

SELECT BOARD  
TOWN OF NATICK

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted in the Edward H. Dlott  
Meeting Room and via Zoom  
April 6, 2022  
6:30PM

PRESENT: Paul R. Joseph, Chair Michael J. Hickey, Vice-Chair, Bruce T. Evans, Clerk; Karen Adelman-Foster; Kathryn Coughlin

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator, James Errickson, Karen Partanen, Director of Parks and Recreation; Amanda Loomis, Director of Community and Economic Development; Karis North, Town Counsel; Executive Assistant, Joan McNamara

ABSENT: None

Chair Joseph called the meeting to order at 6:34PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed for those who serve on behalf of our country.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement

1. Local Union 272 Laborers International Union Supervisors & Administrators

The Board announced that it had, during Executive Session, approved the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local Union 272 Laborers International Supervisors and Administrators.

B. Town Seal Survey

There is a Town Seal Survey underway. Those of you who are interested in providing feedback on our Town Seal should following the link to the survey which is on our agenda page

C. Resignation of Ms. Adelman-Foster

Ms. Adelman Foster will be taking a job working for Karen Spilka, President of the Massachusetts Senate, and due to that conflict will be unable to continue to sit on the Select Board. She will be tendering her resignation as of tomorrow, 4/7/22.

D. Recognition of Dan Keefe, Parks and Recreation

Ms. Partanen, Director of Parks and Recreation announced that Dan Keefe, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation was presented with the **PETER C. & ERIC W. O'BRIEN HUMANITARIAN AWARD** earlier in the week while attending the annual state conference in Falmouth Massachusetts. This award recognizes a park and recreation professional who has demonstrated the advancement of the park and

recreation industry, is a respected member of the community, and maintains a strong dedication and passion to park and recreation in Massachusetts.

**PUBLIC SPEAK**

None.

**SELECT BOARD UPDATES**

- A. Chair Joseph stated that he will begin working on an alcohol policy and the Board will be looking to bring that back sometime in May.

**DISCUSSION and DECISION**

- A. Approve Proclamation for Natick Service Council Week

Dan Shea was present from the Natick Service Council this event to accept a Proclamation that the Board had prepared for Natick Service Council week. Mr. Evans read the proclamation which is attached to this evening's agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the Proclamation for Natick Service Council Week.

- B. Open Space Update

Ms. Iarossi presented a PP outlining the Open Space Update attached to this evening's agenda. The Board also congratulated Ms. Iarossi and her recent award.

- C. Cochituate Rail Trail Event/Use Policy Discussion

Mr. Errickson stated that we need an event use policy for the CRT that we are still working out. Mr. Ostroff is anticipating that it would be used for charities and walks and runs.

- D. MBTA Guidelines and briefing

Ms. Loomis, Director of Community and Economic Development, presented a PowerPoint presentation this evening which outlined MBTA new guidelines. The full presentation and specifics are attached to this evening's agenda.

- E. Approve Natick Center Pedestrian Street Art, Phase II

Ms. Athena Pandolf, Natick Center Associates, was present this evening to discuss Phase II of the Pedestrian Street Art. Ms. Loomis has written a memorandum with attached diagram outlining phase II of the project which is attached to this evening's agenda. Ms. Pandolf is looking for approval from the Board this evening on Phase II.

On a motion by Ms. Adelman-Foster, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 4-1-0 to approve Natick Center Associates' Pedestrian Street Art, Phase II.

Mr. Hickey notes that he has a love of the arts but still believes in the purest approach for safety of streets and that is why he has voted no.

- F. Transfer of land and grant of easement to Natick Affordable Housing Trust (NAHT) - 299-301 Bacon Street

This item was removed from the agenda this evening.

- G. 60R Harwood Land Taking

Ms. North, Town Counsel, was present this evening to ask the Board to effectuate the taking that Town Meeting ordered last Fall for 60R Harwood Road. All of the taking documents are attached to this evening's agenda. The land is in the estate of the owner and the owner has since passed away.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve and sign the Order of Taking for the land at 60R Harwood Road, pursuant to the authorization voted at the 2021 Fall Annual Town Meeting, on October 26, 2021, under Article 24, and move that the Board authorize the Chair to sign the Certificate of Donation, which is to be filed with the Order of Taking

- H. Multi-year Town Wide Financial Outlook and Override Drivers Part 2

Mr. Errickson gave a brief presentation which is attached to this evening's agenda. This is an updated Financial Planning Override discussion which was updated as of 4/6/22. Mr. Errickson stated that this is just an initial discussion and overview which will be one of many in the future.

- I. MSBA Statement of Interest Resolution - School Department

Dr. Peter Gray from Natick Public Schools is present via Zoom this evening. Several weeks ago the Board had voted on the MSBA Statement of Interest Resolution but the entire language had not been read into the record or the motion itself. We have come this evening to have that done.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 5-0-0 to Adopt the following:  
Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on April 6, 2022, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the Select Board of Natick, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form

dated April 2022 for the Memorial Elementary School located at 107 Eliot Street which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future: Prevention of severe overcrowding expected to result from increased enrollments; Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility; Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements

With the closure of the Johnson Elementary School scheduled for June 2025 and consistent with several studies that have concluded that due to the age, lack of ADA accessibility and required serious code upgrades, makes further investment in the building financially cost prohibitive. The Natick Public Schools is seeking funding to either modernize and upgrade their existing Memorial Elementary School to accommodate potential increase enrollment with upgrades to the school facility systems along with the construction of an additional educational wing to accommodate both enrollment and Pre-K needed classroom space or explore the possibility of construction of a new elementary school at a site to be determined; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town of Natick to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

J. Resuming Select Board office hours

The Select Board will be resuming their office hours which include meetings with citizens at the Senior Center, Town Hall, and via Zoom. Attached to this evening's agenda is a schedule through December, 2022, with the location and times of all Select Board office hours and a zoom link.

K. Approve Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2021  
October 20, 2021  
October 27, 2021 4:  
October 29, 2021  
November 3, 2021

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Adelman-Foster, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the meeting Minutes listed above.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

April 6, 2022

- A. Approve Natick Service Council's Request to Hang a Banner from 5/16-5/22/22 during Natick Service Council Week
- B. Procurement Officer Award Contract
- C. Approve Livery License application for Mr. Speed Transport LLC
- D. Approve Request from the Elizabeth Schickel Foundation to hang a banner across Main Street from April 11, 2022, through April 17, 2022
- E. Approve Charles River Rotary Club's Requests:  
To hang a banner for the Scoopapalooza event from June 20, 2022 to June 26, 2022; and  
To reserve all parking on the West side of Park St. for the day and to allow the police department to shield those parking meters for use.
- F. Approve Cosmic Boston, LLC's, request to film the Boston Marathon via drone by occupying the Town of Natick's public way and air space
- G. Approve Meridian Lodge and the American Red Cross' Request to park in the end parking spaces at 10 and 16 Main Street on April 30, 2022, for the blood drive
- H. Approve Application for Automatic Amusement Device Application for Skybokx 109 Natick, LLC  
Coin Operated Billiard Tables
- I. Weekly Warrant Review

March 29, 2022

April 1, 2022

April 5, 2022

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve all items on the Consent Agenda except for item B which was removed the agenda.

On a motion by Ms. Adelman-Foster, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:10PM.



Bruce T. Evans  
Bruce T. Evans, Clerk

April 6, 2022, Select Board Meeting Minutes Approved by the Select Board on July 14, 2022.

All documents used at this Select Board meeting are available at:

<https://naticktown.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=1013&MinutesMeetingID=-1&doctype=Agend>