

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES
Meeting Conducted via Zoom only
February 9, 2022
6:30PM

PRESENT: Karen Adelman-Foster, Chair, Richard P. Jennett, Jr., Vice-Chair, Michael J. Hickey, Jr., Clerk, Susan G. Salamoff, Paul R. Joseph

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator, James Errickson, Deputy Town Administrator, Operations, Jon Marshall, Town Clerk, Diane Packer, Executive Assistant, Joan M. McNamara

ABSENT:

Chair Adelman-Foster called the meeting to order at 6:31PM. The meeting is being conducted via Zoom only and recorded by Zoom.

Chair Adelman-Foster stated that she will read the 2 items for Executive Session this evening and read the following:

- A. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the Chair so declares: Public Employees Local Union 1116 (DPW Laborers)
- B. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(3) - To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares - Michael Mabardy v. Town of Natick et al. No. 2281CV00015 (Middlesex Superior Court)

On a motion by Mr. Hickey seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 4-0-0, to enter into Executive Session. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Mr. Jennett	Yes
Mr. Hickey	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes
Ms. Adelman-Foster	Yes

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened at 7:31PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed for those who have sacrificed their lives in service to this country.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. COVID update

Mr. Errickson attached a data trends memo. Our incidence rates of COVID are dropping. See We are definitely trending in the right direction. See two attachments to our agenda this evening.

B. Reappointment of Tree Warden

Attached to this evening's agenda is a memo from the Town Administrator stating that he has reappointment Mr. Art Goodhind as the Town of Natick, Supervisor of Land facilities and Natural Resources (Tree Warden).

PUBLIC SPEAK

Ms. Packer, Town Clerk, noted that right now that is no voting by mail as some citizens may believe. Ms. Packer will continue to update the website with election information.

APPOINTMENTS

A. Select Board Appointments to the Board of Registrars

1. Tony Lista – Nominated by the Republican Party

This is a revote from last week making a correction on the dates of his appointment.

On a motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0, to appoint Mr. Tony Lista to the Board of Registrars for the balance of Ms. Yobaccio's term ending March 31, 2022, and for a following full term ending on March 31, 2025. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

Ms. Salamoff	Yes
Mr. Hickey	Yes
Mr. Jennett	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes
Ms. Adelman-Foster	Yes

2. Robert Awkward – Nominated by the Democratic party through March 31, 2024

On a motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0, to appoint Mr. Robert Awkward to the Board of Registrars through March 31, 2024. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

Ms. Salamoff	Yes
Mr. Hickey	Yes
Mr. Jennett	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes
Ms. Adelman-Foster	Yes

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

A. Polling Location Changes

Ms. Diane Packer, Town Clerk was before the Board this evening. She stated that all voters will receive a postcard in the mail stating whether their polling location has changed or not.

On a motion by Ms. Salamoff, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0, to select Precincts I, II, and III to vote at Kennedy Middle School. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

Ms. Salamoff	Yes
Mr. Hickey	Yes
Mr. Jennett	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes
Ms. Adelman-Foster	Yes

B. Continuation of Public Hearing: Renewal of Club Special Permits for 2022

1. VFW Application

Mr. Prescott is present this evening on behalf of the VFW for the renewal of the Special Permit

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board by Roll Call Vote, voted 5-0-0, to renew the Special Permit for the VFW, for 2022. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

Ms. Salamoff	Yes
Mr. Hickey	Yes
Mr. Jennett	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes
Ms. Adelman-Foster	Yes

2. Amvet's Application – **not acted on this evening**

C. Report from Friends of Natick Trails 2021

Chair Adelman-Foster stated that the full annual report for the Friends of Natick Trails is attached to this evening's agenda is very impressive and detailed. She also encouraged the public to view the report.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to accept the report from Friends of Natick Trails. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

Ms. Salamoff	Yes
Mr. Hickey	Yes
Mr. Jennett	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes
Ms. Adelman-Foster	Yes

D. Budget Discussion FY23

Attached to this evening's agenda is the FY2023 Budget Presentation which was prepared and given this evening by John Townsend, Deputy Town Administrator, Finance and Abdul Rauf of the Finance Team.

E. Discussion of bringing Community Preservation Act to Natick

Representatives from the Affordable Housing trust, Open Space Advisory, and Natick Historical Commission. Mr. Ramachandran made a presentation this evening on the CPA.

Attached to this evening's agenda are three documents:

1. Select Board memo from the Town Administrator regarding the Community Preservation Act;
2. Framingham CPA Study Group Report
3. CPA Presentation from Ganesh Ramachandran

F. Select Board Town Meeting Articles – **Taken off the agenda this evening**

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve letter to Mass. Department of Transportation requesting the design of safety improvements along Route 9 and on Speen Street
- B. Procurement Officer Award Contracts
 - 1. Approve Award-Contract for Designer Services-Re-Roofing of Public Safety Building
 - 2. Approve Award-Amendment 1 - Professional Planning Services for Community Stakeholder Engagement portion of the Engineering Phase of Charles River Dam Project
- C. Weekly Warrant Review

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

Ms. Salamoff	Yes
Mr. Hickey	Yes
Mr. Jennett	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes
Ms. Adelman-Foster	Yes

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Salamoff, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15PM. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

Ms. Salamoff	Yes
Mr. Hickey	Yes
Mr. Jennett	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes
Ms. Adelman-Foster	Yes



Bruce T. Evans, Clerk

February 9, 2022, Select Board Meeting Minutes Approved by the Select Board on April 20, 2022.

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