

Town of Natick Hybrid Town Meeting Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 25, 2026, 7:00 PM

Members present: Frank Foss, Josh Ostroff, Brinley Vickers, Patricia DeMeo, Saul Beaumont, Grace Keeney, Jaymin Patel

Not present: Larry Drolet, Randy Brewer

**Call to order – roll call**

- The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM, followed by a roll call of members.

**Citizen's Concerns**

- None

**Meeting Minutes**

- On a motion by Brinley, seconded by Saul the minutes for February 5, 11 and 18 were approved by a unanimous vote.

**Plymouth meeting invite**

- Scheduled for 11 AM on February 26. We will be observing this meeting. It has been posted as an HTMC meeting just to observe.

**Survey Discussion**

- Josh provided an overview of the proposal to survey current and former Town Meeting members; staff with responsibility to attend or participate at Town Meeting; and Natick residents. Josh and Brinley reported on their discussion with Jay Poropatich, the Communications Director, who will assist with outreach to the public including email, social media, and the use of Town newsletters. We will not have access to Town Facebook pages for advertising, but we can discuss that at a future meeting.
- The committee went through the survey and made a number of changes to wording and structure, beyond the suggestions that were incorporated from the previous meeting's discussion.
- The survey will be consolidated into a single survey with questions to branch respondents into one of three categories. This will make it easier to promote. There was discussion about whether to have the survey be "gated" which would help ensure, but not guarantee, that people did not take it more than once, or ungated which would make it easier for more people to participate. The consensus of the committee was to have it be ungated.
- Saul expressed concern with having the survey be done now when we had not finished our report. Josh noted that using Arlington as an example, they surveyed stakeholders as part of their research well before they issued their report.

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- Frank moved, Jaymin seconded to proceed with the survey as amended. Frank, Brinley, Grace, Jaymin, and Josh voted in favor, and Saul and Patricia were opposed. The motion was approved 5-2.

**Leadership Report**

- Nothing to report.

**Scheduling**

- Speakers
  1. March 4th – Karis North
  2. March 11<sup>th</sup> – likely Belmont
  3. March 18<sup>th</sup> – survey update
  4. March 25<sup>th</sup> – may be Burlington

Please send questions for Karis by Sunday to Grace. Patricia reporting that she is talking to Echo on March 3. We may discuss early survey responses.

**Adjournment**

- On a motion by Saul, seconded by Grace the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Ostroff, Clerk