

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted in the Edward H. Dlott
Meeting Room and via Zoom
June 15, 2022
6:30PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator, James Errickson, Deputy Town Administrator, Jon Marshall; Town Engineer, William McDowell; Police Chief, James Hicks; Paul Carew, Director, Veterans' Services; Executive Assistant, Joan McNamara

ABSENT: Paul R. Joseph, Chair

Vice-Chair Hickey called the meeting to order at 6:42PM

Vice-Chair Hickey stated that he will read the 1 item for Executive Session this evening and read the following:

- A. 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 Ms. Coughlin, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 3-0-0, to enter into Executive Session. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

Mr. Evans.	Yes
Ms. Coughlin	Yes
Mr. Hickey	Yes

Open session reconvened at 7:20PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed for fallen firefighters and for those who have given their lives in the line of duty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Juneteenth Holiday

Town Administrator Errickson announced the second year celebrating the Juneteenth holiday which is now a Federal and State holiday which is in recognition and celebration of the June 19th, 1865, when Union General Gordon Granger announced freedom of all slaves in the southwestern U.S. and the recognition of the end of slavery in the United States.

PUBLIC SPEAK

Veterans' Director, Paul Carew, introduced two new officers at the Amvets Post 39 in Natick.

APPOINTMENTS

A. Interview and Appointment to the Transportation Advisory Committee

1. Interview with Ed Doherty

Mr. Doherty's Resume and full application packet is attached to this evening's agenda. Mr. Doherty was present this evening before the Board to interview for the appointment to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 3-0-0 to appoint Mr. Doherty to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

SELECT BOARD UPDATES

A. Update: Stonegate former St Patrick building project

Mr. Errickson, Town Administrator gave an update on the Stonegate building project which is the former St. Patrick's site on East Central Street. The Zoning Board of Appeals filed a decision which was voted and approved and filed with the Town Clerk on June 14, 2022. This decision filed yesterday starts the 20-day appeal period. The project includes the front building which is a mixed-use building which includes retail with four to six units above as well as four townhouse or duplexes in the back portion toward the neighborhood side. There will be a total of 54 units at that location.

B. Update: Annual Roadway Improvement Program & S. Main Street

Town Engineer, William McDowell and Town Administrator Errickson gave an update on several roadway improvement projects and spoke about ongoing work on S. Main Street. Mr. McDowell noted that they are working with Eversource and although the work has been slower than expected, progress is being made. Mr. McDowell also noted that South Main Street is approximately 85% complete.

Mr. McDowell also shared a presentation regarding updates to the 2022 Annual Roadway Improvement Plan. This presentation is attached to this evening's agenda.

C. Update: Implementation of Special Speed Limit Legislation (2021 SATM)

Vice-Chair Hickey gave a high-level description of the background of how the Select Board co-sponsored an Article at Town Meeting – Spring of 2021, to adopt a "tool" to allow the town greater flexibility with respect to making decisions on speed limits. Town Meeting supported this.

Police Chief Hicks was present this evening and stated that this agenda item has been on the Safety Committee meeting agenda several times going back to the original request. The Safety Committee as a whole supported this, but there was discussion about concerns regarding the overall implementation. There

are preliminary discussions around what implementation may look like at this time at the staff level based on the legislation.

After a vote by the Safety Committee on June 14, 2022, the Committee voted that they would bring to the Select Board a recommendation for the “middle of the road” approach which would address the implementation on a street by street basis. Mr. Hickey clarified that the “street by street” implementation would not necessarily mean that the Board would handle each street individually, but rather there could be groups, classes of streets, or neighborhoods that could fall into certain categories.

D. Update: Transportation & Parking from TA

Town Administrator Errickson gave a quick update and noted that Administration is still collecting data on the commuter lot located on South Ave. which used to be parking that could only be accessed by using a yearly pass. We implemented a new program where you can pay by the day. After allowing daily parking passes, Administration has also noticed that there may be other adjustments in the downtown parking area that will also need to be made that we will be bringing to the Board.

DISCUSSION and DECISION

A. Public Hearing: Casali Family Square Dedication

Attached to this evening’s agenda is the Public Hearing Notice for the dedication of a Family Square at the intersection of Oakland Street and Oakland Terrace.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 3-0-0 to open the public hearing.

Mr. Carew, Director of Veterans’ Affairs, was present before the Board and spoke about the Casali Family and the importance of the upcoming Square Dedication. Mr. Evans read the prepared Casali Family Resolution which is attached to this evening’s agenda and has been prepared for a Select Board vote.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 3-0-0 to close the public hearing.

On a motion by Ms. Coughlin, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board voted 3-0-0 to approve the dedication of the Casali Family Square and to approve the Casali Family Resolution.

B. Public Hearing: Approve Grant of Location for Hartford St. for Eversource Electric

Attached to this evening’s agenda is a Public Hearing Notice and a written request with diagrams by Eversource Electric for a grant of location on Hartford Street. Mr. Evans, Clerk, read the public hearing notice.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 3-0-0 to open the public hearing.

Ms. Duffy, a representative from Eversource, joined the Board this evening to address any additional questions but there were none.

On a motion by Ms. Coughlin, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board voted 3-0-0 to close the public hearing.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 3-0-0 to approve the grant of location for Hartford Street for Eversource Electric.

C. Public Hearing: Approve Grant of Location for N. Main Street for Eversource Electric

Attached to this evening's agenda is a Public Hearing Notice and a written request with diagrams by Eversource Electric for a grant of location for N. Main Street. Mr. Evans, Clerk, read the public hearing notice.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 3-0-0 to open the public hearing. Ms. Duffy, a representative from Eversource was also present for this public hearing this evening and explained that Eversource is looking to install 70' of conduit on N. Main Street to allow electric to the traffic light control box.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 3-0-0 to close the public hearing.

On a motion by Ms. Coughlin, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board voted 3-0-0 to approve the grant of location for N. Main Street for Eversource Electric.

D. Board Vote: to set the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment and capital improvements to be financed by the upcoming bond issue

Mr. Townsend, Deputy Town Administrator-Finance, was present this evening to ask the Board to set the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment and capital improvements to be financed by the upcoming bond issue.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 3-0-0 to set the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment and capital improvements listed in a table as outlined in the document attached to this evening's agenda entitled "Useful Life Vote" to be financed with the proceeds of the borrowings authorized by the vote of Town Meeting.

E. Continuation of Public Hearing: MASFannon, LLC d/b/a Austin's Liquors Too for a change of location and a d/b/a change from Austin's Liquors Too to Fannon's.

This evening is the continuation of the public hearing for MASFannon, LLC d/b/a Austin's Liquors Too as stated above. Attorney Tom Miller is present before the Board this evening as counsel for MASFannon's to present his client's Change of location and d/b/a change from Austin's Liquors Too to Fannon's. Many different questions were asked by Board members and members of the public were also present to address the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board continued the public hearing to June 29, 2022.

F. Continuation of Public Hearing: SLJ Beverage, Inc. d/b/a Dion's Wine and Spirits for a Change of Officers/Director/LLC Managers, a Change of Ownership Interest and a Change of Stock Interest of their All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store License

Attorney Miller is present this evening as counsel for SLJ Beverage and stated to the Board that he is still in the process of gathering final documents for the Change of Ownership Interest and Stock Interest and will

need to continue the public hearing once again. The Board acknowledge Attorney Miller's request and agreed that it would continue the public hearing.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board continued the public hearing to June 29, 2022.

G. Alcohol policy review

Vice-Chair Hickey opened the discussion noting that on May 18, 2022, Chair Joseph brought the Board up to date regarding an effort that had gone back several months regarding the review policies including the alcoholic beverage licensing policies. Please see attached all documents referencing this item.

The Board had a lengthy discussion focusing on the points below:

1. Eliminating the requirement for a set percentage of revenue coming from food and alcohol
2. Rescinding the by-law to eliminate the seating capacity restriction

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve 100th Birthday Proclamation for Constance Awalt
- B. Approve David Lodding's reappointment to the Open Space Committee
- C. Approve reappointment of Kyle Bollen to the Historical Commission
- D. Approve Robert Mueller's reappointment to the Cochituate Rail Trail Advisory Committee
- E. Weekly Warrant Review
 1. May 17, 2022
 2. May 24, 2022
 3. May 31, 2022
 4. June 7, 2022
- F. Approve Mexicali Grill's Application to Renew Temporary Outdoor Dining Use permit
- G. Approve Change of Manager Application for an All Alcoholic Beverages License of Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza of Natick LLC
- H. Procurement Officer Award Contracts
 1. Award - Campus Drive/West Streets Complete Streets Project - Re-Bid (MDOT Prequalification)
 2. Award - Public Safety Building Re-roofing (DCAMM Certification - Roofing)
- I. Approve Meeting Minutes
 3. December 15, 2021
 2. March 9, 2022
 3. March 16, 2022
- J. Approve Doug Drenik's reappointment to the Open Space Advisory Committee
- K. Dissolve Senior Property Tax Exemption Committee

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On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board, voted 3-0-0 to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 3-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:30PM.

Mr. Evans.	Yes
Ms. Coughlin	Yes
Mr. Hickey	Yes



Bruce T. Evans, Clerk

June 15, 2022, Select Board Meeting Minutes Approved by the Select Board on September 7, 2022.

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

<https://naticktown.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=1050&MinutesMeetingID=-1&doctype=Agend>