

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

EDWARD H. DLOTT MEETING ROOM – NATICK TOWN HALL

November 18, 2019

6:00 PM

Present: Chairman Michael J. Hickey, Jr. Susan Salamoff (arrived late), Jonathan Freedman (arrived late), 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 to order at 6:04 p.m.

Chairman Hickey requested a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining

Mr. Jennett made a motion, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, to enter into Executive Session. By a roll call vote, all Board Members voted in favor of the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Hickey	Yes
Ms. Adelman-Foster	Yes
Mr. Jennett	Yes

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m., with the Chair announcing that the meeting would return to open session at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Salamoff arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Jon Freedman arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 7:20 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Small Business Saturday and Free 2-Hour Parking

Small Business Saturday will take place on November 30, 2019 and free two-hour parking is in effect from 11/9/19 – 1/6/20.

B. Substance Use Vigil -12/8/2019

A substance use vigil will take place on December 8, 2019 at the First Congregation Church located at 2 East Central Street. The Vigil will be from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

C. Agreement between the Town of Natick and Estate of James M. Knott (re: Permissive Access to Hunnewell Fields)

Mr. Jennett announced the Board voted to extend the access agreement. The property owners must give a 30-day notice if they intend to deny access.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

No one spoke during citizens' concerns.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN UPDATES

A. Boden Lane Bridge

Ms. Malone stated that MA Department of Transportation is working swiftly to have the bridge removed by end of this year and a pedestrian bridge will be installed.

B. Navy Yard Park

Ms. Malone stated that the Navy Yard Park will be ready for a grand opening in 2 weeks and administration is working with the Recreation and Parks Department to organize a ribbon cutting ceremony.

C. East Park

Ms. Malone stated a portion of East Park remains closed due to potential contamination. MA DEP will have more information in the coming weeks and a community outreach meeting will be held.

D. West Natick Fire Station

Ms. Malone stated that a significant amount of contaminated debris was found buried at the site and the Town has spent over \$1M in cleanup costs to date.

REQUESTED ACTION

A. Public Hearing: Naming the Dog Park at 111 West Central St. "Eddie's Park"

Mr. Freedman read the hearing notice into the record. On a motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board voted 5-0-0 to open the public hearing. Comments from the Historical Commission and Community and Economic Development Department were noted. Resident and Co-Founder of FIDO, Kelly McPherson spoke in support of the naming of Eddie's Park stating that the Kramer family has been instrumental in fundraising for the dog park. Ms. McPherson also stated that the name has been well received by everyone involved in the development of the dog park. On a motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted 5-0-0 to close the public hearing. On a motion by Ms. Adelman-Foster, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board voted 5-0-0 to name the dog park at 111 West Central Street Eddie's Park.

B. Safety Committee Recommendations – Chief Hicks addressed the Board with the following recommendations:

1. On a motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, the Board voted 5-0-0 to hold a public hearing to change the address of 24 Hammond Road to 5 Hammond Road Extension.

2. On a motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted 5-0-0 to erect a MUTCD compliant DEAF PERSON sign on either end of Grant Street.
3. On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Freedman, the Board voted 5-0-0 to amend Traffic Rules and Orders Article IV, Section 480-24 from “between the hours of 1:00 AM and 6:00 AM on any day between October 1st and April 30th” to between the hours of 1:00 AM and 6:00 AM on any day between November 1st and March 30th.
4. Chief Hicks advised the Board that they will be making appropriate curbing changes at the Bacon Street and Marion Street crosswalk in order to make the intersection more conducive to 90 degrees turn in an effort to make the intersection safer for pedestrians.

C. Public Hearing: FY2020 Tax Classification

Mr. Freedman read the hearing notice into the record. On a motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board voted 5-0-0 to open the public hearing. Tax Assessor Eric Henderson presented to the Board.

Mr. Henderson recommended that the Board support a residential factor of 1.00 to maintain a single tax rate.

Ms. Salamoff commented on the number of services Natick can offer while still maintaining a lower tax rate than many other communities.

Mr. Freedman asked about the access tax levy capacity. Mr. Henderson stated that there is always an amount of excess levy due to rounding when converting the tax rate to a whole number.

Resident Paul Joseph spoke in support of a single tax rate to help the growth of economic development. Mr. Joseph further stated that Natick has a business friendly reputation.

Ms. Adelman-Foster spoke in support of a single tax rate

On a motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board voted 5-0-0 to close the public hearing.

On a motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted 5-0-0 to adopt a residential factor of 1.0.

D. Procurement Officer - Bryan LeBlanc presented the following for approval:

1. **Custodial Cleaning Services Renewal** – On a motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted 5-0-0 to extend the Custodial Cleaning Services with S.J. Services, Inc. through January 31, 2021 at a rate of \$19.23 /hour.

2. **Asphalt Renewal** – On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Freedman, the Board voted 5-0-0 to extend the contract with Aggregate Industries for one additional year through November 26, 2020 at a rate of \$65/ton for summer mix and \$100/month for winter mix.
3. **Rehabilitation of Springvale Well No. 2** – On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Freedman, the Board voted 5-0-0 to award the Rehabilitation of Springvale Well No. 2 to Denis L. Maher Co. in the amount of \$22,299.00.
4. **Streetlight Maintenance** – On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Freedman, the Board voted 5-0-0 to award the Street Maintenance Contract to Coviello Electric & General Contracting, Inc. at \$112.00 per hour.
5. **Recreation and Parks Transportation Services** – On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board voted 5-0-0 to award Recreation and Parks Department Transportation Services Contract for Nashoba Valley Skiing and Early Release Trips to First Student Inc. in the amounts of \$4.59/mile in year 1, \$4.68/mile in year 2 and \$4.77/mile in year 3; and to award Recreation and Parks Department Transportation Services Contract for Camp Woodtrail and Camp Arrowhead trips to Durham School Services in the amounts of \$3.95/mile in year 1, \$4.07/mile in year 2 and \$4.19/mile in year 3, and to award the contract for additional buses as needed to First Student, Inc. in the amount of \$322.00/bus effective July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023.
6. **W-155 - Broad Hill Water Tank Mixer and Appurtenances** – On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Freedman, the Board voted 5-0-0 to award the W155 Broad Hill Water Tank Mixer and Appurtenances to DN Tanks, Inc. in the amount of \$114,950.00.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

A. 2020 Parking Fees

Ms. Malone recommended an increase of \$5 to the resident commuter parking permits to cover an increase in the maintenance expenses. Ms. Malone recommended no increase in the non-resident commuter parking permits because there are no permits available. On a motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, the Board voted 5-0-0 to raise the resident commuter parking permit from \$825.00 to \$830.00 effective January 1, 2020. Mr. Hickey noted that the revenue from parking permits was down this year from the previous two years and asked Ms. Malone if this was due to the increase in cost. Ms. Malone did not think there was a correlation.

Ms. Malone recommended an increase of \$10 for business parking permits. Ms. Adelman-Foster referred to a letter from Natick Center Associates requesting no increase in the fee. Mr. Jennett spoke in opposition of the increase. Mr. Freedman spoke in support of the increase, commenting it was nominal. On a motion by Ms. Adelman-Foster, seconded by Mr. Freedman, the Board voted 4-1-0 to increase the business parking fees from \$375.00 to \$385.00 effective January 1, 2020. Mr. Jennett opposed.

B. Adult Use Marijuana Request for Information (RFI): Draft for Consideration

Attorney Laughman presented a red line version of the RFI reflecting the Board members input since the meeting of 10/28/2019.

Discussion took place regarding the composition of the review committee that will be evaluating the RFI applications. It was agreed the committee will consist of the Community and Economic Development Director, Police Chief, Public Health Director, Town Administrator (or designee) and a Board of Selectmen designee. On a motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted 5-0-0 to begin seeking applicants for Board of Selectmen designee.

Attorney Laughman recommended holding an initial screening process of applicants to narrow the list down to finalists. The finalists will conduct outreach meetings. The Board agreed that an initial screening would be the best approach.

Discussion took place regarding whether Economic Empowerment and Social Equity Applicants should have greater consideration. Ms. Malone recommended that the Review Committee incorporate best practices and exclude consideration for residency.

C. Rules & Regulations Adult Use Marijuana Establishment Licenses: Draft for Consideration

Attorney Laughman shared a revised draft Rules and Regulations and stated that the most recent draft reflected minor changes.

D. Capital Plan/Large Projects – Mr. Hickey stated that due to the late hour, this would be taken up at the meeting of 12/2/19.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Jennett, The Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the consent agenda as follows:

A. Town Common Use for the Chabad Center of Natick 12/15/19-1/3/20

B. Meeting Minutes of 10/28/19 and 1/4/19.

C. Grant of Water Main Easement Granted by Fairway Estates Condominium Trust

D. Reverend Victoria Alfred Guest Proclamation

SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS

Ms. Salamoff spoke of safety issues identified in correspondence received by Resident, Jeff Richards and ask that they be addressed.

Mr. Hickey commented that the one-way street changes for High and Forest Street will be rolled out the week of December 2nd.

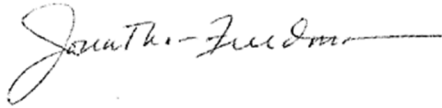
Mr. Hickey suggested an item “Fall Annual Town Meeting Follow-up” on the next agenda.

Ms. Salamoff asked if the Board will be attending the Annual MMA conference.

Mr. Freedman spoke of the opportunity for the Board to do Kennedy Middle School site visits on December 13th at 3:15 p.m. am and December 14th at 9:00 a.m. and advised the Board members to let him know if they want to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Adelman-Foster, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jonathan H. Freedman", followed by a horizontal line.

Jonathan H. Freedman, Clerk

A list of all documents used at this Board of Selectmen meeting are available at:

<https://naticktown.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=693&MinutesMeetingID=-1&doctype=Agenda>