

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted in the Edward H. Dlott
Meeting Room and via Zoom
August 24, 2022
6:30PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator, James Errickson, Deputy Town Administrator- Operations, Jon Marshall; Fire Chief, Jason Ferschke; Michael Boudreau, Director of the Board of Health; William McDowell, Town Engineer; Executive Assistant, Joan McNamara

ABSENT: Kathryn M. Coughlin

Chair Joseph called the meeting to order at 6:40PM

Chair Joseph stated that he will read the 2 items for Executive Session this evening and read the following:

- A. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 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; Massachusetts Laborers' District Council Public Employees Local 1116 – Facility Management Employees; Natick Patrol Officers Association, Local 496, Massachusetts Coalition of Police; 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;
- B. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) - To discuss strategy with respect to litigation where an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares - Linda Valentin, et al v. Town of Natick, et al, Docket No. 21- CV- 10830 (D. Mass.)

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 3-0-0, to enter into Executive Session. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Mr. Hickey	Yes
Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes

The Board reconvened at approximately 7:40PM.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Fire Chief Ferschke's announcement of firefighter promotion to lieutenant

Attached to this evening's agenda is an official memorandum from Chief Ferschke announcing the newest

lieutenant to the Natick Fire Department, Lieutenant Doug Bouvier. Both Chief Ferschke and the new lieutenant, Doug Bouvier, were in attendance before the Board this evening.

- B. Annual September 11th Blood Drive to take place on Friday, September 2, 2022
The 9/11 Memorial Blood Drive will take place on October 2, 2022. The attached flyer has all the details of the blood drive

- C. Announcement of Susan Ramsey as Community Services Director

Town Administrator Errickson announced Ms. Ramsey's promotion to Community Services Director.

- D. West Nile Virus confirmed in mosquitos

Michael Boudreau, Director of the Board of Health, confirmed that the Central Mass. Mosquito Control Project found a mosquito in one of the traps near Hardwick Road that tested positive for West Nile virus. Spraying is being conducted in this area.

SELECT BOARD UPDATES

None

PUBLIC SPEAK

None.

DISCUSSION and DECISION

- A. Public Hearing: Marshall Brothers Square Dedication

Attached to this evening's agenda is a Request from Veterans' Service Director Paul Carew, for a Square Dedication for the Marshall Brothers, a Public Hearing Notice, and the Marshall Brothers Resolution.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 3-0-0 to open the public hearing. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Hickey	Yes
Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes

Paul Carew, Veterans' Services Director, was present this evening to speak to the request and the Square dedication at Boden Lane and West Central Street. Mr. Evans read the public hearing notice and the resolution.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board, by roll call vote, voted 3-0-0 to close the public hearing. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

Mr. Hickey	Yes
Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes

B. Town Governance Study Committee Update

Attached to this evening's agenda is a full memorandum and report submitted by Carol Gloff, Chair of the Town Governance Study Committee. Ms. Gloff was present before the Board this evening and noted that this report is a report of the Committee's initial findings. Ms. Gloff also noted that the Committee had been approved in March of 2022 and began its work in April of 2022. Chair Joseph commented that the next report will likely be delivered to the Board around October of 2022.

C. Public Hearing: Modification and/or amendment of the Rules & Regulations for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages

Attached to this evening's agenda are:

1. Public Hearing Notice
2. Memo to the Select Board with proposed alcohol policy changes;
3. Alcohol policy memo from Natick 180

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by roll call vote, voted 3-0-0 to open the public hearing. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Hickey	Yes
Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes

Ms. Sugarman, Prevention and Outreach Program Manager, Natick 180, and Mr. Carew, Director of Veterans' Affairs were present this evening and spoke during the public hearing. Mr. Carew noted that he will be collaborating with Ms. Sugarman and Natick 180. Ms. Sugarman spoke to her memorandum and also added that if there were to be many alcohol policy changes, that she and the collation would hope that those changes could be phased in.

Chair Joseph noted that given Ms. Coughlin's absence this evening, he would rather wait to hear specific discussions about the actual recommendations on policy until she returns.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board, by roll call vote, voted 3-0-0, to close the public hearing until September 7, 2022. The Roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Hickey	Yes
Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes

D. 5 Auburn Street RFP Finalization

Mr. Marshall, Deputy Town Administrator, Operations, spoke to the Request for Proposal (RFP) document for 5 Auburn Street and noted that comments from the Select Board have been incorporated into the final RFP document. Once the RFP is approved, dates are inserted and Town Counsel has approved it, we are looking at about 5 weeks for this to be out for the public for viewing and for responses. There will also be one scheduled walkthrough.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board, by Roll Call Vote, voted 3-0-0 to authorize Town Administration and the Town's procurement officer in consultation with Town Counsel, to finalize the RFP in substantially the form that is attached to Novus Agenda with changes made to reflect the discussions outlining those items relating to review process. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

Mr. Hickey	Yes
Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes

E. *Roadway and construction projects status and progress update - S. Main and Washington Ave.*

- Coordination with Eversource and utility companies regarding utility pole placements/removals affecting construction

Mr. Marshall, Deputy Town Administrator, Operations and Mr. McDowell, Town Engineer spoke this evening on roadway and construction projects status/update - S. Main and Washington Ave. Mr. Marshall has attached a memorandum/update which is attached to this evening's agenda dated 8.23.22.

Mr. Marshall stated the following information that is not contained within his memo::

1. 51 poles that are remaining out there. Out of the 51 poles, 11 of them are ready to be removed.
2. 40 poles are needing transfers of wires (new wires will be replacing old wires), so you will still be seeing the old pole with wires which are still providing services to customers until the new wires are connected. Of those 40 poles, 34 of them are sitting with RCN and Comcast and 6 are sitting with Verizon.

Mr. Marshall also noted that the process has not been as smooth as people would have liked and what they are seeing is that when one vendor completes their work, there is a lag because the next vendor is not getting a warning when they will next in line to start work.

Chair Joseph did invited Verizon to participate in our next meeting of September 7, 2022.

On a motion by Chair Joseph, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board, by Roll Call voted, voted 3-0-0 to authorize Town Administration or the Select Board Chair to follow-up by letter or phone call

answers/actions to all necessary stakeholders and utility companies on S. Main St. and Washington Avenue.

Mr. Hickey	Yes
Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes

F. Finalize Select Board Goals for 2022 – removed from agenda this evening

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting Minutes 3.28.22
2. Meeting Minutes 4.27.22
3. Meeting Minutes 5.2.22
- 4 Meeting Minutes 5.25.22
- 5 Meeting Minutes 6.1.22

B. Weekly Warrant Review

1. August 2, 2022
2. August 9, 2022
3. August 16, 2022

C. Approve Town Clerk's Request to Bag Meters for Free Voter Parking:

1. September 6, 2022 (State Primary)
2. September 13, 2022 (Special Election)
3. November 8, 2022 (State Election)

D. Approve Glenn Eagan's Block Party Request for September 25, 2022

E. Approve Application for a Change of Manager for Courtyard by Marriott Natick/342 Speen Street, Natick, MA

F. Approve P,F. Chang's China Bistro, Inc., 1245 Worcester Street, Natick, MA, Application for a Change of Officers

G. Approve Parks and Recreation Request to accept Donations for the month of July, 2022

H. Authorize the Police Chief or his designee to Appoint police officers at elections

I. Approve Request from the Flutie Foundation to hang a banner for the Flutie 5K for autism from September 26th through October 10, 2022

J. Accept Family Promise MetroWest's Request to hold the Walk to End Homelessness

K. Approve the 2022 Brown School Fun Run for October 23, 2022

L. Approve Parks and Recreation's Request to approve a Seasonal Exemption

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On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll call vote, voted 3-0-0 to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Hickey	Yes
Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 3-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:00pm

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



Bruce T. Evans, Clerk

August 24, 2022, Select Board Meeting Minutes Approved by the Select Board on November 30, 2022.

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

<https://naticktown.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=1055&MinutesMeetingID=-1&doctype=Agend>