

SELECT BOARD  
TOWN OF NATICK

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted in the Edward H. Dlott  
Meeting Room and via Zoom  
July 27, 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 – Finance, John Townsend; Deputy Town Administrator- Operations, Jon Marshall; Director of DPW, Jeremy Marsette; Town Engineer, William McDowell; Executive Assistant, Joan McNamara

ABSENT: None

Chair Joseph called the meeting to order at 6:32PM

Chair Joseph 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)(1), to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual - receipt of an Open Meeting Law Complaint against the Select Board

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:

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

**Open session reconvened at 7:40PM**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed all that serve in public service and our military.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Goes Live

Mr. Marshall made an announcement regarding the 988 Suicide lifeline. The full announcement and flyer are both attached to this evening's agenda.

- B. Mandatory Water Use Restriction – see attached memo

There is a mandatory water use restriction effective July 21, 2022. Please view the attached full memorandum for details.

### **SELECT BOARD UPDATES**

1. Next week we will have an alcohol policy update. A Public hearing will be scheduled in late August.
2. The Board will not be ready to hear the marijuana delivery items again until probably September.
3. There is no meeting on August 10th for the Select Board, it is now switched to August 3rd.

### **PUBLIC SPEAK**

#### **DISCUSSION and DECISION**

##### A. 2022 Roadway Improvement Program Update - Fairview Estates (including Fern Street)

1. Construction update
2. Sidewalk Improvements

Mr. Marsette was present to discuss the 2022 Roadway Improvement Program Update.

Attached to this evening's agenda is Mr. Marsette's full presentation. Mr. Marsette stated that roadways are aging in the Fairview Estates neighborhood and pavement conditions are in very rough shape. Also, pieces of sidewalk are missing.

This project was looked at by the Planning Board, Safety committee and Select Board, including sections up to the intersection to Procter street. The northern part of Fiske Street is not included in the paving plan for sidewalks. Mr. McDowell, Town Engineer, noted that sidewalks are added for connectivity purposes and to eliminate crosswalks.

Fern Street Residents were present this evening to speak about their opposition to the sidewalk. One resident on Fern St. stated that in his opinion, there is virtually no traffic on Fern St. so it does not necessitate a sidewalk. Other residents questioned whether or not drainage problems would arise after a sidewalk was put in. One resident questioned whether or not he would lose part of his driveway. Mr. Hickey added that the work being done is in the public right of way and the Town is not taking private driveways. Mr. McDowell also added that the sidewalk would be raised such that any drainage would drain into the street and not cause flooding problems.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 4-0-0 to change nothing on the 2022 Roadway Improvement Plan except for the following: to include on the western side of Fern Street

connecting the existing sidewalk on the north side to Procter St., except for the sidewalk on the north side of Fern Street between Procter and Moore Street.

B. Consideration of potential Select Board Sponsored 2022 Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Mr. Errickson, Town Administrator, wished to remind everyone that the Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant closes on August 18, 2022.

Mr. Hickey noted that we should put a placeholder for alcohol policies. Chair Joseph added that there are two Home Rule Petitions that affect our alcohol policies in terms of licensing: the malt beverages and wine and our all alcohol license for on-premises consumption.

Mr. Hickey added that with regard to street acceptances, there should be the next slate to bring forward.

C. Select Board Goals update for 2022

Attached to this evening's agenda is a document entitled Natick Select Board Values and Vision as Basis for Goals 2022 and a Draft Select Board Summary of Goals.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board voted 4-0-0 to approve the 2022 updated version of values and visions as basis for Goals

D. Town Governance Study Committee Report

Chair Joseph noted that there is a status update attached to this evening's agenda by the Town Governance Study Committee. Mr. Brand from the Committee was present before the Board to give the update and stated that interviews are continuing and public comments are still welcome. Comments should be sent to [naticktowngovernance@gmail.com](mailto:naticktowngovernance@gmail.com)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Procurement Officer Award Contract

1. Award/First Amendment - Contract for Remediation Services - 90 Oak Street

B. Approve and Sign September 6th and September 13, 2022, Election Warrants

C. Approve Meeting Minutes

1. Select Board Meeting Minutes May 4, 2022
2. Select Board Meeting Minutes May 16, 2022
3. Select Board Meeting Minutes February 16, 2022
4. Select Board Meeting Minutes February 28, 2022

D. Weekly Warrant Review

1. Warrant July 19, 2022

July 27, 2022

On a motion by Ms. Coughlin, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board voted 4-0-0 to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:40PM

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

  
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Bruce T. Evans, Clerk

July 27, 2022, Select Board Meeting Minutes Approved by the Select Board on October 19, 2022.

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