

SELECT BOARD  
TOWN OF NATICK

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Conducted Via Virtual Meeting (ZOOM Meeting)**

**September 23, 2020**

**6:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Jonathan Freedman, 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, Jeremy Marsette, Director Department of Public Works, Executive Assistant, Joan M. McNamara

**ABSENT:** Karen Adelman-Foster, Vice-Chair

Chair Freedman called the meeting to order at 6:03PM and noted that the Meeting is being recorded by Pegasus and Zoom. We wish to thank Randy Brewer from Pegasus for all the support he has given us. Chair Freedman 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. Ms. Adelman-Foster will not be joining us this evening.

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 8:15PM. Chair Freedman noted that we have four items for Executive Session and read the following:

- A. 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
- B. Pursuant to MGL c. 30A, S. 21 (a)(3) - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares: New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 82; Deputy Chiefs Association; International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, Local 1707
- C. Pursuant to MGL c. 30A, S. 21 (a)(3) - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares: New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 82

- D. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(3) - To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 4-0-0 to enter into Executive Session. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Open session resumed at 8:21PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed for all of our troops and our first responders.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None this evening

### **CITIZENS' CONCERNS**

None this evening.

### **SELECT BOARD UPDATES**

- A. COVID-19 We have seen an uptick in COVID.

James Errickson, Deputy Town Administrator, Operations: We continue to monitor our buildings. As the weather gets colder we may want to consider how we modify our interaction with staff/citizens. The Bacon Free library is doing appointment only approach. The Cole Center will also be opening up. The Senior Center will be planning an appointment only opening in early October. This will be very limited programming.

- B. DPW Bulky Waste Collections Program - Update

A full memo is attached to this agenda on Bulky Waste Collections. On August 3, 2020, bulky waste pickup was resumed on Mondays. We are now booked through the month of October. We have temporarily suspended taking applications because we are now fully booked. It costs us about \$115 per collection. There are also local businesses that do this service other than the Town. Residents can bring bulky metal items to the recycle center for free.

1. **DISCUSSION AND DECISION**

- A. FATM Warrant Articles: Article 3 Amend Zoning By-Laws: Setbacks in Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District; Article 4 Amend Zoning By-Laws: Downtown Mixed-Use District: Ground Floor Residential Uses; Article 5 Amend Zoning By-Laws: Incremental Parking Schedule; Article 6 Amend Zoning By-Laws: Parking in Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District; Article 7 Amend Zoning By-Laws: Amendment to Zoning Map – Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District; Article 8 Amend Zoning By-Laws: Uses in Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District; Article 9 Sherborn Sanitary Sewer Extension (Pulte Homes) Inter-municipal Agreement

Zoning By-law Amendments: Mr. Errickson, Deputy Town Administrator, Operations, walked through the Zoning Articles and gave a brief overview of each Article and proposed and proposed solution

Article 3: Amend Zoning By-Laws: Setbacks in Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District –

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0, for favorable Action on Article 3. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Article 4 Amend Zoning By-Laws: Downtown Mixed-Use District: Ground Floor Residential Uses - No action

Article 5 Amend Zoning By-Laws: Incremental Parking Schedule - No action

Article 6 Amend Zoning By-Laws Parking in Downtown Mixed Use (DM)

On a Motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0, for favorable Action on Article 6 (a) and (b) and no action on Motion c. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Article 7 Amend Zoning By-Laws: Amendment to Zoning Map – Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0, for favorable Action on Article 7. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Article 8 Amend Zoning By-Laws: Uses in Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District

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

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

Article 9 Sherborn Sanitary Sewer Extension (Pulte Homes) Inter-Municipal Agreement

We are hopeful that we will be able to meet the schedule before Town Meeting by working with Pulte right now. Town Counsel is still negotiating.

The Board will follow up with Articles 4, 5 and 9 at another meeting to be announced.

- B. Special Town Meeting #1 Warrant Articles: Article 2 Town Meeting Funding; Article 3 Amend Town By-Laws: Amendment to Town By-law – Article 41A – Revolving Funds; Article 10 PEG Access and Cable Related Fund; Article 11 Rescind Authorized, Unissued Debt; Article 12 Unpaid Bills; Article 13 Capital Equipment; Article 14 Capital Improvement; Article 17 Fox Hill Drive Sewer Betterment

Article 13 Capital Equipment

On a Motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0, for favorable Action on Article 13 with funding source as being proposed. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Article 14 – Capital Improvement

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0, for favorable Action on Article 14. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Article 17 Fox Hill Drive Sewer Betterment –

On a Motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0, for favorable Action on Article 17. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Ms. Malone, Town Administrator: We are looking for short term borrowing which would leave our capital stabilization largely intact. The capital stabilization fund has less than 5m dollars in it at this time. We have typically put the local receipts which are between 1.2 and 1.4m dollars and appropriated that into the capital stabilization along with some free cash. We are still looking at what those financing terms would look like. We would still need to pay that money back.

Mr. Errickson presented a quick 2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting Proposed Capital Improvement Program Proposal presentation.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Town Administrator's Appointments to the Personnel Board – REMOVED
- B. Approve Metrowest Regional Transit Authority's Contract Extension for the elderly and disabled Transportation services
- C. Weekly Warrant Review
- D. Approve Recreation and Parks August Donations from various program participants to offset Summer Programs

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 4-0-0 to Approve items B-D only of the Consent Agenda. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Hickey the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 4-0-0 to Adjourn the Select Board Meeting at 10:33PM. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

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Richard P. Jennett, Jr., Clerk

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

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