

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted in the Edward H. Dlott

Meeting Room and via Zoom

September 28, 2022

6:30pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator, James Errickson, John Townsend, Deputy Town Administrator-Finance Deputy Town Administrator-Operations, Jon Marshall, Amanda Loomis, Director of Community and Economic Development; William McDowell, Town Engineer, Jillian Wilson-Martin, Sustainability Director; Claire Rundelli, Conservation Commission; Executive Assistant, Joan McNamara

ABSENT: None

Chair Joseph called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

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, § 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; Deputy Fire Chiefs Association; Local 1707, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to enter into Executive Session. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Open Session was convened at 7:30PM.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Chair Joseph announced that the Board had just exited Executive Session and noted that a Collective Bargaining Agreement has been signed between the Town and Deputy Fire Chiefs Association, Local 1707, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO. This is one-year retroactive agreement and then a 3-year agreement after that through Fiscal year 2025.
- B. Senate President Spilka's 55+ Senior Fair
We are pleased to tell you that Senator Spilka's annual senior fair returns on October 22, 2022, in person, at

Keefe Technical School in Framingham, and we invite you to stop by to chat with residents and enjoy any of the event offerings. Please see the attached flyer which is attached to this evening's agenda and outlines the full event.

C. Water Ban Lift

Effect this week, the currently water ban in Natick has been lifted.

SELECT BOARD UPDATES

None

PUBLIC SPEAK

DISCUSSION and DECISION

A. Cannabis HCA/State Legislative Changes update

In the end of July/early August, there have been some significant changes to the Cannabis HCA/State laws. As a result, it caused us to pause on the two Host Community Agreements that we had been working on.

Attorney Silverstein was present before the Board to give a quick update on those changes. He stated that with regard to the Town, most relevant here are the changes regarding the Host Community Agreement as follows:

1. Prohibits Host Community Agreements from including impact fees that are stated as a percentage of revenue
2. A Host Community Impact Fee either has to be stated as some set dollar amount or would be a function of impacts the community would be able to annually document.
3. The Host Community needs to annually document the impacts and to provide that documentation to the Cannabis business within 30 days of the anniversary of the opening of the facility. If the business wishes to challenge those evaluation of impacts, they are able to file a breach of contract and recover its attorney's fees and costs from the community if they are successful.

B. MBTA Communities Update

Ms. Loomis, Director of Community and Economic Development, was before the Board this evening to give an update on the MBTA Communities.

At the end of August, the final MBTA guidelines were released. Ms. Loomis will send the Board the link from the state with those final guidelines. If we want to be eligible for MassWorks, Housing Choice or other State Funding, we would need to be in compliance by creating a zoning district that allowed multi-family or mixed-use by right. It would also have to be within a ½ mile of the train station and provide a minimum of 10% affordable housing.

C. FY24 Forecast & FY22 Year End report and ARPA Spending Plan Update

Attached to this evening's agenda is a financial presentation. Deputy Town Administrator-Finance, John Townsend, was present this evening, and walked through the full presentation.

Mr. Erickson, Town Administrator, noted that the ARPA information in the presentation is much the same as the information that was presented to the Board in July of 2022. The Board voted on a prior spending plan from December of 2021.

On a motion by Ms. Coughlin, seconded by Mr. Sidney, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to approve the ARPA Allocations as set forth in slide number 33 of the Financial Presentation attached to this evening's agenda, and reaffirming the Board's vote of July, 2022. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

- D. Consider 2022 FATM Articles
 - Article 2 - Fiscal Omnibus Budget
 - Article 11 - Collective Bargaining
 - Article 15 - Capital Equipment and Improvement
 - Article 16 - Town Clerk from Elected to Appointed Position
 - Article 24 - East Central/Union Street Intersection (southern side)

This agenda item was removed from the agenda this evening.

- E. Accept Resignation of David Krentzman from the Cultural Council and vote to post open positions to the Cultural Council

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to accept the resignation of David Krentzman from the Cultural Council and to post the open vacancy.

The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

- F. Continuation of Charles River Dam Committee Discussion

Chair Joseph noted that we have received many, many emails regarding this topic and continue to see common themes about the aesthetics, tranquility and history of the dam. We are also seeing those who are supporting the removal of the dam.

The Board continued their discussions regarding the Charles River Dam and continued to allow all members of the public to make statements and ask questions regarding the topic.

The following members of the public attended this evening's meeting and spoke to their opinions regarding removal of the dam:

1. Peter Antwerp
2. Melissa Probst
3. Sarah Hannah
4. Robert Kearns, Charles River Watershed
5. Anne Geisler
6. Saul Beaumont
7. Aileen Zogby
8. Reverend Dr. Ian Mevorach, Common Street Spiritual Center
9. Fred Peterson
10. Tim Braynor
11. Rick Devereaux
12. Sue Blease
13. Brinley Vickers
14. Diane Young
15. Mike Trinidad
16. Candy Hulton

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Fall Fun Run Request on 10.23.22

B. Weekly Warrant Review

1. September 20, 2022

C. Approve the closure of Common St. from October 1 through October 29, 2022, from 7:30am - 2:00pm on Saturdays to support the Farmers' Market

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:40pm.

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The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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



Bruce T. Evans
Bruce T. Evans, Clerk

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