

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

EDWARD H. DLOTT MEETING ROOM – NATICK TOWN HALL

October 17, 2019

5:15 PM

Present: Chairman Michael J. Hickey, Jr. Susan Salamoff, Jonathan Freedman, Richard P. Jennett, Jr., and Karen Adelman-Foster

Also Present: Town Administrator, Melissa Malone and Senior Executive Assistant, Donna Donovan

Chairman Hickey called the meeting in order at 5:28 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

No one spoke during citizens' concerns.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

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1. **Article 1 – Fiscal 2020 Omnibus Budget** – Ms. Malone stated that motions were revised for Article 1 because adjustments needed to be made once the free cash was certified. Ms. Malone presented her revisions. Discussion followed regarding Motion C which proposes adding \$800,000 to shared expenses and \$175,000 to the Water and Sewer Enterprise fund to buy out the LIUNA Pension Fund. Board members expressed concern with this motion because of the alarm it was causing with the effected collective bargaining units. Ms. Adelman-Foster moved to refer Article 1, Motion C. Mr. Jennett seconded. After further discussion, Ms. Adelman-Foster withdrew and motion. No action was taken on Article 1.
2. **Article 9 – Rescind Authorized, Unused Debt** - Article 9 is proposed for general fund land acquisition approved under Article 29 of the 2016 Spring Annual Town Meeting, in the amount of \$3,200,000 for the purpose of the acquisition of 22 Pleasant Street. Ms. Malone stated that discussions need to take place on how to fund projects without borrowing. Ms. Adelman-Foster and Mr. Jennett did not speak in support of this article. Mr. Hickey spoke in support. Discussion was continued to a future meeting.
3. **Article 27-Real Estate Transfer Surcharge in Support of Affordable Housing:** Mr. Hickey opined that although he thought the article was a well-intentioned idea, he did not think it would pass legislation. Mr. Hickey moved referral of Article 27. On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, the Board voted 3-2-0 to recommend favorable action. Mr. Hickey and Mr. Freedman opposed.
4. **Article 29-Adjust Housing Density and Residential Parking Regulations in the Downtown Mixed-Use District:** On a motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, the Board voted 5-0-0 to recommend favorable action.

5. **Article 39-Amend the Town of Natick General Bylaws and Zoning Bylaws to Change References to the Board of Selectmen to the Select Board, and to Change References to Chairman to Chair:** On a motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, the Board voted 4-1-0 to recommend favorable action. Mr. Jennett opposed.
6. **Article 40-Amend the Town of Natick Home Rule Charter to Change References to the Board of Selectmen to the Select Board, and to Change References to Chairman to Chair:** On a motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, the Board voted 4-1-0 to recommend favorable action. Mr. Jennett opposed.
7. **Article 41-Contact Information Requirement for Town Meeting Members and Elected Officials:** Ms. Salamoff informed the Board that she was a co-sponsor of this article. On a motion by Ms. Adelman-Foster, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted 5-0-0 to recommend favorable action.
8. **Article 42-Feasibility Study for Increasing Parking Spaces for Morse Institute Library:** The Board discussed the importance of evaluating parking for the entire downtown area, and not just for the library. It was noted that this proposal was not supported by the Safety Committee. It was suggested that additional handicap parking spaces could be created for library patrons only. On a motion by Ms. Adelman-Foster, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted 5-0-0 to recommend referral of the article back to the Board of Selectmen and Staff Parking Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Jonathan H. Freedman, Clerk

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