Natick Finance Committee



Pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 3 of the Town of Natick By-Laws, I attest that the attached copy is the approved copy of the minutes for the following Meeting:

Town of Natick Finance Committee Meeting Date: August 30, 2022

The minutes were approved through the following action:

Motion: Made by: Seconded by:

Vote: 0 - 0 - 0

Date: September 13, 2022

Respectfully submitted, David Coffey Secretary Natick Finance Committee

TOWN OF NATICK

Meeting Notice

OSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 30A, Sections 18-25

Natick Finance Committee

DAY, DATE AND TIME

August 30, 2022 at 7:00 PM

PLACE OF MEETING

Virtual Meeting accessed via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7949362580

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MEETING AGENDA

Posted: Thursday, August 25, 2022 11:30 AM

- 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 Spring 2022 Meeting Minutes for Feb 17, Mar 3, Mar 8, Mar 10, Mar 15, Mar 17, Mar 22, Mar 24, Mar 29 & Mar 31
- 5. New Business
 - a. Annual Reorganization Election of Finance Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary
 - b. Google Drive review and Member info update
 - c. Subcommittee assignments and responsibilities review
 - d. Finance Committee meeting schedule
 - e. FATM 2022 Warrant preview
 - f. Town Administrator conversation
 - g. SATM 2022 session debrief
- 6. Committee Discussion (for items not on agenda)
- 7. 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.

Pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 3 of the by-laws of the Town of Natick I attest that the attached copy is the approved copy of the Minutes for the following meeting

Finance Committee

Town of Natick

Minutes for the meeting of August 30, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

Members present;

Linda Wollschlager

Todd Gillenwater

David Coffey

Richard Pope

Patty Sciarra

Cody Jacobs

Grace Keeney

Kat Monahan

Dirk Coburn

Betty Yobaccio

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Coburn = yes
Mr. Gillenwater = yes
Mr. Jacobs = yes
Ms. Keeney = yes
Ms. Monahan = yes
Mr. Pope = yes
Ms. Sciarra = yes
Ms. Yobaccio = yes
Ms. Wollschlager = yes

The agenda was reviewed.

No announcements

No public comments

Two new members of the committee were introduced, Welcome to Cody Jacobs and Grace Keeney.

Election of Officers

Linda Wollschlager was nominated by Todd Gillenwater, seconded by Dirk Coburn to serve as Chair. Elected by a vote of 10-0-0.

Todd Gillenwater was nominated by Linda Wollschlager, seconded by David Coffey to serve as Vice-chair. Elected by a vote of 10-0-0.

David Coffey was nominated by Todd Gillenwater, seconded by Patty Sciarra to serve as Secretary. Elected by a vote of 10-0-0.

Google drive for members and committee assignments were reviewed.

Town Meeting Warrant was reviewed.

No articles are quite ready, as such and due to the election, there is currently no meeting on 9-06-22.

There will be a meeting on 9-13-22 as the town election will end at 7:00pm.

It is hoped the Free Cash will be certified by mid-September.

Discussion was had regarding the format of meetings in the future as to Zoom or Hybrid Meetings. Most of the membership supported the hybrid format.

Two staff members of the Finance Department have left or are leaving the town. Review of Spring TM.

Discussion began with the change of the scheduling of the budget presentation and Town Meeting. Mr. Coburn expressed a mildly optimistic view of the process with some trepidation of possible pratfalls in a more difficult budget season. Mr. Gillenwater expressed his view that it was also good up to now. Mr. Coffey expressed that the process was working and that it was up to the town government to make this work, as this is what they asked for.

Discussion began as to the benefits of the current sub-committee meeting system. The discussion focused on the benefits of this system. There was some concern about members' ability to be able to get sub-committee minutes in a timely fashion.

Minutes

The departure of Bruce Evans has left a gap in services. The consultant was unable to keep up and has only recently furnished all of the minutes from the spring.

Members are encouraged to assist with the preparation of the Recommendation Book.

Minutes were approved from 2-17, 3-03, 3-08, 3-10, 3-15, 3-17, 3-22, 3-24, 3-29 and 3-31-2022 by a vote of 10-0-0. Motion was made by Mr. Coffey, seconded by Mr. Gillenwater to approve.

The Finance Committee website is available for use and assistance: https://sites.google.com/natickma.org/fincom

Adjourn

Motion made by Mr. Coffey, seconded by Mr. Gillenwater, passed by a vote of 10-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.