

SELECT BOARD  
TOWN OF NATICK

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**MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Conducted Via Virtual Meeting (ZOOM Meeting)

August 5, 2020

6:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Karen Adelman-Foster, Vice-Chair, Richard P. Jennett, Jr., Clerk, Susan G. Salamoff

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Administrator Melissa A. Malone, Deputy Town Administrator, James Errickson, Deputy Town Administrator, Dorothy Blondiet, Director of Human Resources; Director of Department of Health, James White; Frank Foss, Town Moderator; Jillian Wilson-Martin, Sustainability Coordinator; Diane Packer, Town Clerk, Executive Assistant, Joan M. McNamara

**ABSENT:** Chair, Jonathan H. Freedman and Michael J. Hickey, Jr.

Vice-Chair, Karen Adelman-Foster called the meeting to order at 6:08PM and noted that the Meeting is being recorded by Pegasus and Zoom. Ms. Adelman-Foster also noted that all votes taken will be by Roll Call Vote. Instructions were also given 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 those who put their lives on the line for the ideals of this country.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Memorial Beach announcement:

Memorial Beach will remain closed on Wednesday August 5, 2020, due to a high bacteria count detected in this week's water testing. To minimize the risk of illness from contaminated water, beaches are required to be tested for "indicator" bacteria. Memorial Beach is tested for Enterococci or E. coli each week and this week we had an exceedance. Memorial Beach will remain closed until a re-sample test is clear.

B. On Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 7:00PM there will be a zoom meeting to talk to Children about Racism. Please visit [sparkkindness.org](https://sparkkindness.org) for more information or visit their Facebook Page Spark Kindness Natick.

**CITIZENS' CONCERNS**

None this evening.

## 1. BOARD OF SELECTMEN UPDATES

### A. COVID-19

#### **Natick COVID-19 Cases**

\*Current Probable/Confirmed cases in Isolation Including today's Numbers - 6

\* Total Confirmed Cases since March 1, 2020 - 441

\* Total Probable Cases since March 1, 2020 – 150

These numbers seem higher due to a backlog in posting of information. We are unfortunately seeing individuals who are not social distancing so we are asking citizens to continue using appropriate protocol.

We have had a successful appointment only opening of Town Hall. DPW will also be open by Appointment only. We will continue to provide information on the opening of the Community Center and the library.

Chief Hicks will continue to provide appropriate PPE for employees of the Town and the Schools. We will have information at the next meeting regarding flu clinics.

2.4-2.5 million dollars in Cares Act funding is being used to retrofit school and town buildings.

## 2. DISCUSSION AND DECISION

### A. Update on Aggregation Procurement

Ms. Wilson Martin presented a PP presentation this evening which focused on an Electricity Aggregation Policy. The highlights of the presentation were as follows:

The Natick Sustainability Office, with input from the Sustainability Committee, proposes a gradual, ten-year transition to 100% renewable electricity in tandem with the State's efforts. Statewide mandates already require suppliers to source 55% of Massachusetts' electric needs from zero-emission generators by 2030, and more aggressive mandates have been proposed. As a champion for sustainability, Natick should consider increasing the renewable energy content in its standard aggregation product in stages to achieve the balance (45%) for a total of 100% clean electricity by 2030 (see Table 1). In practice, this approach would result in small, annual increases in the level of additional clean electricity in Natick's aggregation. From 2021 to 2025, we recommend Natick increase its additional clean electricity by 3% per year and by 4% per year from 2026 to 2030.

### B. Consultation with Moderator on Venue for Town Meeting

Moderator Foss: Town Meeting is set for Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. The request is to hold the meeting virtually/telephonically. This is the same platform that we used at the Spring

Annual Town Meeting. People will have fair access to the meeting. It is substantially the same as meeting in person. We may call the meeting on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> and postpone the meeting to a weekend date.

On a Motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 3-0-0 to approve the Moderator's recommendation for the Town of Natick to conduct a Remote Town Meeting on October 20, 2020, beginning at 7:30 P.M., by means of an online video conferencing system known as Zoom Webinar, as requested by the Town Moderator, in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 2 of the legislation related to municipal governance during the COVID-19 emergency (Senate bill number 2680), which has been enacted by the Massachusetts General Court, signed by Governor Baker, and codified as Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

C. Announce 2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting

All Financial Articles will be on the Special Town Meeting. We will Call Fall Annual Town Meeting which will contain all other Articles.

On a Motion by Mr. Jennet, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board by Roll Call vote, voted 3-0-0 that the Town of Natick call for the 2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, by Remote Participation. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

D. Discussion of Select Board sponsored Articles for 2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting – Moved to Meeting when the full Board will be present.

E. Town Clerk

1. Change Posting Location

Ms. Diane Packer, Town Clerk: Ms. Packer is here this evening and notes that the posting location for Precinct 4 be changed to 2 Summer St. from 9 Main Street. A copy of the Memo listing all polling locations is attached to this agenda. The Warrant and all other legal documents will be posted at these locations.

On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 3-0-0 to move the posting location for Precinct 4 from Lola's at 9 Main Street to an alternative location of 2 Summer Street, a public bulletin board, Natick, MA 01760. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

## 2. Chang Polling Locations

Ms. Diane Packer, Town Clerk, requests to move 3 Polling locations in two separate buildings located in Precincts 1, 2 and 3 at least through the end of this year to the gym at Natick High School located at 15 West St. Precincts 1 and 3 vote at Brown School and Precinct 2 at the Cole Recreation Building. This will include the State Primary scheduled for September 1st and the Presidential Election scheduled for November 3rd.

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 3-0-0 to relocate polling locations 1 and 3 from Brown School to the Natick High School at 15 West Street, as well as Precinct 2 from Cole Recreation Building to Natick High School at 15 West Street, Natick Ma. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

## F. Update and Adoption of Town Administrator 2020 Goals

Ms. Malone states that next week we will be working on determining the remaining 3 Goals for the Administration to achieve by end of 2020. We will be prepared to go over those goals in full detail next week when the full Board is present.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Board Re-appointments
  - 1. Commission on Disability: Elaine B. Ostroff and Amanda Hsiao
  - 2. Recreation and Parks: Peg Waters
  - 3. Council on Aging - Andrew Eschtruth,
  - 4. Transportation Advisory Committee - Josh Ostroff
  - 5. Sustainability Committee - Leo Ryan and Devon Long-Lytle
- B. Approve Acceptance of Donations to Recreation & Parks from residents to enhance recreation offerings to the Community
- C. Procurement Officer Award Contract  
Contract Award Prescription Medication Procurement

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- D. Weekly Warrant Review
- E. Sign Town Election Warrant

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 3-0-0 to Approve the Consent Agenda. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 3-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:04PM. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

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Richard P. Jennett, Jr., Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_Select Board Meeting Minutes Approved by the Select Board on \_\_\_\_\_.

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