

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted Via Virtual Meeting (ZOOM Meeting)

June 1, 2020

6:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairman Jonathan H. Freedman, Karen Adelman-Foster, Vice-Chair, Richard P. Jennett, Jr., Clerk, Michael J. Hickey, Jr., and Susan G. Salamoff

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Melissa A. Malone, Karis North, Esq., Town Counsel, Karis North; Police Chief, James Hicks; Executive Assistant, Joan M. McNamara

ABSENT: None

Chairman Freedman called the meeting to order at 6:04PM, and noted that the Meeting is being recorded by Pegasus and Zoom. Mr. Freedman also noted that all votes taken will be by Roll Call Vote. Mr. Freedman instructed that there is a "raise hand" button for those who wish to participate during this meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed for respect for those in our armed force. Chairman Freedman conducted a Roll Call for attendance as follows:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chairman Freedman: Much of the nation is rocked by the death of Mr. George Floyd. Police Chief James Hicks has made a statement and he will read that tonight.

Police Chief James Hicks read his Press Release which is attached to this evening's Agenda. A small portion of this Press Release is attached below:

"As a Police Officer for over thirty years and a Chief of Police for nineteen years I am saddened and angered about the tragic death of George Floyd. I condemn the actions of the Minneapolis officers involved in his death. There are standards that we as police officers embrace – we live in the 21st Century and our policing practice must mirror our recognition of equality of all races and cultures through the lens of Procedural Justice."

2. Boston Marathon Press Release: The Boston Marathon will now be held virtually. The Marathon which was rescheduled to September 14, 2020 is now officially cancelled for this year.
3. Annual Town Election on June 30, 2020. If you would like an absentee Ballot, please go to our website.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Mr. Joshua Ostroff spoke during Citizens' Concerns'. Mr. Ostroff posed the question asking if we should be trying harder to include diversity in Town government.

Ms. Aileen Zogby raised the issue of a letter of correspondence sent to the Board of Selectmen and Ms. Malone. Ms. Zogby has stated that she has not received a response.

1. REQUESTED ACTION

- A. Public Hearing: Wegmans Massachusetts- Application for a Change of Ownership Interest for the S.12 and S.15 All Alcohol Licenses

Mr. Jennett moves and Ms. Adelman-Foster seconds the Motion to open the Public Hearing, by a Roll Call Vote of 5-0-0. The vote was as follows:

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

Attorney Devlin is on the line to represent Wegmans.

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Adelman Foster, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to Approve the Application for a Change of Ownership Interest for the S.12 and S.15 All Alcohol Licenses. The Vote was as follows:

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

Ms. Salamoff moves and Mr. Jennett seconds the Motion to close the public hearing. The Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to close the public hearing. The vote was as follows:

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

B. P.F. Chang's China Bistro Inc.'s Application for a Change of Ownership Interest, change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers and Issuance Transfer of Stock/New Stockholder for the S.12 All Alcohol License

Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Adelman Foster moved to open the Public Hearing by Roll Call Vote of 5-0-0. The vote was as follows:

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

On a Motion by Ms. Adelman-Foster, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to Approve the Application for a Change of Ownership Interest, change of Officers/Director/LLC Managers and Issuance Transfer of Stock/New Stockholder of the S12 All Alcohol License. The vote was as follows:

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

Ms. Adelman-Foster moves and Mr. Jennett seconds the Motion to close the public hearing. The Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to close the public hearing. The vote was as follows:

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

2. APPOINTMENTS

A. Interviews for Appointments to the Cultural Council

1. Livia Mosanu

The Board interviewed Ms. Mosanu and then voted on her appointment. On a motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to Appoint Livia Mosanu to the Cultural Council for a term of two years to end on June 30, 2022. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

2. Kevin Baldwin

The Board interviewed Mr. Baldwin and then voted on his appointment. On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to Appoint Kenneth Baldwin to the Cultural Council for a term of two years to end on June 30, 2022. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

3. BOARD OF SELECTMEN UPDATES

Ms. North: There looks to be some licensing that will be approved to alleviate some of the restraints on restaurants. We will have more information on that as it comes.

Questions and Answers on Further Guidance on the 1/12 or "deficit spending" budget. Ms. North: Answers were provided to questions submitted to DLS via Memorandum. That memo is attached to this Agenda outlining Further Guidance on the 1/12 or "deficit spending" budget.

Grant Updates from Jillian Wilson-Martin, Sustainability Coordinator: Ms. Martin gave an update on current grants. There is no current action from the Board on these Grants this evening.

4. DISCUSSION AND DECISION

A. Fiscal 21 Budget Update

The Municipal and school budgets are currently being prepared for Fiscal 21. Mr. Freedman asked Ms. Malone if there are any current updates since last week.

Ms. Malone stated that she is currently meeting weekly with department head leaders as a group. The guiding principles that are being used are based on public health and all Town services. We are trying to build for resiliency acknowledging that there will be less. The budget will be posted line by line next Monday, June 8, 2020. We holistically looked across the community while remaining true to our values.

B. Town Clerk - Town Election

Ms. Diane Packer, Town Clerk: The Town Election was originally scheduled for March 31st and is now moved to June 30, 2020. We currently have 800 absentee and early voting ballots. More and more people are choosing that option due to safety and their own well-being. Our proposed voting hours will be from 10:00am-7:00pm. We are having a difficult time finding poll workers at this time. On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 4-1-0 to support the Town Clerk's Town Election for June 30, 2020 with special hours of 10:00am-7:00pm. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Ms. Adelman-Foster	No
Mr. Jennett	Yes
Ms. Salamoff	Yes
Mr. Hickey-	Yes
Mr. Freedman	Yes

C. Appoint Town Counsel

On May 18, 2020, we voted to accept Town Meeting's recommendation for Town Counsel. Interviews of new candidates would have been needed to have been done in public which could not have been done.

Therefore, on a Motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0, to Appoint Murphy Hesse, Toomey, Lehane as Town Counsel effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

D. Bond Refinancing

Mr. Townsend reviewed the Bond Refinancing documents that have been uploaded to Novus. On a Motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Jennett, The Board, by Roll Call, voted 5-0-0 to Approve the 8 Votes in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated May 14, 2020, and a final Official Statement dated May 21, 2020, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved (full document attached to this evening's agenda entitled "Vote of the Board of Selectmen"). The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

E. Microloan program through the CDBG program

Mr. Freas noted that he had originally thought he had needed action from the Board of Selectmen on this item, but he now realizes that no action is needed on this item from the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Weekly Warrant Review
- B. Approve Meeting Minutes April 1, 2020
- C. Approve Tour de Natick's request to Extend Hanging of Banner from June 8th through June 21, 2020
- D. Comment Letter to MassDOT/MBTA for FY2021 Draft Capital Investment Plan
Move Approval of Consent Agenda by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Hickey 5-0-0 Roll call vote list names.

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

On a Motion by Ms. Adelman-Foster, seconded by Mr. Jennett, a Roll Call Vote was taken to enter into Executive Session. The vote was as follows:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

This portion of the meeting is not open to the public

- A. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, where an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body, and the chair so declares – JLM-20-7878 - Natick Firefighters Local 1707, IAFF and the Town of Natick
- B. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, where an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body, and the chair so declares – Natick Patrol Officers Association

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, the Board unanimously voted, by Roll Call Vote, to adjourn the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 9:40pm. The Vote was as follows:

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

Meeting Date June 1, 2020

Richard P. Jennett, Jr., Clerk

_____, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes Approved by the Board of Selectmen on
_____, 2020

All documents used at this Board of Selectmen meeting are available at:

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