

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted in the Edward H. Dlott

Meeting Room and via Zoom

May 4, 2022

6:30PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator, James Errickson, Deputy Town Administrator, Jon Marshall; Police Chief, James Hicks, Director of Dept. of Public Works, Jeremy Marsette; Executive Assistant, Joan McNamara

ABSENT: None

Chair Joseph called the meeting to order at 6:35PM

Chair Joseph stated that he will read the 3 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 litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares - Keri Norris v. Town of Natick, MCAD Docket No. 21BEM02366
- B. Pursuant to MGL c. 30A, S. 21 (a)(3) - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares: Natick Patrol Officers' Association
- C. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(2) - To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel – Fire Chief

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

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| Mr. Evans. | Yes |
| Ms. Coughlin | Yes |
| Mr. Hickey | Yes |
| Mr. Joseph | Yes |

Open session reconvened at 7:30PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed for those that serve the community and the nation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Chair Joseph announced that he acted as a liaison to Natick 180's Steering Committee meeting. As a result, he wanted to announce that May is mental health awareness month. The coalition has been working to support our students and families and the broader community with mental health and substance abuse. If you wish to find more information, please visit them at natick180.org

- B. Vacancy MetroWest Health Foundation's Leonard Morse Grants Panel:

An announcement was made this evening by Chair Joseph regarding Metrowest Health Foundation's Leonard Morse Grants Panel. The full announcement and a letter from the MetroWest Health Foundation including all details are attached to this evening's agenda.

The Select Board are currently accepting applications for the Leonard Morse Grant Panel of the MetroWest Health Foundation. The Leonard Morse Grants Panel oversees the distribution of certain restricted funds of the MetroWest Health Foundation which may but need not be, exclusively focused on the needs of the Natick community

- C. Newly installed PFAS removal filters

An announcement was made this evening that the Springvale H&T GAC Filter for removing PFAS are now active. A full description from the Natick Department of Public Works Water/Sewer Division is attached to this evening's agenda.

PUBLIC SPEAK

None.

DISCUSSION and DECISION

- A. Approve Contract for interim/temporary Fire Chief

Today is the official last day of Fire Chief Lentini's contract. In order to have an interim Fire Chief until the official hire date of the new Chief, Chief Lentini has agreed to stay on as interim Fire Chief until that date.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board, by Roll call vote, voted 4-0-0 to approve the contract for interim/temporary Fire Chief effective May 5, 2022, with Michael Lentini, as voted on in Executive Session. The Roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Evans. | Yes |
| Ms. Coughlin | Yes |
| Mr. Hickey | Yes |
| Mr. Joseph | Yes |

B. Annual recognition of the National Public Works Awareness Week

1. Approve National Public Works Week Resolution

Bruce Evans, Clerk, read the Town of Natick 2022 Public Works Week Resolution as attached to this evening's.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0, to approve the 2022. National Public Works Week Resolution for the Town of Natick.

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| Mr. Evans. | Yes |
| Ms. Coughlin | Yes |
| Mr. Hickey | Yes |
| Mr. Joseph | Yes |

2. Announce Dept. of Public Works Open House and Truck Day

Mr. Marsette, Director of the Department of Public Works, was present this evening and made an announcement that the Open House and Truck Day for the Department of Public works will take place on Saturday May 21, 2022, from 10am-1:00pm. The flyer is attached to this evening's agenda.

C. Approval of Arbor Day Proclamation

Bruce Evans, Clerk, read the 2022 Arbor Day Proclamation which is attached to this evening's agenda. Mr. Goodhind, Tree Warden for the Town of Natick was present this evening and added that it was important to support environmental stewardship and trees.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0, to approve the 2022 Arbor Day Proclamation.

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| Mr. Evans. | Yes |
| Ms. Coughlin | Yes |
| Mr. Hickey | Yes |
| Mr. Joseph | Yes |

D. 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.

E. Fire Chief Screening Committee Recommendations

Mr. Errickson, Town Administrator, announced that attached to this evening's agenda is a memorandum from the Fire Chief Screening Committee which fully outlines its unanimous decision to put three finalists

forward to interview for the position of Fire Chief in the Town. Those candidates are:

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| Daniel Dow: | Deputy Fire Chief, Natick |
| Jason Ferschke | Deputy Fire chief, Westboro |
| Thomas Murphy | Deputy Fire Chief, Weymouth |

- F. Roadway and construction projects status and progress update
- Coordination with Eversource and utility companies regarding utility pole placements/removals affecting construction

Mr. Marshall, Deputy Town Administrator, Operations, gave an update including information regarding meetings with Eversource pertaining to challenges that still persist on Washington Ave and South Ave.

Mr. Marsette, Director of the Department of Public Works, gave an update on the South Main Street roadway construction project.

- G. Approve Safety Committee Recommendation for a change of address - request for a public hearing

Police Chief Hicks was present this evening to present a Safety Committee recommendation to the Board for a change of address. The recommendation is attached to this evening's agenda which will require the Board to hold a public hearing.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0, to schedule a public hearing on the matter of the Safety Committee address change.

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| Mr. Evans. | Yes |
| Ms. Coughlin | Yes |
| Mr. Hickey | Yes |
| Mr. Joseph | Yes |

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Block Party request from Nellie Goodman for June 24, 2022, on Farwell Street, Natick
- B. Weekly Warrant Review
1. Weekly Warrant 4.26.22
 2. Weekly Warrant 5.3.22
- C. Approve ALS Therapy Development Institute's Request to approve Tri-State Trek on June 24, 2022
- D. Approve Junk Dealers/Collectors and Billiards 2022 License Renewals

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- E. Procurement Officer Award Contract
 - 1. Contract Award Morse Institute Library HVAC and Controls Upgrades
- F. Approve Renewal of Extension of Premises for Amvets Post 79 Natick MA
- G. Reappoint Matthew Gardner to the Conservation Commission
- H. Reappoints to the Historic District Commission:
 - 1. Jeannine Furrer
 - 2. Matthew Labrie
 - 3. Susana Fernandes
- I. Approve Safety Committee Recommendations submitted by Chief Hicks
- J. Reappoint David Mogolov to the Sustainability Committee

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Evans, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0 to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Evans. | Yes |
| Ms. Coughlin | Yes |
| Mr. Hickey | Yes |
| Mr. Joseph | Yes |

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:54PM.

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| Mr. Evans. | Yes |
| Ms. Coughlin | Yes |
| Mr. Hickey | Yes |
| Mr. Joseph | Yes |



Bruce T. Evans, Clerk

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