

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted Via Virtual Meeting (ZOOM Meeting)

July 28, 2021

6:30PM

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, James Errickson, Jeremy Marsette, Director of Dept. of Public Works, Arthur Goodhind, Town of Natick Tree Warden; Diane Packer, Town Clerk; Executive Assistant, Joan M. McNamara

ABSENT: None

Chair Adelman-Foster called the meeting to order at 6:34PM 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 noted that 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 sacrificed their lives for the ideals of this country.

PUBLIC SPEAK

None this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

SELECT BOARD UPDATES

- A. Update Sherborn Sewer Extension Project – the Board will be asked if they choose to sponsor this as a warrant article on the FATM warrant.

Mr. Errickson, Acting Town Administrator, stated that he wished to provide an update on the proposed Intermunicipal Agreement that is being requested of the Town of Natick and the Town of Sherborn with regard to a proposed affordable housing project in Sherborn that connects to the Town sewer. A full summary of the legal processes for the proposed sewer services from Natick into the contemplated developments in Sherborn is attached to this evening’s agenda as well as a request for sewer service from Pulte Homes, a rendered site plan and a locus plan.

Mr. Erickson noted that as of today, we are still making progress through Town Counsel with the project and the agreement itself. There is a request to have the Select Board sponsor the Intermunicipal Agreement at Fall Annual Town Meeting.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

A. Appeal regarding Tree Removal in the vicinity of 120 South Main St. and 4 Elmwood Avenue

A packet of information is attached to the agenda this evening regarding a request to appeal a public shade tree removal objection for trees in the vicinity of 4 Elmwood Ave. and 120 South Main Street. Arthur Goodhind, the Town of Natick Tree Warden, and Jeremy Marsette, Director of the DPW were present this evening to ask the Select Board to hear the Petitioner's Request to appeal the tree removal. Mr. Goodhind noted that he was petitioned to remove 4 trees in this area. For a full description of the property, please see the packet of materials attached to the agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 2-3-0 to direct the tree warden to remove tree numbers 1161, 1162 and to prune tree numbers 1163 and 1164. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

Mr. Jennett	Yes
Ms. Salamoff	No
Mr. Hickey	No
Mr. Joseph	No
Ms. Adelman-Foster	Yes

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 3-2-0 to clear cut trees 1161, 1162, 1163 and 1164. The Roll Call Vote was follows":

Mr. Jennett	No
Ms. Salamoff	Yes
Mr. Hickey	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes
Ms. Adelman-Foster	No

B. Joint Meeting of the Select Board and Natick Housing Authority

1. Interview and interim Appointment of new member

The Select Board and Natick Housing Authority members met this evening and held a joint meeting to interview Ms. Kimberly Condon for an interim appointment to the Natick Housing Authority. A quorum of both Boards were present this evening as well as Ms. Condon. Ms. Condon's resume is attached to this evening's agenda. Both Boards interviewed Ms. Condon and voted the following:

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Select Board voted, by Roll Call vote, to appoint Ms. Condon for an interim appointment to the Natick Housing Authority until the next election. 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. Bazaz, seconded by Ms. Ball, the Natick Housing Authority voted 4-0-0 to appoint Ms. Condon to an interim appointment to the Natick Housing Authority until the next election. Chair Adelman-Foster stated that the motion stands and Ms. Condon has been appointed.

C. Reprecincting Process

Diane Packer, Town Clerk, was before the Board this evening to outline the Reprecincting Process. Ms. Packer noted that every ten years a U.S. Census is done which requires us to reprecinct. This process is at the State, Federal and local level. This year the census was done primarily through electronic means. Ms. Packer also stated that during this time, all Town Meeting members will need to stand for re-election on the March, 2022 ballot.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Meeting Minutes May 5, 2021
- B. Approve Municipal Employee Exemption for Recreation and Parks Department Summer Program
- C. Weekly Warrant Review
- D. Reappoint Steve Evers to the Historical Commission
- E. Approve Drainage Easements for Cochituate Street and Washington Avenue
- F. Approve Municipal Employee Exemptions for Recreation and Parks Department Summer Program
- G. Approve the Center for Arts Request to Occupy a Public Way on August 19, 2021

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

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the Consent Agenda items: A, B, C, D, F and G. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

After a brief discussion by the Board regarding Item E of the Consent Agenda, Mr. Jennett motioned, and Mr. Hickey seconded to Approve Item E of the Consent Agenda. The Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to approve Item E. 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. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0 to Adjourn the Select Board Meeting at 8:47PM. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Michael J. Hickey, Jr. Clerk

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

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