

**Natick Finance Committee**

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**Town of Natick Finance Committee**

**Meeting Date: October 5, 2021**

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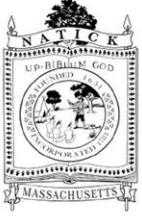
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Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Evans

Secretary

Natick Finance Committee



**TOWN OF NATICK**

Meeting Notice

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**Natick Finance Committee**

<b><u>DAY, DATE AND TIME</u></b>
October 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM
<b><u>PLACE OF MEETING</u></b>
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## **MEETING AGENDA**

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1. Call to Order
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence
  - b. Advisement of Pegasus Live Broadcast and Recording for On-Demand Viewing
  - c. Review of Meeting Agenda and Ordering of Items
2. Announcements
3. Public Comments
  - a. [Committee policy & procedures available via this link and also at the meeting location](#)
4. Meeting Minutes
  - a. Review & Approve Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2021, September 23, 2021, and September 28, 2021
5. New Business
  - a. Possible Reconsideration of Article 14 - Amend By-Laws: Dates of Spring Annual Town Meeting & Submission of Fiscal Documents
  - b. Possible reconsideration of Article 16 - Amend Bylaws: Personnel Bylaw Amendments
6. 2021 Fall Town Meeting Warrant Articles - Public Hearing
  - a. Article 8: PEG Access and Cable Related Fund
7. Committee and Sub-Committee Scheduling
  - a. Committee Update- West Natick Fire Station
  - b. Update on upcoming Committee and Subcommittee meetings
8. Committee Discussion (for items not on the agenda)
9. Adjourn

Meeting may be televised live and recorded by Natick Pegasus. Any times listed for specific agenda items are approximate and not binding. Please note the committee may take the items on this agenda out of order.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hossam Behery, Member  
Dirk Coburn, Member  
David Coffey, Member  
Cathy Coughlin, Member  
Bruce Evans, Secretary  
Todd Gillenwater, Vice-Chairman  
Kat Monahan, Member  
Richard Pope, Member  
Chris Resmini, Member  
Patti Sciarra, Member  
Phil Rooney, Member  
Linda Wollschlager, Chairperson

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jeff DeLuca, Member  
Bill Grome, Member

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Linda Wollschlager, Chairperson.

Announcements – None

### Public Comments

Mr. Rooney asked whether Town Administration had an update on the status of availability of blue trash bags. Mr. Errickson said this issue was brought to his attention yesterday, and we are currently researching this with the supply vendor. We have not officially heard from the supply vendor themselves of any supply issues, but we hope we will have an answer ASAP. Through the DPW, we are reaching out to the vendors to pinpoint what the supply issues are and how we can remedy the supply availability issue.

### West Natick Fire Station Building Committee update

Mr. Patrick Hayes, Chairman, West Natick Fire Station Building Committee provided a brief update on the status of the building project. To provide a little bit of context, this effort started over a decade ago, through a number of different iterations and feasibility studies. At the 2016 Spring Annual Town Meeting, Town Meeting approved an appropriation for the original design effort for \$560,000. Subsequently, at 2017 Spring Annual Town Meeting, Town Meeting appropriated an additional \$665,000 for design changes. Then, a debt exclusion article was approved by 2017 Fall Annual Town Meeting and town residents voted to support the \$15,560,000 debt exclusion, which brought us to a total budget of \$16,785,000. Last year, at 2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting, Town Meeting supported an additional supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 to support Phase two, given the amount of cost overruns, due to mostly unforeseen circumstances for the project.

The project itself was broken up into two Phases. Phase 1 is the primary and the substantially largest portion of the project, which is the building of the fire station itself. Phase 1 is essentially complete, we have a temporary certificate of occupancy (CO) issued by the Building Commissioner's office and the Fire Department moved into the station since the temporary CO was approved. From a Phase 1 one perspective, we are going through a punch list, which is not unexpected for a project of this size and are working with the general contractor and their subcontractors to work through this list. A month and a half ago, based on procedure process and timing, the Building Committee requested that the general contractor monetize the punch list which meant that the general contractor had a certain number of days to complete the items on that punch list. The Committee identified the cost in the contract itself for all of those different items, and should the contractor not finish those things on the monetized punch list in the allotted time, the money would revert back to the town and the town would then have the freedom to hire its own tradespersons to complete that work and pay whatever the cost would be whether that was less than equal to or more than the monetized amount. As of October 1, we are close to completing everything on the monetized punch list and Mr. Hayes said he is waiting for an update from our Owner's Project Manager (OPM) and architect to get a final status. But my understanding is we are very close to having the list completed

Phase 2 is the demolition of the old fire station and includes work that was not in the original design for the sidewalks around the curve going to the exit ramp coming off of Speen Street. It also includes the final curb cuts and asphalt for a portion of the property itself and the building of a pocket park. The start of Phase 2 was delayed by a couple months because we were waiting for the electric utility company (EverSource) to take the utility poles down. Once that work was completed, the old fire station was demolished and work began on the stormwater management setup. This work was delayed while we waited for delivery of a very large tank for the storm water system provided to us through the concrete casting company. This cost us time and money because we're obligated to pay our contractors and subcontractors (trades), but is a nominal amount in the scheme of the entirety of the project. The Committee expects Phase 2 to be completed by December 1 since everything is in the ground, the stormwater management infrastructure is in place in utilities are hooked up. The base layer of the driveway parking area, the curbing, and the sidewalk will be completed by December as well as most of the pocket park. The only things that will not be completed by December 1 will be landscaping and probably seating in certain areas, including the pocket park because the best course of action is to wait until next spring to do those plantings.

From a budget perspective, I mentioned earlier that we had an approximately \$16,785,000 total budget and the Committee anticipates being right on budget, with the \$100,000 supplemental budget that Town Meeting authorized the Committee to spend on Phase 2. We finished Phase 1 with a loss of about \$34,000, according to our current actuals and these costs will be covered by the savings that the Committee is going to drive through the effort of finalizing all of the different hold-backs from Phase 1. We're then going to be using the \$100,000 appropriated for Phase 2 to pay some of the bills that related to Phase 2 delays, including pricing increases for certain materials. We anticipate spending \$83,000, but will not exceed \$100,000 and we won't know that until at least the beginning of December Phase 2 work is substantially completed

#### Questions from the Committee - None

Mr. Pope moved to open the public hearing on 2021 Fall Annual Town Meeting warrant articles, seconded by Mr. Evans, voted 11 – 0 – 0.

#### Roll-call vote:

Mr. Behery = yes	Ms. Monahan = yes
Mr. Coburn = yes	Mr. Pope = yes
Mr. Coffey = yes	Mr. Rooney = yes
Ms. Coughlin = yes	Ms. Sciarra = yes
Mr. Evans = yes	Ms. Wollschlager = yes
Mr. Gillenwater = yes	

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

Ms. Wollschlager said the Committee will not be reconsidering Article 14 tonight and noted that a lot has transpired since the last time the Committee discussed this and she stated that it's important for the Town Administrator to provide this information and context so we can put it in the Recommendation Book and give a thorough explanation for Town Meeting about Article 14.

Mr. Errickson thanked the Committee for all the work that was put into review of Article 14. He said this is his third time presenting this to the Finance Committee: the first time being just to explore the intent of Article 14; the second was when we actually proposed or discuss the motions, and now I was prepared to bring forward a reconsideration option for Article 14. However, Mr. Errickson said he thought it best to hold off on doing that at this time. Article 14 came to fruition out of several discussions over the summer between town administration and school administration, where we acknowledged that there are some difficulties in accommodating the budgeting process on the town and school side leading into a January 1 budget submission as required by the bylaws. Combined with that, we also recognize that having Town Meeting start two weeks following the local election really did a number of things. Having Town Meeting start two weeks after the local election is a little disjointed because Town Meeting starts and then is paused because there's a school vacation week, and then Town Meeting resumes the following week. The thought was if we can push out the start of Town Meeting to just after the school vacation week, which is four weeks after the local election, it would allow us in time at the front end of the budget submission process, maybe push out the budget submission some time as well. Mr. Errickson said that he reached out to the Chairs and Members of various boards and committees, the Moderator, and the Select Board to discuss this and these discussions help me understand that there are challenges today. A universal theme in my discussions is that there are significant challenges in how the budget submission and budget review process work. However, adjusting the timing of the submission needs to come with an understanding as to what other things are happening at the same time that we're trying to do the budget. It comes into play with the submission of Town Meeting warrant articles and the Town Meeting process. During the past

week, Mr. Errickson convened a meeting of Chairs from the Finance Committee, the School Committee, the Select Board, and Town Administration and School Administration, the Town Clerk and the Moderator to talk through what we could do for Article 14 in preparation for Town Meeting for a proposed motion. We came up with a plan that included a multi-pronged approach and required multiple commitments from all those boards and committees.

- Motion A to move the start of Town Meeting from two weeks to four weeks following the local election.
- Motion B would seek to move the submission of the preliminary budget from first business day in January to the first business day in March.

However, in conjunction with moving budget date to March 1, the thinking at the time was that we could also work with the Select Board to adjust the timing of when the Town Meeting warrant would close so that the Finance Committee and the public could have more time to review Town Meeting articles in advance of Town Meeting. Unfortunately, Section two of the Town Charter puts an obligation on the Select Board to have a 60 day timeframe for when the Town Meeting warrant can close in advance of Spring Annual Town Meeting. Our initial interpretation was that we could shift that to later than 60 days, meaning it could have been moved to 75 or even 90 days. However, following that meeting, and in advance of this meeting, further conversations with legal counsel that the Select Board could not change the number of days from 60 days. That was a game changer and Mr. Errickson said he felt it prudent to take a step back with the article and not bring this proposal forward for reconsideration at this time and noted that it's best for the minds to reconvene and think through what this means for Article 14 and see if there's something that can be brought forward to Town Meeting. If there is, we may bring something forward to Town Meeting and if not, we'll seek No Action on Town Meeting floor. Currently there's no positive main motion from the Finance Committee so it is possible to introduce a positive main motion to Town Meeting floor. Mr. Errickson said he would keep the Finance Committee Chair apprised of discussions leading up to Town Meeting on Article 14. Mr. Errickson reiterated that it felt disingenuous to bring forward a proposal that had not been fully communicated with the parties that are most impacted by this, including the Finance Committee, School Committee and many others.

Ms. Wollschlager noted that the Moderator and Town Clerk both attended the meeting with the Town Administrator and invited them to add their perspective on Article 14.

Ms. Diane Packer, Town Clerk said she supports the idea of making this work for the Finance Committee, town administration, the school department, and all the other parties involved. She noted that Motion A which changes the start of Town Meeting to the week after school vacation week is a really good option. She noted that following the local election and prior to the start of Town Meeting, she often is still working to appoint Town Meeting members so it would certainly help to have an extra two weeks. The appointment of Town Meeting members can be complicated because write-in candidates need to be contacted and asked whether they are willing to join Town Meeting. In addition, there are times when she conducts a lottery to determine who gets a seat if there are more write-ins than available seats. Since these lotteries are public meetings, a 48 hour notice is required and she said she has to notify the people that they were written in. The timeframe is tight at best and I would support that and work with the Town Administrator or the Moderator to the School Committee and School department to see what we can do and how we can best address all of the issues for people that are going forward as we go forward.

Mr. Frank Foss, Moderator stated that he is glad that the Town Administrator gave that overview and agreed that the best course of action at this point is not to request reconsideration and follow the path he discussed. Mr. Foss noted that, assuming Article 14 passes, the conversation needs to be continued because there are other things that we can look at, that can be perfected, that will help in all of our processes, getting through the legislative side of the house.

#### Possible reconsideration of Article 16 - Amend Bylaws: Personnel Bylaw Amendments

Mr. Errickson said the original intent of this Article is much broader than what is being sought tonight and what most recently brought forth for reconsideration by this Committee. The most recent motion included adding the

Juneteenth holiday and adding the words Indigenous Peoples Day to the Columbus Day holiday in the list of the non-union personnel section of the bylaw, which is Article 24 of the town's general bylaws. However, in further review by legal counsel of state law and other practices, the recommendation was to hold off from renaming or even just adding the name Indigenous Peoples Day to the Columbus Day holiday. State law, actually, even though it's general practice, in many cases, for many agencies, and even our own School Department, has not officially changed at the state level. So to be consistent with state law, her recommendation was to keep it just Columbus Day. Columbus Day is the term used by the state agencies and we're just trying to keep it consistent. So the motion in front of the Committee tonight is to simply add the Juneteenth holiday to the list of holidays and the section in Article 24 of the town's bylaws.

#### Questions from the Committee

Mr. Coburn asked if there is any significant imaginable downside to having the designation not be exactly what's in state law in terms of a liability or anything that could cost the town anything? Mr. Errickson said, in his discussions with legal counsel, the short answer is that there is no downside to add the term Indigenous Peoples Day. He noted that legal counsel was concerned about the combining of the terms "Indigenous Peoples Day" & "Columbus Day" because it's not consistent with state law or state. Adding the term "Indigenous Peoples Day" is certainly something that we as a community may want to explore at some point in the near future. The addition of Juneteenth is recognition of the specific holiday that was added holiday per state law.

Ms. Monahan noted that, although there were no negative consequences, it may not be the best practice and requested clarification. Mr. Errickson said that Juneteenth is a state-termed holiday whereas Indigenous Peoples Day is not a state termed holiday. Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day can be a separate discussion to be had by the town at Town Meeting. Town Counsel recommended that we stay consistent with state law, not because there are perceived negative or unintended consequences, but just because that's a different sort of conversation or set of circumstances by which one might add that term to the holiday listing in our in our bylaws.

Mr. Gillenwater asked whether there are circumstances where we would want to keep our holiday schedule out of sync with the state or should we just incorporate their state holiday table by reference? Mr. Errickson said the town is obligated to provide state holidays regardless of whether or not they're in our bylaws. And because we are considered an agency of the state, we are obliged to follow state laws when it comes to adhering to and observing these holidays or holidays in general. There are some benefits to having Natick's holidays spelled out in the bylaws. For example, the day after Thanksgiving is specifically a day that the town has seen as a benefit to add to the listing of holidays and that is actually not a state holiday, per se. There's an added benefit of reiterating it for clarity for a town staff and helps us with our collective bargaining agreements with the unions to have it listed in our personnel bylaw for consistency sake.

Mr. Pope said he tried to look up other Massachusetts towns that have gone to Indigenous Peoples Day and found that there are 20 cities and towns that celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day. One example is Cambridge, which completely replaced Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day. Mr. Pope asked whether Town Counsel checked whether there were negative consequences that occurred as a result of those towns being out of sync with the state plan. Mr. Errickson said, from a legal perspective, there are no negative consequences by adding Indigenous Peoples Day or replacing the term. It's just the intent of adding Juneteenth is definitely required to be compliant with state law and having Indigenous Peoples Day added is a broader discussion at the town wide level that can be had at a future time.

Mr. Evans moved to reconsider Article 16, seconded by Mr. Gillenwater, voted 9 – 3 – 0.

#### Roll-call vote:

Mr. Behery = yes  
Mr. Coburn = no  
Mr. Coffey = yes  
Ms. Coughlin = yes

Ms. Monahan = yes  
Mr. Pope = no  
Mr. Resmini = no  
Mr. Rooney = yes

Mr. Evans = yes  
Mr. Gillenwater = yes

Ms. Sciarra = yes  
Ms. Wollschlager = yes

#### Debate:

Mr. Evans said he is of two minds on this. I understand what members are saying about this and was comfortable with the label of Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day. But from a solely legal point of view, it is Columbus Day at the state level. I agree that the town needs to have a more detailed conversation about this, either at Town Meeting and would like to see more research done on this and hopefully bring it back to Town Meeting.

Mr. Coffey stated that we should follow the legal recommendation of Town Counsel. This discussion needs to happen, but this is not the time and place to do it. You can simply pass what is legal and then move forward with the other issue when it's more appropriate. Mr. Coffey noted that he understands that 20 cities and towns have done this, but that means 331 have not. There is no state holiday for Indigenous People's Day yet, so we should not push something through because we feel that it's proper. Rather, we should simply do what is legal and then move the issue forward with the proper terminology.

Mr. Coburn noted that he is not heavily invested in either of these options and did not think there's anything that the town has to steer clear of, in any of the paths forward from this point, so is voting against reconsideration. Mr. Coburn said it bothers him when the Committee is a little too slavish to make sure we're in lockstep with the state because we also we have a certain autonomy and this is an area where other communities have shown some autonomy. The other thing that he likes about the existing motion is that it takes a topic that has been divisive in the long standing culture wars and splits the baby and puts a slash between two terms and lets them both stand there.

Mr. Beherry said he is not convinced that there is any legal issue for us to be independent when it comes to naming a holiday. Since there is no any legal issue there, the state cannot decide what we want to name a holiday, especially given that other communities have done it. Given the fact that Mr. Errickson promised that he's going to take that in consideration and work toward bringing the community together to get a positive outcome, he believes there will be a positive outcome.

Ms. Wollschlager noted that the Committee's previous vote was on September 21 (14 – 0 – 0 for favorable action and to put on the consent agenda).

Mr. Evans moved to recommend Favorable Action on Article 16 and to recommend that the Moderator put Article 16 on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Gillenwater, voted 11- 1 – 0

#### Roll-call vote:

Mr. Behery = yes  
Mr. Coburn = no  
Mr. Coffey = yes  
Ms. Coughlin = yes  
Mr. Evans = yes  
Mr. Gillenwater = yes

Ms. Monahan = yes  
Mr. Pope = yes  
Mr. Resmini = yes  
Mr. Rooney = yes  
Ms. Sciarra = yes  
Ms. Wollschlager = yes

Mr. Evans said the Committee spent a great deal of time on this and agreed that it's a great objective to get Indigenous Peoples day on in this calendar. Given that it's mostly a local implementation of the state calendar, he'd like to see that happen in the future. He also noted that in this Personnel Pay plan, there is a position for Diversity Officer which speaks volumes to the intention of Natick being a welcoming community. He stated that there is less concerned about the name Indigenous People's Day, and would like to see this discussion happen at a meeting. He noted that he is not sure if putting it on the consent agenda was such a good idea.



Mr. Gillenwater agreed with these statements.

Ms. Monahan acknowledged that matching what the state does is a fair point and that's why she voted for favorable action. She noted that she is disappointed that Indigenous Peoples Day is not being recognized, but also didn't like the calling it Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day and looks forward to the discussion at Town Meeting. She noted that the town is waiting on the town seal to be reviewed and on adding this holiday. She noted that she liked that we're adding a diversity officer, but was is not sure whether the town is really moving towards the reconciliation with indigenous people that she would hope Natick would move toward.

Mr. Coburn agree that it may not be a good idea to put it on the consent agenda and it would be beneficial for town meeting to engage in a broad-based conversation about it.

Mr. Pope noted that Town Meeting should give serious consideration, not to split the difference, but to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day. But that's something that's really for Town Meeting to decide and not for him as a member of the Finance Committee.

#### Article 8: PEG Access and Cable Related Fund

Deputy Town Administrator – Finance John Townsend

Mr. Townsend said this fund funds the public, educational and governmental television in Natick. The town collects funds from the cable providers in Natick and pays it to Natick Pegasus. Mr. Townsend thanked the Chair for putting this on the agenda for the last meeting before Town Meeting because they received updated numbers on Monday.

#### **MOTION**

Move that the Town vote to appropriate from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, established by vote of the 2019 Special Town Meeting #1, Article 1, as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53F ¾ of the General Laws, as amended, the sum of \$336,854.18 to fund PEG access programming.

Mr. Evans noted he could provide information that may help members who are newer to the Committee. This is, basically, a revolving fund that was set up to pass through the revenues that we pay to our cable providers as a fee to pay for PEG access, so this is a pass-through mechanism that accumulates those fees over the year and passes it on to Natick Pegasus.

Mr. Evans moved to recommend Favorable Action on Article 8 and to recommend to the Moderator that Article 8 be placed on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Gillenwater, voted 12- 0 – 0

#### Roll-call vote:

Mr. Behery = yes	Ms. Monahan = yes
Mr. Coburn = yes	Mr. Pope = yes
Mr. Coffey = yes	Mr. Resmini = yes
Ms. Coughlin = yes	Mr. Rooney = yes
Mr. Evans = yes	Ms. Sciarra = yes
Mr. Gillenwater = yes	Ms. Wollschlager = yes

Mr. Evans thanked Mr. Townsend for the many follow-up calls he made to the cable providers to get the fees so we can pass it on to Natick Pegasus and allow them to continue doing their great work.

Mr. Gillenwater agreed.

Mr. Evans moved to close the public hearing for the Fall Annual Town Meeting warrant articles, seconded by Mr. Gillenwater, voted 12- 0 – 0

Roll-call vote:

Mr. Behery = yes	Ms. Monahan = yes
Mr. Coburn = yes	Mr. Pope = yes
Mr. Coffey = yes	Mr. Resmini = yes
Ms. Coughlin = yes	Mr. Rooney = yes
Mr. Evans = yes	Ms. Sciarra = yes
Mr. Gillenwater = yes	Ms. Wollschlager = yes

Meeting Minutes Approval

*Mr. Gillenwater moved to approve, as amended, the August 24, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Wollschlager, voted 11 – 0 – 1*

Roll-call vote:

Mr. Behery = yes	Ms. Monahan = yes
Mr. Coburn = yes	Mr. Pope = yes
Mr. Coffey = yes	Mr. Resmini = yes
Ms. Coughlin = yes	Mr. Rooney = yes
Mr. Evans = yes	Ms. Sciarra = abstain
Mr. Gillenwater = yes	Ms. Wollschlager = yes

*Ms. Wollschlager moved to approve, as amended, the September 23, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Gillenwater, voted 12 – 0 –0*

Roll-call vote:

Mr. Behery = yes	Ms. Monahan = yes
Mr. Coburn = yes	Mr. Pope = yes
Mr. Coffey = yes	Mr. Resmini = yes
Ms. Coughlin = yes	Mr. Rooney = yes
Mr. Evans = yes	Ms. Sciarra = yes
Mr. Gillenwater = yes	Ms. Wollschlager = yes

*Mr. Gillenwater moved to approve, as amended, the September 28, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Wollschlager, voted 12 – 0 –0*

Roll-call vote:

Mr. Behery = yes	Ms. Monahan = yes
Mr. Coburn = yes	Mr. Pope = yes
Mr. Coffey = yes	Mr. Resmini = yes
Ms. Coughlin = yes	Mr. Rooney = yes
Mr. Evans = yes	Ms. Sciarra = yes
Mr. Gillenwater = yes	Ms. Wollschlager = yes

Ms. Wollschlager said the Committee will meet on Thursday where she hopes to wrap up all of our business. Further, she said that in conversation with the Town Administrator today, we may not have the free cash figure for the start of Fall Annual Town Meeting. Consequently, town administration will not use free cash to support any articles this fall. If we do get a free cash figure early enough in Town Meeting, there may be another meeting to decide what, if anything, we want to put into stabilization funds. Mr. Errickson had told her that the certified new tax levy growth would allow the town to fund the articles that will come before us on Thursday night through tax levy. This also means that town administration will be requesting no action on all the stabilization fund articles (general stabilization fund, the operational stabilization fund, and the capital stabilization fund).

Ms. Wollschlager noted that the Committee is looking for a representative to serve on the Fire Chief Screening Committee. Chief, Lentini is retiring next year and the Select board is looking to set up this search committee.

*Mr. Evans moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Coffey, voted 12 – 0 – 0*

Roll-call vote:

Mr. Behery = yes	Ms. Monahan = yes
Mr. Coburn = yes	Mr. Pope = yes
Mr. Coffey = yes	Mr. Resmini = yes
Ms. Coughlin = yes	Mr. Rooney = yes
Mr. Evans = yes	Ms. Sciarra = yes
Mr. Gillenwater = yes	Ms. Wollschlager = yes

**MEETING ADJOURNED 8:34 PM**