

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted in the Edward H. Dlott
Meeting Room and Via Zoom
May 25, 2022 at 6:30PM

PRESENT: Paul R. Joseph, Chair, Michael J. Hickey, Jr.; Vice-Chair, Bruce T. Evans, Clerk; Kathryn Coughlin

ALSO PRESENT: James Errickson, Town Administrator

ABSENT:

Chair Joseph called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed for those lives lost in Texas over the last 24 hours.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Nomination papers – Special Election

The Select Board recently announced that there will be a special election for the recently vacated seat on the Board. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13th.

Nomination papers will be available on Tuesday, June 1st in the Town Clerk's office. Candidates will need to get at least 25 signatures from registered voters in Natick. Nomination papers are due back to the Board of Registrars in the Town Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 28th. Please feel free to call the Clerk's office at (508) 647-6430 X4 or email: townclerk@natickma.org or vote@natickma.org.

2. Resuming Select Board Office Hours

The Board will resume Select Board office hours on June 2, 2022. The schedule will be the first and last Thursday of every month. A copy of the schedule is attached to this evening's agenda and will be posted on our website.

PUBLIC SPEAK

None.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

1. Select candidate with whom to begin negotiations for the position of Natick Fire Chief

Chair Joseph thanked all the people that served on the Fire Chief Screening Committee. Chair Joseph also wished to thank the three finalists, Deputy Fire Chief, Natick, Daniel Dow, Jason Ferschke, Westboro Deputy Fire Chief; and Deputy Fire Chief of Weymouth, Thomas Murphy.

A vote by ballot process took place and voted as follows:

Bruce Evans	Jason Ferschke
Kathryn Coughlin	Jason Ferschke
Michael Hickey	Jason Ferschke
Paul Joseph	Jason Ferschke

The Board wished Jason a congratulations and stated that they wish to begin contract negotiations with him for the position of Natick Fire Chief.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 4-0-0 to appoint Mr. Hickey to represent the Board during the contract negotiations with the Town and Mr. Ferschke.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 4-0-0 to enter into negotiations with Jason Ferschke as Fire Chief for the Natick Fire Department, subject to contract negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by roll call vote, voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at **6:50PM**. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Hickey	Yes
Ms. Coughlin	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes

Bruce T. Evans, Clerk

May 25, 2022, Select Board Meeting Minutes Approved by the Select Board on _____.

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