

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted Via Virtual Meeting (ZOOM Meeting)

March 10, 2021

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: Acting Town Administrator, Robert Rooney, Deputy Town Administrator, James Errickson, Deputy Town Administrator – Finance, John Townsend; Dorothy Blondiet, Director of Human Resources, Ted Fields, Community and Economic Development, Jeremy Marsette, Director of the DPW; 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. 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.

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 this evening at approximately 7:15PM. Mr. Freedman noted that we have 3 items for Executive Session and read the following:

- A. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(6), to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body - Rhode Island Avenue
- 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: PEC Agreement
<https://www.natickma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6381/Public-Employee-Committee--Agreement-FY-18-21>
- C. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 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 - Valentin v. Town of Natick Planning Board, 21 MISC 000004

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:

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

Open Session reconvened at 7:30, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Recognition of Natick Department of Public Works 100th Anniversary and Kick-off of Ongoing Celebration of DPW's "Century of Service"

Mr. Hickey opened up the presentation and discussed the 100th Anniversary of Natick's DPW. A Proclamation was also prepared by Mr. Hickey on behalf of the Board and read this evening. Once signed, the Proclamation will be displayed at the Department of Public Works.

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to accept the Proclamation for the 100th Anniversary of Natick's DPW. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

B. Annual Town Election

The Annual Town Election is scheduled for March 30, 2021. The polls will be open from 7AM-8PM on Election Day. Vote by mail regulations remain in effect and you may request a ballot by mail by filling out an application available on the Town Clerk's web page available at [www. Natickma.gov](http://www.Natickma.gov). The application must be signed and can be emailed to vote@natickma.org, dropped in the mail slot at the right of the front door of Town Hall or mailed to Town Clerk, 13 East Central St., Natick, MA 01760. Feel free to call (508) 647-6459 if you have any election questions.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

A Natick resident, Josh Ostroff, took a moment to recognize Chair Freedman, and all the work that he has done over the years as well as the contributions that Mr. Freedman's family have made.

Patricia Demeo, a resident of Wellesley road, Natick, spoke for a few minutes this evening and stated that it is her opinion that the Review Group's retail marijuana recommendations and ranking memo to the Select Board dated October 13, 2020, were bias.

Tom Civitenga also spoke during Citizens' Concerns and expressed concern that children will be living very close to a "pot shot" and also echoed the sentiments of Ms. Demeo.

Carolan Gozzi also spoke during Citizens' Concerns and asked that the Select Board take the Bernie and Phyl's approved location off of the marijuana overly zoned map.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

A. Accept Donations to the Cochituate Rail Trail

John Gregory, President, Friends of Natick Trails was present this evening to present the Donations for Acceptance to the Cochituate Rail Trail.

On a Motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to accept and acknowledge the donations listed in the March 7, 2021 memorandum to the Natick Select Board from the Friends of Natick Trails, said funds to be reserved for Cochituate Rail Trail maintenance and enhancements to help the Town maintain the CRT in a state of good condition consistent with the intent of these donations. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

B. Natick Center Art Improvements:

Ms. Athena Pandolf with Natick Center Cultural District is present this evening along with Ted Fields from the Community and Economic Development Department. Ms. Pandolf is seeking approval for the art for the proposed safety bump-outs at the intersection of Main and Central Streets. She also added that these were first reviewed by the Placemaking committee and the MCAD Public Art Committee. Ms. Pandolf also provided diagrams to show how they would look.

1. Approval of roadway surface art as selected by the Cultural District Public Art Committee in the five pedestrian safety "bump outs" at the intersection/crosswalk of Main and Central Streets.

On a Motion by Ms. Adelman-Foster seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 4-1-0 to Approve the recommendations of the Cultural District Public Art Committee with respect to the roadway art. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ms. Adelman-Foster:	Yes
Mr. Jennett:	Yes
Ms. Salamoff:	Yes
Mr. Hickey:	No
Mr. Freedman:	Yes

2. Approval of the final Natick Center Placemaking Strategy

On Motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to Accept the final Natick Center Placemaking Strategy. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

C. Overview 2021 Roadway Improvement Program -Part 1

Jeremy Marsette, Director of the Department of Public Works, was present this evening and made a presentation to the Board with his overview of the 2021 Roadway Improvement Program. This full presentation is attached to this evening's agenda.

D. Continuation of FY2022 Budget Discussion

Mr. Townsend, Deputy Town Administrator for Finance, is with us this evening to present a "Forecast Update" to the Select Board. Mr. Townsend's full presentation is attached to this evening's agenda. Mr. Townsend noted that this is only a forecast and not a budget.

E. Update on FY2022 Capital Plan

James Erickson, Deputy Town Administrator, Operations, presented a Capital Improvement Program Update by providing the Board with an updated presentation for FY2022-2026. The presentation is attached to this evening's agenda and dated March 10, 2021.

F. SATM 2021 WarrantArticles

1. Article 18 Appropriate Contingency Funds for Phase 2 of the West Natick Fire Station Building Project

2. Article 22 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 move favorable action for Article 22 to Town Meeting. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

3. Article 23 Accept State Legislation Allowing Lower Speed Limits
4. Consider any other warrant articles to discuss for the Spring Annual Town Meeting

The Board has decided to review items number 1, 3, and 4 above to an off-cycle meeting at a date yet to be determined.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Authorize Chair to sign letter to the Governor in support of Local Board of Health Vaccination Programs
- B. Approve Common Victualer License for Hot Doogy
- C. Approve Recreation and Parks Commission Recommendation of Approval for use of the Natick Common for:
 1. The Natick Cultural District to run the Farmers Market every Saturday between 7:30am until 1:30pm beginning on March 8, 2021, and ending on September 25, 2021, excluding the use of the gazebo;
 2. Janice Vaughn to place a Floral Heart Display on the common at 5:00pm on March 1, 2021 through March 8, 2021,
- D. Procurement Officer Award Contracts
 1. Contract Item A - Award Materials Complete Streets Prioritization
 2. Contract Item B- Award/Contract Amendment 1 - South Main Street Engineering

- E. Weekly Warrant Review
- F. Approve for Signature MOU with Framingham on the CRT Bridge over Route 30
- G. Authorize Chair to sign letters to MassDOT on Route 9/27 interchange and to Boston MPO on FY2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan
- H. Approve Senior Center and Community Services Request to Accept Donation from the Friends of the Natick Senior Center

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0, to approve the Consent Agenda Items A, B, C2, D, E, F, G, and H. 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 Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by roll call vote, voted 5-0-0 to approve the Recreation and Parks Commission recommendation for use of the common by the Natick Cultural District to run the Farmers Market every Saturday from 7:30am – 1:30pm beginning on May 8, 2021 and ending September 25, 2021, excluding use of the gazebo. 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 Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to Adjourn the Select Board Meeting at 11:22PM. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Michael J. Hickey, Jr., Clerk

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

All documents used at this Select Board meeting are available at:

<https://naticktown.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=916&MinutesMeetingID=-1&doctype=Agend>

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