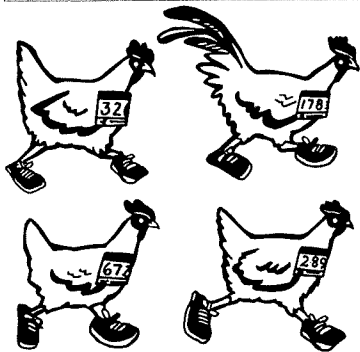
Trish Wesley Umbrell

Trish Wesley Umbrell, Farm Administrator

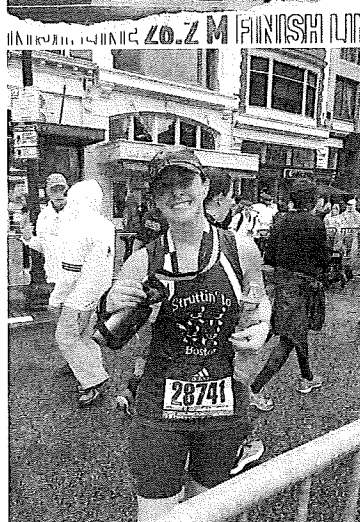


FROM TEAM FARM 2019

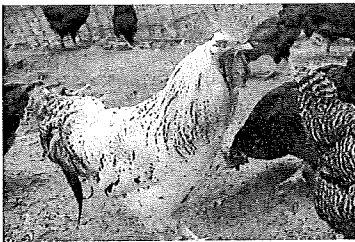
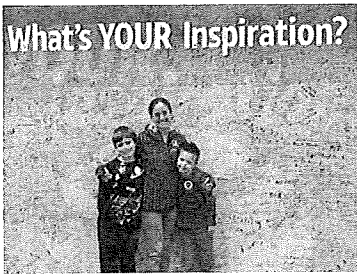
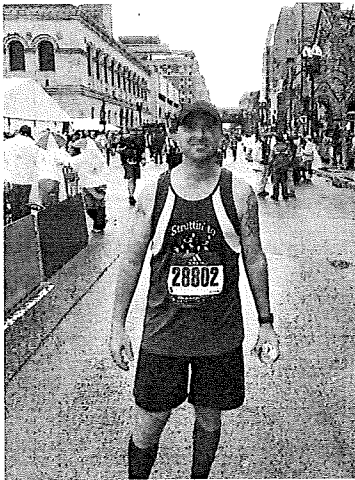
I wanted to personally thank you for giving me the opportunity to run the 2019 Boston Marathon in support of the town of Natick, specifically for The Natick Community Organic Farm. I was thrilled that the town was given bibs once again and was so honored to run 26.2 miles in support of the Farm. My family and I love The NCOF and knowing that all the money I raised was going right back into our community of Natick was such a great feeling. Trish was such a huge supporter along our journey and this just made the experience that much better. I am truly grateful for having had the opportunity to run for the town of Natick. Thank you so much for giving me the chance to help give back to the community and have such an awesome Boston Marathon experience!--
Kindly, Heather Daehler



It has been my goal to run the Boston Marathon ever since my wife and I moved to Natick in 2010. Living directly on the Marathon route, I caught the fever immediately - but wasn't sure I'd find a way into this historic race. One of the toughest Boston Marathon goals is not the finish line, it's the starting line. This year, with the help of the Natick Town and the Natick Community Organic Farm, I earned a place at that line after a challenging but rewarding experience raising money for this town that I love so much. Thank you for giving me the new privilege of saying 'I did that!' every April - And thank you for the opportunity to raise important funds that benefit the Farm and ultimately the Town.--
Thom Lytle



I just wanted to send a quick note taking the time to thank the Town of Natick and NCOF for the opportunity to run the 2019 Boston Marathon. It's provided me the chance to share both my marathon journey and fundraising experience for The Farm's educational programs with family and friends, both local and far. The support both the Town and the Farm has shown since January has been humbling. The \$7,400 raised will be used to add educational programs to the Farm and make improvements on the sugar shack that my children will directly benefit from. Thank you so much for the support and this opportunity! Go Natick and Team Farm!! *All the best, Charlotte*



Dear Natick Town and Selectmen,
 Thank you for the opportunity
 to run the 2019 Boston Marathon
 on behalf of the Natick Community
 Organic Farm. Running the marathon
 and supporting a wonderful, local
 non-profit has fulfilled a long-time
 dream!

Thank you again,
 Emily Murphy



Patricia O'Neil <poneil@natickma.org>
To: Trish Umbrell <trish@natickfarm.org>

Wed, Jun 19, 2019 at 8:55 AM

Thanks Trish. We'll put this in correspondence for the public to see at the 6/24 meeting.

On Mon, Jun 10, 2019 at 2:09 PM Trish Umbrell <trish@natickfarm.org> wrote:
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Trish Umbrell <trish@natickfarm.org>
To: Patricia O'Neil <poneil@natickma.org>

Wed, Jun 19, 2019 at 9:12 AM

Thank you. Much appreciated! This is such a useful opportunity for us.
The Natick Teens that we were able to hire a minimum wage to remodel our sugar shack (like Josh Christensen, foreground) started work on Monday!
See picture

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Trish Wesley Umbrell Assistant Director Internal Operations
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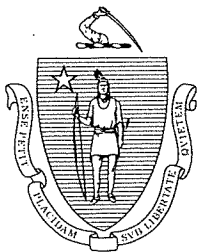


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June 6, 2019

OML 2019-65

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RE: Open Meeting Law Complaints

Dear Ms. North:

This office received three complaints from Ronald Alexander on November 9 and November 14, alleging that the Natick Board of Selectmen (the "Board") violated the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25.¹ Between September 19 and September 23, Mr. Alexander filed eight separate Open Meeting Law complaints with the Board, and subsequently requested further review by our office of six of those complaints. This determination addresses complaints four, five, and six. These three complaints were originally filed with the Board on September 23 and you responded to the complaints, on behalf of the Board, by letter dated October 10. In complaints four and five, Mr. Alexander alleges that the Board failed to respond to his request to inspect open session meeting minutes and to release minutes from the Board's July 30 meeting within ten days. In complaint six, Mr. Alexander alleges that the Board failed to timely review executive session minutes for the Board's August 6 meeting.²

Following our review, we find that the Board violated the Open Meeting Law by failing to timely respond to a request for meeting minutes but did not violate the law in the other ways alleged. In reaching this determination, we reviewed the original complaints, the Board's response to the complaints, and the complaints filed with our office for further review. In addition, we reviewed the notice and the open session minutes of the Board meetings held on

¹ All dates in this letter refer to the year 2018, unless otherwise indicated.

² The November 14, 2018, request for further review filed with our office regarding complaint six further alleges that the Board failed to timely create and approve minutes of the August 6 meeting. We decline to review this allegation as it was not raised in the initial complaint filed with the Board and the Board has not had an opportunity to respond. See G.L. c. 30A, § 23(b); 940 CMR 29.05(3); OML 2013-147.



July 30 and October 1, as well as the notice and open and executive session minutes of the Board meeting held on August 6.

FACTS

We find the facts as follows. The Board duly posted notice for, and then held, a public forum regarding the adult use of marijuana and the downtown parking garage project on July 30. The Board also duly posted notice for, and then held, a meeting on August 6. At its August 6 meeting, the Board first convened in open session at approximately 6:00 PM and approved a unanimous vote by roll call to convene in executive session. In executive session the Board discussed matters pertaining to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (Swain House and Mechanic Street) and discussed strategy with respect to the case, Natick Patrol Officers Association v. Joint Labor Management Committee, et al. (1884CV02333) as well as Massachusetts Opioid Litigation Attorneys under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) ("Purpose 3"). The Board reconvened in open session at 7:16 PM.

On September 10, the complainant submitted a request to the Board via email for a copy of the open and executive session minutes from the July 30 Board meeting and all Board meetings in August. On September 23, having received no response from the Board, the complainant filed the subject Open Meeting Law complaints (complaints four, five and six) regarding the Board's failure to timely respond to his request for, and failure to release, the July 30 minutes and failure to timely review executive session minutes from the Board's August 6 meeting.

The Board duly posted notices for, and then held meetings on, October 1 and October 15. During its October 1 meeting, the Board approved the meeting minutes from its August 6 meeting. On October 10, the Board provided the complainant with a copy of the draft minutes from the Board's July 30 meeting. During its October 15 meeting, the Board approved the meeting minutes from its July 30 meeting.

DISCUSSION

I. The Board Failed to Timely Respond to a Request for the July 30 Meeting Minutes

The Open Meeting Law requires that "[m]inutes of all open sessions shall be created and approved in a timely manner. The minutes of an open session, if they exist and whether approved or in draft form, shall be made available upon request by any person within 10 days." G.L. c. 30A, § 22(c).

Complaint four alleges that the Board failed to respond within ten days to a request to inspect copies of the July 30 open session meeting minutes, while complaint five alleges that the Board failed to release copies of the July 30 open session meeting minutes within ten days of the request. The complainant requested minutes from the Board's July 30 meeting on September 10, but did not receive a response until October 10, when the draft minutes were provided to him. We credit the Board's account that it inadvertently overlooked the July 30 meeting minutes, as

the meeting was a public forum, where no Board action was taken. Nonetheless, the Open Meeting Law required the Board to respond to the request within 10 calendar days of the request with an explanation of whether the minutes did or did not exist in either approved or draft form. See OML 2019-35; OML 2017-50; OML 2015-173.³ Because the Board failed to respond within ten days to the request for meeting minutes, we find that it violated the Open Meeting Law. We note that the Board had already taken appropriate remedial action by responding to the complainant's request and providing the meeting minutes before the complainant requested further review by this office. We therefore order no additional remedial action.

II. The Board Was Not Required to Conduct a Review of Executive Session Meeting Minutes That did not Yet Exist.

Complaint six alleges that the Board failed to timely review the executive session minutes from its August 6 meeting in response to his September 10 request for those minutes. Executive session minutes may be withheld from disclosure to the public "as long as publication may defeat the lawful purposes of the executive session, but no longer." G.L. c. 30A, § 22(f). When the purpose for a valid executive session has been served, the minutes and any documents or exhibits used at the session must be disclosed unless the attorney-client privilege or an exemption to the public records law applies to withhold them, in whole or in part, from disclosure. See id. Public bodies have an obligation to review the minutes of executive sessions at reasonable intervals to determine if continued non-disclosure of minutes is warranted, and to announce that determination at the next meeting following its review. G.L. c. 30A, § 22(g)(1); see OML 2019-35; OML 2015-94; OML 2013-56.

Upon request by any person to inspect or copy the minutes of an executive session or any portion thereof, a public body must respond to the request within 10 days following receipt and release any such minutes where publication would not defeat the lawful purposes of the executive session. See G.L. c. 30A, § 22(g)(2). If the body has not performed a review, it must do so and release any non-exempt minutes, or portions thereof, not later than the body's next meeting or in 30 days, whichever first occurs. See id.; OML 2019-3; OML 2013-180. If the minutes do not yet exist, the body is not required to conduct a review. OML 2019-35. In either circumstance, however, the body should still respond to the requestor within 10 days.

Here, the Board responds that the August 6 executive session meeting minutes did not yet exist at the time of the request, and that it therefore was not required to perform a review of the minutes to determine whether they could be released or whether continued non-disclosure was warranted. We agree. We credit the Board's account that minutes did not exist at the time it received the complainant's request.⁴ Therefore, the Board was not required to conduct a review of the executive session minutes to determine whether they could be released. We note, however, that the Board still should have responded within 10 calendar days of the request with

³ Open Meeting Law determinations may be found at the Attorney General's website, www.mass.gov/ago/openmeeting.

⁴ We remind the Board that meeting minutes, including executive session minutes, must be approved in a timely manner. See G.L. c. 30A, § 22(c). "Timely manner" means "within the next three public body meetings or within 30 days, whichever is later, unless the public body can show good cause for further delay." See 940 CMR 29:11; OML 2018-154; OML 2018-48.

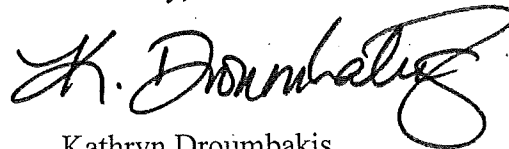
an explanation of whether the minutes did or did not exist in either approved or draft form. See OML 2019-35; OML 2017-50; OML 2016-71; OML 2015-173.

CONCLUSION

We find that the Board violated the Open Meeting Law by failing to timely respond to the request for meeting minutes within 10 days, but did not violate the Open Meeting Law in the other ways alleged. Because the Board has already produced the requested meeting minutes, we order no further remedial action. We order immediate and future compliance with the Open Meeting Law, and caution that future similar conduct may be considered evidence of an intentional violation of the Open Meeting Law.

We now consider this matter closed. If you have any questions regarding this determination, please contact our office at (617) 963-2540.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Droumbakis", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kathryn Droumbakis
Special Assistant Attorney General
Division of Open Government

cc: Natick Board of Selectmen
Ronald Alexander

This determination was issued pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 23(c). A public body or any member of a body aggrieved by a final order of the Attorney General may obtain judicial review through an action filed in Superior Court pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 23(d). The complaint must be filed in Superior Court within twenty-one days of receipt of a final order.