

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted Via Virtual Meeting (ZOOM Meeting)

August 19, 2020

6:00 PM

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

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

ABSENT: None

Chair Freedman called the meeting to order at 6:03PM and noted that the Meeting is being recorded by Pegasus and Zoom. He 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.

Chair Freedman states that he will read the items for Executive Session this evening and also notes that we will be returning to Open Session at approximately 7:00PM. Chair Freedman noted that we have two items for Executive Session and read the following:

- A. Purpose 10: To discuss trade secrets or confidential, competitively-sensitive, or other proprietary information: Electricity Aggregation Program
- B. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(3) - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the Chair so declares: Supervisors' and Administrators' Association (DPW Supervisors); Public Employees Local Union 1116 (DPW Laborers); Public Employees Local Union 1116 (Clerical); Public Employees Local Union 1116 (Library); Maintenance and Custodians Local 1116 (Facilities Maintenance); Deputy Chiefs Association; International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, Local 1707; New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 182; New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 82; Natick Patrol Officers' Association

On a Motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to enter into Executive Session. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Open session resumed at 7:12PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed for those battling COVID.

Mr. Freedman noted that the Public Hearing for Press Café will be opened but will be continued to next week. Item C. Consultation with the Board and the Moderator will not be taken up any earlier than 8:30PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Water Use Restriction

The Department of Public Works recommends that the Town Administrator implement a mandatory water use restriction on non-essential outdoor use. Over the past month, much of the region as well as Natick has been experiencing drought conditions, combined with multiple heat waves. Considering these factors, it is recommended that the Town implement a mandatory water use restriction on non-essential outdoor use in order to keep up with demand.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Ms. Catherine Brunell, a Natick resident spoke at Citizens' Concerns this evening briefly and asked the Town Administrator if some level of access to Munis could be given to citizens at some point.

SELECT BOARD UPDATES

- A. Mr. James White, Director of Dept. of Public Health re: COVID-19: Overall we are doing well. .76 positive rate in Natick. Over the past 14 days Natick has had 10 positive results. Town Hall and DPW remain open by appointment only.

B. MAPC Racial Equity Municipal Action Plan Grant

Ms. Adelman Foster has excused herself as MAPC is her employer and wants to avoid any implication of impropriety. Mr. Errickson, Deputy Town Administrator, Operations: We are trying to address barriers to housing needs by focusing on zoning and how that may be impacting racial equity. Part of the grant is about creating the dialogue in the community. MAPC are the technical experts in this area and are able to give us the tools to do this. We need to start being more deliberate about addressing race and equity in our community.

- C. Diane Packer, Town Clerk: Update on State Primary Election Ballots: 9/1/20 is the State Primary. You can vote via mail in application, download an application, and you can vote early in person and the polls will be open 7:00am-8:00pm. We have received 10,000 applications thus far. If you receive a ballot at this point, please drop that off and do not mail it as it may not arrive in time. Early voting starts August 22, 2020 from 10:00am-3:00pm on the 2nd floor in the Select Board meeting room. COVID19 protocols will be followed. August 24th-28th early voting will continue 8:30-4:30 (MTW), 8:30-6:30 (Thursday), and 8:30-Noon (Friday), at the Morse library. Those hours are also posted on the Town of Natick website.
- D. Capital Plan Update – The ClearGov Platform is up and running and will help our Department Heads in our planning. Please refer to <https://www.cleargov.com/massachusetts/middlesex/town/natick> for further information.

Mr. Errickson, Deputy Town Administrator, Operations: We are obligated per the Town to the Select Board and Finance Committee with a draft and final version of the Capital plan and that is due by end of August.

1. DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- A. Public Hearing: Frescafe II, Inc. - Application for a S12 On Premise Beer and Malt Beverage License

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to Open the Public Hearing. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Freedman, Chair, stated that the Applicant, Frescafe II, Inc. has notified us that there are some outstanding items still needed before the Application for the S12 On Premise Beer and Malt Beverage License can move forward.

On a Motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to continue the Public Hearing to August 26, 2020. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

B. Approve Birthday Resolutions:

Two Resolutions were presented this evening. Ms. Esther Fine was presented with a 100th birthday resolution and was present on our Zoom call meeting.

Mr. Lawrence Richard Hunewill, Jr. was also presented with a 97th birthday resolution.

1. 100th Birthday Resolution for Esther Fine: On a Motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to Adopt the 100th Birthday Resolution for Esther Fine. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

2. 97th Birthday Resolution for Lawrence Richard Hunewill Jr., WWII Veteran: On a Motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to Adopt the 97th Birthday Resolution for Lawrence Richard Hunewill Jr. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

C. Town Moderator: Request to Approve Special Town Meeting Venue to be held by Telephone or Video Conferencing

On a Motion by Ms. Adelman-Foster, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to hold Special Town Meeting #1 virtually, by telephone or video conferencing, as was done for the Fall Annual Town Meeting per the Moderator's Request. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

D. Appointment to the Council on Aging – HarrietMerkowitz

On a motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to Appoint Ms. Merkowitz to the Council on Aging with an appointment date ending in June of 2022. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

E. Consideration of Select Board Sponsored 2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles:

Mr. Freedman, Chair: In one of our earlier meetings, we had voted to sponsor all 8 of the earlier Articles not realizing that some of these had already been acted upon. So as a starting point, Mr. Freedman would recommend a Motion to Reconsider that previous vote.

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to Reconsider the previous Vote to sponsor all 8 earlier Articles. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

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, MA (SATM #19)

Home Rule Petition: Authorization to Issue (1) On Premises Alcoholic Beverages License for 45 East Central Street, Natick, MA (SATM #20)

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0, to sponsor the two Articles above previously noted as SATM #19 and SATM19.

The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Freas, Director of Community and Economic Development is unavailable this evening. Mr. Errickson, Deputy Town Administrator, Operations, reviewed a Memo written by Mr. Freas outlining the Select Board Sponsored Zoning Warrant Articles for Fall Town Meeting. That memorandum is attached to the agenda as part of this meeting. These Articles are titled below:

Amendment to Zoning Map - Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District (SATM #25)

Amend Zoning By-laws: Downtown Mixed Use Parking Zoning Amendment (SATM #26)

After review by the Board, Mr. Hickey moved, and Mr. Jennett seconded the Motion to sponsor an Article or Articles to achieve the purposes of the text amendments to the provisions of the Downtown Mixed Use Zoning District and accomplish the purposes generally as outlined in Mr. Freas' August 18, 2020, memorandum, to both the Select Board and the Planning board which is attached to this agenda this evening. Those text Amendments, being on the subject matters of: the Downtown Parking Requirements, the Downtown first floor commercial, the Downtown Outdoor Dining, the Downtown Front Setbacks, and the Downtown Fee in Lieu payments. The Board is also receptive to co-sponsorship of any of those Articles to accomplish those five goals with the Planning Board both similarly and to authorize Town Administration to finalize the grouping or groupings of the Articles based on the actions of the Planning Board. By Roll Call Vote, the Board voted 5-0-0 as follows:

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

Mr. Hickey moved, and Mr. Jennett, seconded a Motion to sponsor an Article or Articles to put the Downtown map change, as outlined on page 3 of the same August 18, 2020, memorandum from Mr. Freas, Director of Community and Economic Development, addressed to both the Select Board and the Planning board which is attached to this agenda this evening. Those two map changes were outlined in the memo and explained by Mr. Errickson this evening: The Saint Patrick's site Rezoning which the Select Board sponsored for Spring Annual Town Meeting as well as incorporating the "Pond Street Parking Lot Rezoning Initiative" as further described in the memo; and that the Board is willing to co-

sponsor these initiatives with the Planning Board and to also sponsor them individually. The Board also wishes to authorize, based on Planning Board action this evening, at discretion of Town Administration, whether these map changes are done as one Article or two. By Roll Call Vote, the Board voted 5-0-0 as follows:

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

- F. Solar Power Purchase Agreement for West Natick Fire Station: Ms. Jillian Martin, Sustainability Coordinator gave an overview of this topic for the Board this evening.

For both the West Natick Fire Station and Kennedy Middle School, the Town is pursuing a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Ameresco to fund the construction and maintenance of clean energy technology. As part of the PPAs, Ameresco will arrange for the design, permitting, financing and installation of solar and clean energy technology at these sites, at no cost to the Town. Ameresco will own the technology and will sell the power the technology generates, which will be installed behind the meter at each building, to the Town at a fixed rate. Ameresco was selected as Natick's solar developer of record as part of a 2016 procurement process which was approved by the Department of Energy Resources.

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0, to Approve the West Natick Fire Station PPA and to also Affix Electronic Signatures to the Agreement. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

- G. Safety Committee recommendations

Police Chief Hicks is present to present to issues for consideration:

1. Request to accept Natick Public School Parking Lots to the Town of Natick Traffic Rules and Orders.

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to Approve the Safety Committee Recommendation to accept Natick Public School Parking Lots to the Town of Natick Traffic Rules and Orders. The Roll Call Vote is as follows:

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

1. Resident Request to change address from 149 Union Street to 185 Woodland Street.

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to recommend that the Select Board hold a public hearing on the matter of the resident address change from 149 Union St. to 185 Woodland Street, Natick, MA. 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. Procurement Officer Award Contract

1. MS4 (Year 3) Support Services - Environmental Partners
2. Streetlight Maintenance Renewal - Option Year 1 - Coviello Electric

B. Approve Recreation and Parks' Request to Accept Donations from Various Program Participants

C. Weekly Warrant Review

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, moved 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

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Chair Freedman states that he will read the outstanding item left for Executive Session this evening and also notes that we will not be returning to Open Session but will adjourn our meeting from Executive Session.

- B. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(3) - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the Chair so declares: Supervisors' and Administrators' Association (DPW Supervisors); Public Employees Local Union 1116 (DPW Laborers); Public Employees Local Union 1116 (Clerical); Public Employees Local Union 1116 (Library); Maintenance and Custodians Local 1116 (Facilities Maintenance); Deputy Chiefs Association; International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, Local 1707; New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 182; New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 82; Natick Patrol Officers' Association

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Mr. Jennett	Yes
Ms. Salamoff	Yes
Mr. Hickey:	Yes
Mr. Freedman:	Yes

Richard P. Jennett, Jr., Clerk

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