

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted in person in the
Edward H. Dlott Meeting Room and via Zoom
December 1, 2021
6:30PM

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, Jeremy Marsette, Director, Dept. of Public Works; Executive Assistant, Joan M. McNamara

ABSENT: None

Chair Adelman-Foster called the meeting to order at 6:35PM. Chair Adelman-Foster noted that we are being recorded by Zoom and Natick Pegasus.

Chair Adelman-Foster stated that she will read the 1 items for Executive Session this evening and read the following:

- A. 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

On a motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the Board, by Roll Call voted, voted 4-0-0 to enter Executive Session. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened at approximately 7:30PM

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.

PUBLIC SPEAK

None this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Recognize Natick first responders for their life-saving actions at the 125th Boston Marathon

Capt. Eric Williamson, Firefighter, Kyle Sammon, Firefighter, Jeff Libby, Firefighter, and Dan Gould were present this evening as the Select Board recognized this group for providing life-saving care for a runner who suffered a cardiac event at mile 8 of the Boston Marathon. Police Officer Scott Wade and Lieutenant Matt Mullen are also members of this group but were not present this evening.

B. Town Government Study Committee Draft Charge

Attached to this evening's agenda is a Draft Charge for the Town Government Study Committee. This is not on our agenda for a vote this evening but we are letting the public know the draft Charge is available for viewing.

APPOINTMENTS

A. Appointment to the Historical Commission

1. Ms. Maureen Mann is present before the Board this evening to interview as a new candidate for appointment to the Historical Commission. Ms. Mann's packet is attached to this evening's agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board voted 5-0-0, to appoint Ms. Mann to the Historical Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024.

B. Appointment to the Information Systems Advisory Board

1. Mr. Adam Johnson is present before the Board this evening to interview as a new candidate for appointment to the Information System Advisory Board. Mr. Johnson's packet is attached to this evening's agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted 5-0-0, to appoint Mr. Johnson to the Historical Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024.

C. Appointments to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board

Attached to this evening's agenda are packets of information for both candidates.

1. Gonzalo Puigbo – Mr. Puigbo is present this evening to interview as a new applicant for appointment to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board for 2-year term ending June 30, 2023.
2. Maritza Crossen – Ms. Crossen is present this evening to interview as a new applicant for appointment to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board

After both interviews and full discussion with the Board, Ms. Crossen agreed that she would step back and let Mr. Puigbo move forward to an appointment to the Board given that there is only one vacancy at this time. Ms. Crossen is still willing to attend meetings and contribute to the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Jennett, second by Ms. Salamoff, the Board voted 5-0-0, to appoint Mr. Puigbo to a two-year term on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, ending June 30, 2023.

- A. Discussion and voted on reappointments to the Commission on Disability - continued from 11/17/21

This item was not heard this evening and will be pushed to a future agenda.

SELECT BOARD UPDATES

- A. PFAS Water Update

Mr. Marsette, Director of the Dept. of Public Works was present this evening to give a quick update on PFAS in the water supply. We are not sure if the US EPA will set a limit for PFAS but currently they do not have one. We have a current deadline of December 31, 2021, to supply the Mass. DEP with a long-term corrective action plan for how we will correct and continue to monitor the PFAS.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- A. Water and Sewer Abatement Appeal
 1. Brendan Cain - 190 Mill St., Natick, MA

Mr. Cain was present this evening before the Board appealing the decision of his water and sewer abatement denial. Attached to this evening's agenda is a full packet of information including Mr. Cain's application, denial letter, usage report and request for appeal.

After a full discussion amongst the Board and with Mr. Cain, the Board will take this under advisement and bring it back to a future agenda for a full decision.

- B. Continuation of discussion of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Attached to this evening's agenda is the draft Charge for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. Mr. Hickey reviewed the draft and it was decided if there are any additional requests for changes they should be sent to Chair Adelman-Foster.

C. South Ave. Parking/Commuter Parking extension of lease

Mr. Erickson, Town Administrator, discussed the extension of the South Avenue parking lease with the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston. The Town still has not gained an understanding of what the commuter patterns are, so Mr. Erickson is proposing a one-year lease through December of 2022 which is attached to this evening's agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the South Avenue parking lease extension with the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, and to have Mr. Erickson sign the lease on behalf of the Board.

D. Parking Fees 2022

Mr. Erickson, Town Administrator, spoke on the topic of parking fees for the South Avenue parking lot. A memorandum is attached to this evening's agenda outlining all costs associated with the lot as well as the Town's proposed 2022 annual parking rate.

On a motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board voted 5-0-0, to set the parking rates at \$830.00 for Natick residents and \$1,200.00 for non-residents.

On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board voted 4-0-1, to set the business parking rates at \$385.00.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Meeting Minutes

1. June 10, 2021
2. June 13, 2021
3. June 17, 2021
4. July 28, 2021
5. August 11, 2021
6. August 25, 2021
7. September 8, 2021
8. September 9, 2021
9. October 4, 2021
10. October 6, 2021

B. Procurement Officer Award Contracts

1. Award - MS4 Support Services- year 4 (Professional Engineering Services) Second Renewal/Rights of Way Product Application
2. Second Renewal Mobile Crushing Services
3. Engineering Services for evaluation of potential sources of PFAS in drinking water

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- C. Weekly Warrant Review
Weekly Warrant November 23, 2021
Weekly Warrant November 30, 2021
- D. Approve Request from Natick Elks Lodge 1425, to hold a New Year's Eve party on December 31, 2021, and to extend liquor license by one hour
- E. Approve Application for a S12 Inn holders all alcohol license - DDH Hotel Natick Worcester, LLC, change in DBA from Crowne Plaza to The Verve Hotel.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve items B-E of the consent agenda.

Mr. Hickey addressed some minor changes be made to meeting Minutes. Ms. McNamara, Executive Assistant to the Select Board, acknowledged that the changes would be made.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve item A of the consent agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board voted 5-0-0 to adjourn this meeting at 9:50PM.

Bruce T. Evans, Clerk

December 1, 2021, Select Board Meeting Minutes Approved by the Select Board on _____

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