

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES
Meeting Conducted Via Virtual Meeting and
in person at Edward H. Dlott Meeting Room
October 6, 2021
6:30 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator, James Errickson, Director of Department of Public Works, Jeremy Marsette; and Executive Assistant, Joan M. McNamara

ABSENT: None

Chair Adelman-Foster called the meeting to order at 6:32PM and noted that the Meeting is being recorded by Pegasus and Zoom.

Chair Adelman-Foster noted that for Zoom participants, under the “reactions” button 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 in service to this country.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Fluoride Supply Shortage - Drinking Water

Mr. Marsette noted that Wellesley will supply Natick with a fluoride supply for two months and we have arranged pick-up. We don’t anticipate any interruption of the fluoride process. Mr. Marsette will be sending a letter to the Town of Wellesley thanking them for their help.

PUBLIC SPEAK

None this evening

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- A. Public Hearing: Street Layout Acceptance On the layout and acceptance of a portion of Fern Street, a portion of Fairview Avenue, Collins Avenue in its entirety, Green Street in its entirety, Lakeview Avenue in its entirety, Moore Street in its entirety, Whitcomb Street in its entirety, and Windsor Avenue in its entirety as shown on a plan entitled “Street Acceptance Plan of Land in Natick

Massachusetts, Middlesex County – South District” dated September 27, 2021 prepared by DGT Associates, Inc.

Mr. Hickey read the Public Hearing notice for this item and on a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted 5-0-0 to open the public hearing 5-0-0

Mr. Marsette, Director of Dept. of Public Works, is available this evening to discuss Street Layout Acceptance. Attached to this evening’s agenda are attachments which show maps of this area, Orders of Taking, a public hearing notice and a memo to the Select Board.

Mr. Marsette noted that in coordination with the Select Board’s Five Year Roadway Improvement Plan and recent practice, the Department is pursuing the public acceptance of roadways to be improved during calendar year 2022. The ‘Fairview Terrace’ neighborhood was previously identified and included on the Five Year Improvement Plan. This neighborhood is a patchwork of public roadways and unaccepted private roadways. To complete a comprehensive neighborhood-wide project the unaccepted roadways in the neighborhood should be publicly accepted.

Several members of the public commented about the proposed street acceptances and would like more information. Town Administrator Erickson took the names and phone numbers of the citizens and will get back to them to answer additional questions.

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted 5-0-0 to close the public hearing.

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the Board voted 5-0-0 to accept the street layout as described in the Public Hearing notice with respect to: Collins Avenue in its entirety, a portion of Fairview Avenue, Fern Street, Green Street in its entirety, Lakeview Avenue in its entirety, Moore Street in its entirety, Whitcomb Street in its entirety and Windsor Avenue in its entirety, as shown on the Plan entitled “Street Acceptance Plan of Land in Natick, Massachusetts, Middlesex County South District” and dated September 27, 2021, prepared by DGT Associates, Inc., and to take all necessary and proper action to effectuate the street layout.

ARTICLE 20 - Street Acceptance – Collins Avenue, Fairview Avenue, Fern Street, Green Street, Lakeview Avenue, Moore Street, Whitcomb Street, Windsor Avenue

On a Motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted 5-0-0 to recommend favorable action for the Fall Annual Town Meeting Article 20, as listed above.

B. Continued public hearing for 2022 license fees

Attached to this evening’s agenda is a memorandum from Town Administrator, James Erickson, as well as two documents which list the 2020 and 2021 Licensing fees.

Mr. Errickson noted that given the continued impact on the restaurant industry caused by the pandemic, including the post-pandemic impacts on staffing and supplies, it is his recommendation to keep the fees the same as they are currently set for CY2021. Although the revenue generated by licensing fees is fairly significant, the reduced fees are more important to support the local restaurant industry still struggling to recover from the effects of the pandemic.

For reference, the attached spreadsheet outlines 3 revenue scenarios; pre-pandemic fees generating an estimated \$199,000, 25% reduced fees for S12 licenses generating an estimated \$164,000 (less \$35,000), and 50% reduced fees for S12 licenses generating an estimated \$129,000 (less \$70,000).

On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board voted 5-0-0 to close the public hearing.

On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board voted 5-0-0 to accept the recommendation of Town Administration to keep the 2022 licensing fees as they were agreed to in 2021.

C. Consider 2021 FATM Warrant Articles:

Article 14 - Amend By-Laws: Dates of Spring Annual Town Meeting & Submission of Fiscal Documents;

Mr. Errickson noted that Article 14 is a proposed set of By-law amendments that has previously been discussed with this Board.

Article 14 proposes to make modifications to the Town's budget review process dates. There are two motions (A&B) and a submission deadline of preliminary budget to first business day in March. Motion A requests to move the start of the Annual Spring Town Meeting from two weeks after the local election to four weeks after the local election. Motion B seeks to adjust the submission date of the preliminary budget from the first day in January to the first business day in March.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the Board voted 5-0-0 to recommend favorable action for Motion A and Motion B for Article 14.

Article 16 - Amend Bylaws: Personnel Bylaw Amendments;

Mr. Errickson referred back to a previous discussion regarding Article 16 and noted that Town Administration will only be adding the Juneteenth Holiday at this time.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board voted 5-0-0 to recommend favorable action for Article 16 regarding the Juneteenth holiday.

Article 25 - Appropriate Funds for New Zoning and Capital Improvement Planning for the Golden Triangle Area;

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board voted 5-0-0 to take no action on Article 25.

Article 26 - Amend Zoning By-Laws: Agri-Tourism Accessory Use;

On a motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted 5-0-0 to support favorable action on Article 26.

Article 29 - Amend Zoning By-Laws: Limited Salesroom for Motor Vehicles

On a motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted 5-0-0 to support favorable action on Article 29.

SELECT BOARD UPDATES:

- A. Natick Days 2021 Video submitted by Natick Resident Don Porter.

The Select Board played a video that was submitted by Natick resident Don Porter from Natick Days, 2021.

Chair Adelman-Foster read the two item for Executive Session this evening and noted that the Board will be adjourning from Executive Session this evening and not returning to Open Session.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to enter into Executive Session. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 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.
- E. 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 - Natick Patrol Officers' Association, Local 496, Massachusetts Coalition of Police

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Michael J. Hickey, Jr. Clerk

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

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