



## 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 22, 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

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Finance Committee  
Town of Natick  
Minutes for the meeting of September 22, 2022

Meeting Location: Natick Town Hall, School Committee Room And virtual by Zoom:  
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The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order
  - Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
  - Advisement of Pegasus Live Broadcast and Recording for On-Demand viewing
  - Review of Agenda
- 2) Announcements
- 3) Public Comments
- 4) Meeting Minutes
- 5) 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant Articles – Public Hearing
  - Article 28: The Brave Act
  - Article 3: Rescind Authorized Unissued Debt
  - Article 4: Unpaid Bills
  - Article 9: PEG Access and Cable Related Fund
  - Article 14: Create a Natick Town By-law to Provide for Tax Payment Agreements pursuant to M.G.L. c.60,S.62A
- 6) Committee and Sub-committee Scheduling
- 7) Committee Discussion (for items not on the agenda)
- 8) Adjourn

Members present; Note R-denotes members attending remotely

Hossam Behery - R  
Linda Wollschlager  
Patti Sciarra  
David Coffey-R  
Richard Pope-R  
Todd Gillenwater  
Cody Jacobs-R  
Grace Keeney-R  
Kat Monahan  
Daniel Zitnick - R  
Betty Yobaccio  
Phillip Rooney - R (entered at 7:05pm)

Motion made by Mr. Gillenwater, seconded by Ms. Sciarra to open the public hearing for the Fall 2022 Town Meeting Warrant, passed by a vote of 12-0-0.

Roll call

Mr. Behery - yes  
Mr. Coffey - yes  
Mr. Gillenwater - yes  
Mr. Jacobs - yes  
Ms. Keeney - yes  
Ms. Monahan - yes  
Mr. Pope - yes  
Ms. Sciarra - yes  
Mr. Zitnick - yes  
Ms. Yobaccio - yes  
Ms. Wollschlager - yes  
Mr. Rooney - yes

### **Article 28: The Brave Act**

Officer Thomas Butler presented the Article, which would enhance certain benefits for active duty employees serving military service, and provide benefits to veterans and their families. It would increase the pay time for employees in active service from 17 days to 40 days. It would allow veterans to participate in the Senior Volunteer Tax Exemption program. It would extend tax exemptions and credits to trusts held by veterans and it would extend the exemptions to include the parents and guardians (Gold Star Families).

Ms. Keeney asked about the cost to the town to extend the payments. At this time, it is not known.

Mr. Pope asked if the exemption would cover a surviving minor. It is assumed yes.

Mr. Zitnick asked about the timing of the 40 day call-ups. It was answered that call-ups have increased in the past few years and would allow employees to not lose all of their vacation time to serve. He also asked if there was a means test applied to veterans, the answer was no.

Mr. Gillenwater asked about the extension to 40 days as it would apply to salaried employees. Ms. Monahan asked about the state law, and why did the town need to act. It was explained that the law covered state employees, but not municipal employees.

Mr. Rooney asked about the 40 day standard as set by the state. Specifically, what would be the result if the state changed the provisions. It was answered that the town could keep or change at its option.

Mr. Gillenwater moved for Favorable Action, seconded by Ms. Yobaccio on the subject matter of Article 28.

Call of the Roll

Mr. Behery - 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. Yobaccio -yes  
Mr. Zitnick - abstain  
Ms. Wollschlager - yes

The motion passed by a vote of 11-0-1

### **Article 3: Rescind Authorized, Unissued Debt**

At this time no action is being requested

Motion made by Mr. Gillenwater, seconded by Ms. Monahan for No Action and that the matter be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Call of the Roll

Mr. Behery - 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. Yobaccio -yes  
Mr. Zitnick - yes  
Ms. Wollschlager - yes

Motion passed by a vote of 12-0-0

#### **Article 4: Unpaid Bills**

At this time No Action is being requested

Motion made by Mr. Gillenwater, seconded by Ms. Sciarra for No Action and that the matter be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Call of the Roll

Mr. Behery - 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. Yobaccio -yes  
Mr. Zitnick - yes  
Ms. Wollschlager - yes

Motion passed by a vote of 12-0-0

#### **Article 9: PEG Access and Cable Related Fund**

Mr. Townsend presented the article and explained that the funds collected by Cable providers were passed to the town, to be given to Natick Pegasus to fund for public access. The Verizon payment is still outstanding but the current amount to be provided to Pegasus is \$426,260.03.

Motion made by Mr. Gillenwater, seconded by Ms. Sciarra for positive action on the subject matter of Article 9, and that the matter be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Call of the Roll

Mr. Behery - 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. Yobaccio -yes  
Mr. Zitnick - yes  
Ms. Wollschlager - yes

Motion passed by a vote of 12-0-0

#### **Article 14: Bylaw for Tax Payment Agreements**

The Article was previously presented in the Fall 2021 Town Meeting. Based on review by the office of the Attorney General, it was sent back to the town. The revision would strike the words “up to” in Section 2(a) in the previously passed Article.

Motion made by Mr. Gillenwater, seconded by Ms. Sciarra for Favorable Action on the subject matter of Article 14 and the matter be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Call of the Roll

Mr. Behery - 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. Yobaccio -yes  
Mr. Zitnick - yes  
Ms. Wollschlager - yes

Motion passed by a vote of 12-0-0.

Motion made by Mr. Gillenwater, seconded by Ms. Sciarra to close the public hearing on the 2022 FATM warrant. Motion passed by a vote of 12-0-0, all members present voting in the affirmative.

It was reported that the Town Administration will be presenting a financial overview next week.

Motion made by Mr. Gillenwater to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Coffey passed by a vote of 12-0-0, all members present voting in the affirmative

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.