

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted Via Virtual Meeting (ZOOM Meeting)

May 5, 2021

6:00 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Town Administrator, Robert Rooney, James Freas, Director of Community and Economic Development, Jeremy Marsette, Director of Dept. of Public Works, Jillian Wilson-Martin, Sustainability Coordinator; Executive Assistant, Joan M. McNamara

ABSENT: None

Chair Adelman-Foster called the meeting to order at 6:02PM and noted that the Meeting is being recorded by Pegasus and Zoom. Chair Adelman-Foster also noted that all votes taken will be by Roll Call Vote.

Chair Adelman-Foster states that she will read the four items for Executive Session this evening 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 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 - Local 1707, Int'l Assoc. of Firefighters and Thomas Forance v. Town of Natick, Docket No. 1749-CV-354
- C. 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 - Scott Lacerra and Town of Natick, CSC No. I-20-177
- D. 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 - NEPBA Local 182 Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, section 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 negotiation/valuation of the public body - 76 and 82 Rockland St., Natick, MA

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

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

Open session resumed at 8:15PM

Chair Adelman-Foster noted that the under the “reactions” button on Zoom you will find the raise hand button. If you are dialing in by phone kindly press *9 to raise your hand and *6 to mute and unmute your phone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed for those who have lost their lives in service to the ideals of this country.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Mathworks Scholarship Recipients

Greg Cohen on behalf of Mathworks is present this evening to present the scholarship to this year's recipients:

1. Nolan Palmer, the first scholarship recipient is present this evening to accept the scholarship. Nolan has straight A's for his entire High School academic record. He has an extensive resume and has even learned to fly a plane. Nolan will be attending the Colorado School of Mines.
2. Timothy Stecko is also receiving the scholarship this evening and is present before the Select Board. Timothy is an Eagle Scout and maintained 8 AP classes during his High School years. Timothy is interested in studying robotics and will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

On a motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to confirm Mr. Stecko and Mr. Palmer as recipients of the Mathworks Scholarship for 2021. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

B. Natick Housing Authority Vacancy

The Select Board are currently accepting applications for one vacancy on the Natick Housing Authority. The Natick Housing Authority (NHA) is a public body, politic and corporate, established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 121B whose primary mission is to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing opportunities, thereby improving the quality of life for those of low income, including families, those with disabilities and elders.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Jillian Martin, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke during Citizens' Concerns to announce that the next Charles River Dam meeting will be on May 17, 2021. The Committee will be considering options whether to repair the dam or return it to its original state. Residents are invited to attend this meeting and additional meetings on May 25th and May 26th. Please visit <https://www.natickma.gov/1676/Charles-River-Dam>

Ms. Patricia Demeo also spoke during Citizens' Concerns and noted that she was calling in to our Zoom meeting this evening as she stated that she could not enter the meeting on her computer via zoom tonight as something was prohibiting her to do so.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

A. Annual recognition of the National Public Works Awareness Week

The Select Board is presenting a Resolution this evening in honor of National Public Works Week which is May 16-23rd of 2021. Unfortunately, the Open House, which is usually scheduled once a year, will once again be on hold this year due to COVID-19. Instead, the Department of Public Works will be graciously taking donations for the Natick Service Council once again.

Mr. Hickey read this year's Resolution, as attached to this evening's agenda.

On a motion Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0, to approve the National Public Works Resolution. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

B. Approve Modification of Farmers' Market Approval

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Salamoff the Board, by roll call vote, voted 5-0-0,

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to amend and modify the prior authorization and permission for the Farmers' Market commencing May 8, 2021, to the extent necessary to allow set-up on Park Street, the bagging of parking meters on the west side of Park Street, the closure of the sidewalk on the west side of Park Street, with the understanding that meters will be bagged on that west side from 8:00am-1:30pm and meters along Common Street to be bagged for loading and unloading from 8:00am to 9:00am to free up S. Main Street and eliminate the need for closure of S. Main Street. starting Saturday, May 8, 2021. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

C. Water and Sewer Abatement Policy Update

Mr. Erickson, Deputy Town Administrator, gave an update on the work that has been done to update the old Water and Sewer Abatement Policy. This policy has not been updated by the Board since 2016. Both the policy from 2016 and the proposed Updated policy are attached to this evening's agenda. Mr. Erickson noted that in the end, the ratepayer can still appeal any decision of the Deputy Town Administrator, but clarifies what the Deputy Town Administrator can be requested to abate and what he does not have the authority to abate.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes February 10, 2021

Meeting Minutes February 24, 2021

Meeting Minutes February 16, 2021

B. Procurement Officer Award Contract

1. Contract Award Guardrail/Natick Public Works

C. Approve Lookout Farm and The Center for the Arts' Request for two one day Entertainment Licenses

D. Reappoint Todd Gillenwater to both the Information Advisory Board and the Cable Advisory Board

E. Reappoint Athena Pandolf to the Economic Development Committee

F. Reappoint Joseph Attia to the Economic Development Committee

G. Reappoint Douglas Landry to the Economic Development Committee

H. Reappoint Judith Sabol to the Council on Aging

I. Reappoint Wayne Szretter to Recreation and Parks Commission

J. Reappoint Salvatore Alessi to the Historical Commission

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- K. Reappoint David Krentzman to the Cultural Council
- L. Reappoint Christopher Milford to the Historic District Commission
- M. Reappoint Ralph Letner to the Elderly Disabled Taxation Fund Committee
- N. Approve Natick Center Cultural District's Requests:
 - 1. To hang a Banner from May 24th through June 6, 2021
 - 2. To Approve Sidewalk Sales for several dates as listed in the attached Request.
 - 3. To Approve the hosting of Natick Nights during the months of June and July

On a Motion by Hickey, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to Approve the Consent Agenda Items 7(b) through 7(n) inclusive. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

On a Motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 4-0-1 to Approve the Consent Agenda Items 7(a). The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Mr. Jennett	Yes
Ms. Salamoff	Yes
Mr. Hickey	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Abstain
Ms. Adelman-Foster	Yes

SELECT BOARD CONCERNS

Mr. Hickey wished to thank everyone involved in Town Meeting for their hard work especially the Town Moderator and Town Clerk.

Mr. Jennett also wish to Thank Bob Rooney, Acting Town Administrator, for his service to the Town, noting that this is not an easy role to fill.

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 9:22PM. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

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Michael J. Hickey, Jr. Clerk

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

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<https://naticktown.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=919&MinutesMeetingID=-1&doctype=Agend>