

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted Via Virtual Meeting (ZOOM Meeting)

August 26, 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; Diane Packer, Town Clerk, Jeremy Marsette, Director Department of Public Works, James Hicks, Chief of Police, James Freas, Director of Community Planning and Economic Development, Executive Assistant, Joan M. McNamara

ABSENT: None

Chair Freedman called the meeting to order at 6:10PM 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 8:00PM. Chair Freedman noted that we have two 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

On a Motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Jennett, 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 8:23PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Flu Clinics – not taken up this evening as details are still being coordinated.
- B. Parking for Election Days – Parking on Election Day: September 1 and November 3, 2020
In the past, the Select Board has allowed the Police Department to cover the meters on specific streets with a bag which says "Voter Parking Only". The use of the parking spaces will be limited to a maximum of one hour.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Mr. Linda Valentin, a Natick resident read a statement regarding racism and her personal experiences here in Natick. Mr. Freedman, Chair, stated that the Natick Select Board does not condone racism and this is one of the reasons that we are creating the Equity Task Force in the Town.

Debra Mitchell, another constituent, appeared this evening, stating that she started Black Lives Matter of Natick, and that she is also in support of the Valentins.

Daniel Zitnick, another Natick resident, also appeared this evening encouraging support for Mr. and Mrs. Valentin and their real estate project in Natick.

Martha Paynter also spoke during Citizens' Concerns asked how to get information about Community Meetings.

SELECT BOARD UPDATES

A. COVID-19

The Town Hall is still open by appointment only. One floor of the library is open and available for curbside pick-up.

COVID positive rate is still very low in Massachusetts. Natick is below 4% rate.

B. Roadway Construction Updates: Jeremy Marsette, Director of DPW, gave an overview

of roadway construction updates that are currently still ongoing.

- C. Marijuana Establishments – James Freas, Director of Community Planning and Economic Development presented a Memo and review of the Marijuana RFI Review Process Update at this evening's meeting. A full copy of Mr. Freas' Review process is attached to this evening's agenda. A small overview is as follows: All marijuana establishments, other than medical marijuana, interested in locating in Natick must first submit an application through the Marijuana Establishment Request for Information. The municipal staff review group reviews these applications and will provide recommendations regarding whether respondents should receive further consideration by the Select Board, including negotiation of a Host Community Agreement. As Town Meeting only allowed for there to be two Marijuana Retailer establishments, there was a submission deadline of June 8, 2020, otherwise, all other types of establishments are able to submit at any time. Further information on the review process, zoning, and other rules can be found at <https://www.natickma.gov/1556/Marijuana---Related-Uses>.

1. DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- A. Request from the Town Clerk to Approve the bagging of Parking Meters for election days
On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board voted 5-0-0, by Roll Call Vote, to approve the bagging of parking meters around the library area on the day of the State primary on September 1, 2020, and the general election on November 3, 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. Continuation of Public Hearing: Frescafe II, Inc. - Application for a S12 On Premise Beer and Malt Beverage License. The public hearing was opened on August 19, 2020 and has been continued to this evening. Representatives from the Frescafe II were available this evening and answered questions from the Board and the public.

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to close 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

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted 5-0-0, by Roll Call Vote, voted to approve the Application for a S12 On Premise Beer and Malt Beverage License to Frescafe II, Inc. The Board vote was as follows:

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

- C. Refer Fall Annual Town Meeting Articles to Planning Board: Mr. Hickey stated that there are 2 items here that he may have a direct or indirect interest in as an abutter. Therefore, noting that this referral action is ministerial in nature, Mr. Hickey recused himself from this Board vote in its entirety.

Article 1 Amend Zoning By-Laws: Amendment to Zoning Map – Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District (Select Board)

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

Article 4 Amend Zoning By-Laws: Downtown Mixed-Use District: Ground Floor Residential Uses (Select Board and Planning Board)

Article 5 Amend Zoning By-Laws: Incremental Parking Schedule (Select Board and Planning Board)

Article 6 Amend Zoning By-Laws: Parking in Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District (Select Board and Planning Board)

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

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

Article 11 Amend Zoning By-Laws: Single Family Residential Cluster Development (Planning Board)

Article 12 Option Overlay District ("ISLOOP") of the Town of Natick Zoning By-laws.

Article 13 Repeal Historical Preservation Smaller Estates Amendment (Town Moderator on behalf of Robert Awkward & Brad Peterson et al)

Article 14 Modify Historical Preservation Bylaw Amendment (Town Moderator on behalf of Beatrice Farr et al)

Article 17 To Amend Certain Provisions of Section III-I.2.2.5 of the Town of Natick Zoning By-laws (Sheryl Turner, et al.)

Article 18 Amend Home Occupation Dog Kennel Zoning (Town Moderator on behalf of Saul Beaumont et al)

Article 20 Amend Zoning By-Law to Create East Central Street Overlay District (Town Moderator on behalf of Julian Munnich et al)

Article 21 Amend Zoning By-Laws: Downtown Mixed Use Zoning Amendment (Town Moderator on behalf of Julian Munnich et al)

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 4-0-0 to refer the Fall Annual Town Meeting Articles listed on Ms. McNamara's Memo and incorporated above to the Planning Board. The Roll Call Vote was as follows

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

- D. Approve Special Town Meeting 2020 Warrant: A copy of the Warrant is attached to the agenda.

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to approve the Special Town Meeting 2020 Warrant. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

- E. Approve the Michael Terrace Order of Street Acceptance. This has already been approved at Town Meeting and tonight we are approving this as an administrative action only.

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0, to approve the Michael Terrace Order of Street Acceptance. 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. Select Board Appointment to the Board of Registrars for Nancy Northgraves
- B. Approve 72-76 South Ave. Local Action Unit Application
- C. Approve Central Mass Stormwater Coalition Contract
- D. Weekly Warrant Review

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, 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 Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Vote, voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the Select Board Meeting at 9:50PM. The Roll Call 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

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_____Select Board Meeting Minutes Approved by the Select Board on _____.

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