

Town of Natick
Town Seal Review Committee
Approved meeting minutes for April 11, 2023, 8:15 PM
via Zoom

Members present: Mia Kheyfetz, Chair; Lincoln Anniballi, Vice Chair; Sandy LeFleur; Simone Poliandri; Josh Ostroff, Clerk. Virginia Mayo; Saul Beaumont.

Mia called the meeting to order at 8:20, noting that a quorum was present and further noting the requirements for virtual meetings as provided under MGL as amended by the emergency regulations in effect, followed by a roll call.

Announcements

None

Meeting Minutes

Deferred until next meeting.

Town Meeting presentation

Mia noted that the presentation would change only slightly and would include images similar to that on our current Town Seal. Niki will reach out to Kelsey in Newton and request a couple of images from her 2021 presentation to the committee.

Mia also reported on the outcome of the Finance Committee hearing, where they unanimously voted to recommend No Action on Motion C, since the embosser appropriation was in the Town Clerk's budget, and unanimous approval for Motion D to discharge the committee.

Committee Report

Mia spoke to the report that had been shared. It still needs technical edits and formatting and copy editing.

Sandy would like to see it again before voting.

Some of the qualitative work needs to be reviewed. There is some material that needs to be in an appendix. The implementation plan may also be suitable for an appendix.

Lincoln joined at 8:35.

Niki spoke to the section about lessons learned and the relationship between the seal and the larger connection to our history, and that changing the seal was not the same as understanding our relationship to the past. We as a community still have more work to do. Sandy spoke to the possibility that replacing some uses of the seal could be done with materials that were educational.

Simone joined at 8:53.

There was discussion about how and whether to acknowledge Caring Hands, who recently passed away but who had not engaged with the committee.

Simone spoke to the presentation at FinCom and what was needed for Town Meeting. We then shifted back to report logistics.

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Sandy left at 9:01.

There was further discussion about the logistics of the report, and a likely time to meet; we anticipated meeting briefly on Thursday, April 20 and having a substantially completed report to share in advance on which we can take a vote.

Josh moved to adjourn, seconded by Simone and unanimously voted by roll call at 9:13.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Ostroff, Clerk