

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted in the Edward H. Dlott
Meeting Room and via Zoom
August 3, 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- Operations, Jon Marshall;
Town Engineer, William McDowell; Executive Assistant, Joan McNamara

ABSENT: Paul R. Joseph, Chair

Vice-Chair Hickey called the meeting to order at 6:48PM

Vice-Chair Hickey Executive Session will be cancelled this evening due to a posting error.

- 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 – Massachusetts Laborers' District Council Public Employees Local 1116 – Facility Management Employees; Natick Patrol Officers' Association - Police Patrol Officers; New England Police Benevolent Association Local 82- Police Superior Officers; New England Police Benevolent Association Local 182 - Dispatchers; Deputy Fire Chiefs' Association; Local 1707, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO;

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Vacancy on the Transportation Advisory Committee

Mr. Ostroff, Chair of the Transportation Advisory, was present and spoke about the open vacancy. Attached to this evening's agenda is a copy of the notice of vacancy and description of the committee and the charge.

- B. The Board of Health has extra COVID test kits and are free to families while supplies last.

SELECT BOARD UPDATES

None

PUBLIC SPEAK

None

DISCUSSION and DECISION

A. Accept and acknowledge donation from MetroWest Subaru as a sponsor of the Cochituate Rail Trail

Attached to this evening's agenda is a memorandum from Friends of Natick Trails which describes a recent donation from MetroWest Subaru in the amount of \$30,000. Unfortunately, due to a timing issue, the MetroWest Subaru representative is unable to be here tonight. The Board is here to accept and acknowledge the donation.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 3-0-0 to accept and acknowledge the donation listed in the July 26, 2022 memorandum to the Natick Select Board from the Friends of Natick Trails, said funds to be deposited into the Cochituate Rail Trail revolving fund to help the Town maintain the CRT in a state of good condition consistent with the intention of these donations.

B. 2022 Roadway Improvement Program Update - Fairview Estates (including Moore Street)

1. Construction update
2. Sidewalk Improvements

Several citizens were present once again to voice opinions about the Moore Street section of sidewalk and whether the sidewalk should be on the east or west side of the street. Mr. McDowell, Town Engineer was also present to answer additional questions about the project.

Mr. Burns, representing 1 Fern St. (corner of Fern and Moore)
Gary O'Brien corner of Windsor and Moore

On a motion by Ms. Coughlin, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board voted 3-0-0 to affirm the previous decision on this topic dated July 27, 2022

Several items were discussed during this topic and Ms. Coughlin suggested that these items be referred to the Safety Committee: 1. Letter that had been sent earlier to revisit the intersection regarding the stop sign at Moore St. and Sylvester Road per correspondence dated August 2, 2022 to Paul Joseph; and 2. to look at the possibility of a stop sign at the intersection of Fern and Moore St. once the paving is complete per a request from Mr. Burns at the Select Board meeting of meeting of August 3rd.

C. Rhode Island Avenue disposition process discussion

The Board sponsored this Article at Town meeting and now we are in the disposition process. The intent of the Article was to dispose of all or a portion of the land, so Mr. Errickson showed the Board a map to outline which areas may be areas to dispose of. This is an item to look at for a future vote by the Board, but the Town is not looking for a Select Board vote this evening.

D. Select Board policy discussion

1. Town Common
2. Cochituate Rail Trail
3. Honoring of non-military at various Town locations

There was a brief discussion this evening around setting policy for Town Common, the CRT and honoring of non-military at Town locations. Mr. Hickey stated that he would be doing some work and research on the 3rd item. The Board will reconvene on the first 2 items at a future Board meeting.

E. Alcohol policy review

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

1. Amend home rule petition to eliminate seating requirements for sec. 12 on premise wine and malt beverage license
2. Consideration of any other potential Select Board sponsored Articles.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 3-0-0 to place one or more Home Rule Petitions and/or one or more Articles on the 2022 Fall Annual Town Meeting warrant to eliminate the minimum seating requirement of 15 seats for an On-Premises Malt Beverage and Wine license and another Home Rule Petition/Article to eliminate the minimum seating requirement of 100 seats for an On-Premises All-Alcohol license," or to structure the Home Rule Petition/article into one or however many Home Rule Petitions/Articles as Town Counsel confirms is advisable to accomplish the substance of the goal as outlined. And, to authorize the chair to prepare specific language for each one or however many Home Rules Petitions/Articles as may be necessary to accomplish those purposes with Town Counsel and staff and to submit which Article or Articles/Home Rule Petition or Petitions for inclusion on the 2022 Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the board voted 3-0-0 to Schedule a public hearing for August 24, 2022, to allow for consideration of the items specifically listed in the matters outlined in the memo to the Select Board dated Wednesday, August 3, 2022, as attached to this agenda, and any other alcohol licensing matters referred to in the May 18, 2022, memo of Paul Joseph which incorporates information from the working group.

G. Select Board Goals update for 2022

Removed from the agenda this evening

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Accept Parks and Recreation Department's Request to accept donations received during the months of April, May and June, 2022

- B. Accept Recreation and Parks Commission's Requests to host the following events on the Natick Common:
 - 1. A movie on the Common on August 5th from 6:00pm-11:00pm
 - 2. Home Town Sweat's free fitness class on September 18th, from 9:00am-3:00pm
 - 3. America Needs Fatima to host the Rosary on October 15th from 11:30am-2:30pm
- C. Accept Request from Kristen Duffy for a block party on September 17, 2022, on Circular Avenue
- D. Approve request from Amy Keenan to hold a block party in the Pheasant Hollow neighborhood on September 17, 2022
- E. Accept resignation of Cody Jacobs from the Transportation Advisory Committee
- F. Approve Natick Center Cultural District's Request to close Common Street from 11:00am- 2:00pm on August 27, 2022, for Multicultural Day
- G. Approve One Day Liquor License for Natick Community Organic Farm for event on 9/17/22
- H. Approve One-Day entertainment license for the Natick Community Organic Farm for 9/17/22
- I. Approve letter of support to the MPO for the Natick Center station connection project of the Cochituate Rail Trail and authorize chair to sign on behalf of the Board
- J. Weekly Warrant Review August 2, 2022
- K. Approve Meeting Minutes
 - 1. May 11, 2022
 - 2. May 18, 2022
 - 3. May 21, 2022
 - 4. March 21, 2022
- L. Affirm Natick Affordable Housing Trust's decision to increase Board seats from 9 to 11
- M. Approve Frescafe's Temporary Outdoor Dining Renewal Application

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 9:00PM

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

Bruce T Evans

August 3, 2022

Bruce T. Evans, Clerk

August 3, 2022, Select Board Meeting Minutes Approved by the Select Board on October 19, 2022.

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