

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted Via Virtual Meeting (ZOOM Meeting)

July 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, Police Chief, James Hicks; James White, Director, Department of Public Health; Frank Foss, Town Moderator; Executive Assistant, Joan M. McNamara

ABSENT: None

Chairman Freedman called the meeting to order at 6:04PM and wished Congratulations to Ms. Adelman-Foster and Mr. Hickey for their re-election success. Chairman Freedman read the Executive Session topics for this evening. This portion of the meeting is not open to the public. Ms. Salamoff moved, and Mr. Jennett seconded a motion to move into Executive Session. The Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to move into Executive Session. The Vote was as follows:

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

- 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 – Natick Patrol Officers Association

At 6:45PM, the Board reconvened Open Session. Mr. Freedman 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. Instructions were made that there is a "raise hand" button for those who wish to participate during this meeting. For those participating by phone, please press *9 to raise your hand and #6 to unmute your phone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed for all of those who protect our rights and freedoms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Boston Marathon 2020 Update

The Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) has announced that the 124th Boston Marathon will be held as a virtual event, following Boston Mayor Martin Walsh's cancellation of the marathon as a mass participation road running event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The virtual Boston Marathon will be complemented by a series of virtual events throughout the second week of September.

B. Personnel Board Opening

We do have openings for the Personnel Board. Please go to our website to apply. These are the Town Administrator's appointments.

Natick Common Trees:

Arthur Goodhind, Tree Warden, submitted a letter regarding Natick Common trees: "Natick has likely experienced an infestation of an invasive insect pest known as the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive insect pest that was accidentally introduced into the United States in 2002 and aggressively attacks and ultimately kills Ash trees as well as some other select tree species. On the Natick Town Common there are ten Ash trees, nine of which have a confirmed infestation, with one having a probable infestation. The damage caused by the EAB to these trees is irreversible and the trees are experiencing rapid decline. Unfortunately, these ten trees will need to be removed due to the rapid decline and the presence of this invasive insect pest."

Natick Mass Drive Through:

On Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 10:00am, the Natick/Sherborn Sewing Support Group will be sponsoring a Mask Drive Thru for Natick Residents. This is a FREE event for Natick residents. This will take place at Natick High School and the entrance is by the Preschool playground. The masks are free while supplies last. A very big thank you to the Natick/Sherborn Sewing Support Group. Donations can be made to the Natick Service Council.

Mr. Freedman: We did approve Memoranda of Agreements for Natick Firefighters and for the Deputy Fire Chiefs that did approve a drug and alcohol policy.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Mr. Josh Ostroff: We are Inviting people to a Community Budget update. This will be on Natick Pegasus. YesforNatick does not take a position but tries to put information out there in a more understandable format. This will be on Tuesday evening and more information is on YesforNatick.org

Mr. Foss, Town Moderator: July 8th and 10th will be a practice session for Town Meeting. Town Meeting takes place on July 11th. Town meeting member notices have gone out.

There are a number of Town Meeting members that we do not have their email addresses so we have requested those email addresses.

1. **BOARD OF SELECTMEN UPDATES**

A. COVID-19 Updates:

Director Department of Public Health, James White: Natick COVID cases: 14 probable cases; 1 positive. 463 cases since March 1, 2020 in Natick. No deaths in Massachusetts as of yesterday. There is still a positive trend here. Citizens should continue to be very vigilant.

Chief James Hicks continues preparations for reopening on the Town and School side. The Chief noted that he had two large PPE orders come in today. Chief Hicks also noted that he is very comfortable with 60-90 days' worth of equipment as we move toward reopening.

Ms. Malone: Please go to the Natick Parks and recreation webpage to see all the programs that are available this summer to see what programs may be available to you and your family. Ms. Malone also added that the first building that will be open will be Town Hall. We are scheduling that for July 13, 2020.

2. **DISCUSSION AND DECISION**

A. **Consider Board Recommendations for Spring Annual Town Meeting:**

Article 19 Home Rule Petition: Authorization to Issue (3) Wine and Malt Beverages License Not to Be Drunk on the Premises for Downtown Mixed Use District, Natick, Massachusetts

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to Refer the Article back to sponsor. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Article 20: Home Rule Petition: Authorization to Issue (1) On Premises Alcoholic Beverages License for 45 East Central Street, Natick, Massachusetts; and

Article 25: Amendment to Zoning Map-Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District

At this meeting, the Board agreed to further consider Articles 20 and 25 at a subsequent meeting.

Article 1: Authorize Board of Selectmen to Acquire, Obtain, Abandon or Relocate Easements

On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to Recommend favorable action for Article 1. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Article 2 Committee Article, and
Article 3: Elected Officials Salary:
Article 4: Personnel Board Classification and Pay Plan

No action by the Board

Article 5: Amend Town-Bylaw, Town Employees and Personnel Board

No action by the Board

Article 6: Collective Bargaining

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to recommend favorable action for Article 6. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Article 7: Fiscal 2020 Omnibus Budget

No action by the Board

Article 8: Fiscal 2021 Omnibus Budget

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 4-0-1 to recommend favorable action for Article 8. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Article 9: Fiscal 2020 Morse Institute Library Budget

No action by the Board

Article 10: Fiscal 2021 Morse Institute Library Budget

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to recommend favorable action for Article 10. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Article 11: Fiscal 2020 Bacon Free Library Budget

No action by the Board

Article 12: Fiscal 2021 Bacon Free Library Budget

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to recommend favorable action for Article 12. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Article 13: School Bus Transportation Subsidy

No action by the Board

Article 14: Revolving Funds

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 4-0-1 to recommend favorable action for Article 14. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Article 15 Capital Equipment

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to recommend favorable action for Article 15. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Article 16 Capital Improvement

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to recommend favorable action for Article 16. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Article 17 Increase Personal Exemption Amounts

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to recommend favorable action for Article 17. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Article 18: PEG Access and Cable Related Fund Appropriation or Transfer of Funds

No action by the Board.

Article 26: Amend Zoning By-laws: Downtown Mixed Use Parking Zoning Amendment

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to recommend referral to sponsor for Article 26. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Article 27: Amend Zoning By-laws: Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District Zoning Amendment

Article 28: Amend Zoning By-law to Create East Central Street Overlay District

Article 29: Amend Zoning Bylaws: Downtown Mixed Use Zoning Amendment

Article 30: Amend Zoning By-laws: Single Family Residential Cluster Regulations

Article 31: Amend Zoning By-laws: Non-conforming Uses, Large Residential Additions
Zoning Amendment

Article 32: Town Meeting Practices and Rules Committee: Committee Report

Article 33: Amend Article 5 Fiscal Procedures of the Town of Natick Home Rule Charter

No action by the Board for Articles 27 through Article 33.

B. Consider possible Creation of Civil Rights Commission

Ms. Adelman-Foster and Ms. Salamoff submitted a memo regarding the possible creation of a task force regarding diversity, equity and inclusion. This task force committee would be appointed by the Select Board to develop the structure and composition; and then would report back within 120 days of establishment. The Task Force is charged with seeking extensive input from the community and Natick's Town government.

C. Stonegate Development Agreement – Agenda item removed for this evening

D. Approve Extension of Premises Applications

A. Amvets

B. LCZ, Inc., Trend Pure Asian Cuisine

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0, to approve Amvets and LCZ, Inc., Trend Pure Asian Cuisine's, Extension of Premises

Applications. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Acceptance of Donations to Recreation & Parks to offset fees associated with Camp
- B. Weekly Warrant Review
- C. Approve Meeting Minutes
- D. Ratify Decision to Bag Parking meters on Election Day
- E. Approve Passport Contract - Natick Downtown Parking

On a Motion by Ms. Salamoff, 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

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board unanimously voted, by Roll Call Vote, to adjourn the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 9:14PM. The Vote was as follows:

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

Richard P. Jennett, Jr., Clerk

Meeting Date July 1, 2020

_____ Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes Approved by the Select Board on _____.

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

<https://naticktown.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=756&MinutesMeetingID=-1&doctype=Agend>