



## 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: September 8, 2022**

The minutes were approved through the following action:

Motion:

Made by:

Seconded by:

Vote: 0 – 0 – 0

Date: October 13, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

David Coffey

Secretary

Natick Finance Committee



**TOWN OF NATICK**

Meeting Notice

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

**Natick Finance Committee**

**DAY, DATE AND TIME**

September 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM

**PLACE OF MEETING**

Virtual Meeting accessed via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89344253078>

Meeting ID: 893 4425 3078

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School Committee Meeting Room, 3rd Flr, Town Hall, 13 East Central St. Natick, MA 01760 (*moved to Select Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr, Town Hall*)

Notice to the Public: 1) Finance Committee meetings may be broadcast/recorded by Natick Pegasus. 2) The meeting is an open public meeting and interested parties can attend the meeting. 3) Those seeking to make public comments (for topics not on the agenda or for specific agenda items) are requested to submit their comments in advance, by 2:00 PM on the day of the meeting, to [fincom@natickma.org](mailto:fincom@natickma.org). Comments will be posted on NovusAgenda and read aloud for the proper agenda item. Please keep comments to 350-400 words. 4) The Chat function on Zoom Conferencing will be disabled.

# **MEETING AGENDA**

Posted: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 1:30 PM

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 April 5, 2022 and April 7, 2022](#)
5. 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant Articles - Public Hearing
  - a. [Article 17: MathWorks Mitigation Funds Re-appropriation](#)
  - b. [Article 25: Establish Charter and By-Law Review Committee](#)
6. Committee and Sub-Committee Scheduling
  - a. Update on upcoming Committee and Subcommittee meetings
7. Committee Discussion (for items not on agenda)
8. 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 September 8, 2022

Meeting Location: Natick Town Hall, Selectboard Room  
And virtual by Zoom, Meeting ID89344253078

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Members Present:

Linda Wollschlager  
Patti Sciarra  
David Coffey-R  
Richard Pope-R  
Todd Gillenwater  
Cody Jacobs-R  
Grace Keeney-R  
Kat Monahan-R  
Dirk Coburn-R  
Phillip Rooney-R

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Coburn = yes, remote	Mr. Coffey = yes, remote
Mr. Gillenwater = yes, in person	Mr. Jacobs = yes, remote
Ms. Keeney = yes, remote	Ms. Monahan = yes, remote
Mr. Pope = yes, remote	Mr. Rooney = yes, remote
Ms. Sciarra = yes, in person	Ms. Wollschlager = yes, in person

The agenda was reviewed.  
No announcements  
No public comments

Motion made by Mr. Coffey, seconded by Mr. Coburn to open the public hearing for the Fall 2022  
Town Meeting Warrant

Call of the Roll

Mr. Coburn - Yes

Mr. Coffey - Yes  
Mr. Gillenwater - Yes  
Mr. Jacobs - Yes  
Ms. Keeney - Yes  
Ms. Monahan - Yes  
Mr. Pope - Yes  
Mr. Rooney - Yes  
Ms. Sciarra - Yes  
Ms. Wollschlager - Yes

**Article 17** - presented by Ms. Claire Rundelli, Conservation Agent.

This article is a request to re-appropriate \$310,000 from the Mathworks Mitigation fund to be used as follows:

- 300,000 for the purpose of design and construction of improvements to the intersection of Walnut Street and Bacon Street
- \$10,000 for the purpose of design and construction of trailhead improvements at the Rt. 9 entrance to Hunnewell Town Forest

Mr. Coburn asked if there would be sufficient funding to complete this project if we don't receive a grant for the Pickerel Pond Connector, which was also funded by the Mathworks Mitigation fund under a Spring 2022 article. Ms. Rundelli stated yes, there would be sufficient funds.

Mr. Rooney asked if there were specific projects identified as to how the mitigation funds were to be used. Mr. Jeremy Marsette, Director of Public Works, answered yes and that some projects which were initially scheduled for the mitigation funds such as the Bacon St / N. Main Street intersection, the state is now funding.

Mr. Jacobs asked about the process for how projects were considered and prioritized. Ms. Rundelli indicated that staff created a list earlier in 2022 which was approved by the Planning Board.

Ms. Wollschlager asked about the funding being sufficient for the entire funding of the project or just part of the project. Mr. Marsette answered that is our anticipation that this \$310,000 would cover both the design and the construction of the intersection improvements.

Motion made by Mr. Coburn, seconded by Mr. Gillenwater to recommend Favorable Action regarding the subject matter of Article 17.

Call of the Roll

Mr. Coburn - Yes  
Mr. Coffey - Yes  
Mr. Gillenwater - Yes  
Mr. Jacobs - Yes

Ms. Keeney - Yes  
Ms. Monahan - Yes  
Mr. Pope - Yes  
Mr. Rooney - Yes  
Ms. Sciarra - Yes  
Ms. Wollschlager - Yes

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0-0

## **Article 25**

Formation of a Charter and Bylaw Review Committee

Presentation by Mr. Frank Foss, Town Moderator, that the above committee be formed pursuant to the Town Charter.

The Committee would meet for at least 18 months with a report scheduled in one year for the Fall 2023 Town Meeting.

Mr. Foss also stressed that this was a different process than the Governance Study Committee.

Mr. Coburn asked about the specified dissolution of the committee.

Ms. Keeney asked about possible recommendations. Mr. Foss recounted some prior issues that were raised, including the recent change in the budget process. Ms. Keeney also asked about what would happen if this article did not pass. Mr. Foss answered that he would immediately re-file in the spring as the Town Charter requires the committee.

Motion made by Mr. Gillenwater, seconded by Ms. Sciarra to recommend Favorable Action with regards to the subject matter of Article 25.

Mr. Pope raised the issue of the Article being placed on the Consent Agenda and the motion was amended as such.

Call of the Roll

Mr. Coburn - Yes  
Mr. Coffey - Yes  
Mr. Gillenwater - Yes  
Mr. Jacobs - Yes  
Ms. Keeney - Yes  
Ms. Monahan - Yes  
Mr. Pope - Yes  
Mr. Rooney - Yes  
Ms. Sciarra - Yes

Ms. Wollschlager - Yes

Motion approved by a vote of 10-0-0

Motion to close the Public Hearing made by Mr. Gillenwater, seconded by Mr. Pope, passed by a vote of 10-0-0, all members present voting in the affirmative

Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Gillenwater, seconded by Mr. Pope to approve the minutes of April 5, 2022 and April 7, 2022 passed by a vote of 10-0-0, all members present voting in the affirmative.

Sub-committee assignments have been made.

A brief review of the upcoming meetings was heard with emphasis on the upcoming hearing regarding the Charles River Dam.

Mr. Rooney raised a question regarding an overview about the budget process and the outlook in the future.

Motion made by Mr. Gillenwater, seconded by Ms. Sciarra to adjourn passed by a vote of 10-0-0, all members present voting in the affirmative

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.