

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted in the Edward H. Dlott
Meeting Room and via Zoom
October 19, 2022
6:30 PM

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-Operations, Jon Marshall; Bill Spratt, Director of Facilities Management; Jillian Wilson-Martin, Sustainability Director; Executive Assistant, Joan McNamara

ABSENT: Richard Sidney

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with:

1. Natick Patrol Officers Association, Local 496, Massachusetts Coalition of Police

On October 13, 2022, the Select Board completed Negotiations and entered into a contract for a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Natick Patrol Officers Association, Local 496, Massachusetts Coalition of Police.

B. A note to local non-profits: Applications for submitting your interest in using the Boston Marathon bibs. That application is on our website. The deadline for the application is 10/21/22 at 12:30 PM to ddonovan@natickma.org.

PUBLIC SPEAK

Cody Jacobs read a letter written on behalf of the Natick Policy Coalition Sanctuary. Mr. Jacobs noted that the letter is asking the Board to create a policy regarding Natick as a "Sanctuary City". The letter is attached to this evening's agenda under correspondence.

Ms. Coughlin noted that this topic should be brought forward on a future agenda.

DISCUSSION and DECISION

A. Green Communities Annual Usage Report

Jillian Wilson-Martin, Sustainability Director, and Bill Spratt, Director of Facilities Management, were present before the Board this evening to give an update on the Green Communities Annual Usage Report. The

entire report is attached to this evening's agenda. The report itself is a high-level overview of how the Town is complying with the Green Communities program over the last fiscal year. Ms. Wilson-Martin noted that she is seeking the Board's approval for the Chair's signature on the final report.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0 to authorize the Chair to send the Green Communities report to the Green Communities Division. The Roll call vote was as follows:

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

B. Public Hearing: 2023 Licensing Fees

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0, to open the Public Hearing on the 2023 Licensing Fees. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

Chair Joseph stated that the Board would be discussing fees for all licenses for which the Board has responsibility for setting each year. The Board is being asked whether to revert to the fee schedule which had been in place prior to when discounted rates had been put in place during COVID-19. Primarily, during the pandemic, fees for on premise alcohol licenses had been reduced by half. All other fees were brought back to pre-pandemic rates last year.

Town Administrator Errickson added that the Town's recommendation would be to look back to the 2020 fee schedule for all other fees.

Ms. Coughlin raised several points about fees and notes that she would like to have a discussion next year about certain fees prior to decision making time to make sure that the fee structure is fair and equitable.

On a motion by Ms. Coughlin, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0 to accept the fee structure from 2020 to set for calendar year 2023, with the exception of the Inn-holder license which will change from \$3,015.00 to \$4,500.00. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

C. Public Hearing: Proposed Cable Television Renewal License for Comcast Cable Communications

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0, to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed Cable Television Renewal License for Comcast Cable Communications. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

William Solomon, Counsel for the Town's cable renewal licenses, was present this evening to discuss the proposed license as well as Todd Gillenwater from the Cable Advisory Committee who also worked on the license. Mr. Errickson stated that part of the negotiation process includes fees which then go to fund Natick Pegasus. Historically these licenses have been 10-year licenses.

Attached to this evening's agenda are the following:

1. Public hearing notice;
2. Proposed renewal license;
3. Summary of the Comcast Cable renewal license;
4. Natick Senior Discount document;
5. Natick PEG (public, educational and governmental access programming letter)

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board, by roll call vote, voted 4-0-0, the following:

Cable Television Renewal License to Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC
(License Renewal Term: November 1, 2022 – October 31, 2032)
Recognition and Acknowledgement of Two (2) Comcast Side Letters:
(1) PEG Interactive Program Guide and (2) Senior Citizen Discount Letter

(October 19, 2022)

I hereby move that the Board, as cable television license Issuing Authority, vote as follows:

1. To grant the subject Cable Television Renewal License, with a License renewal term of November 1, 2022 – October 31, 2032, to Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC ("Comcast"). All terms and conditions contained in the Renewal License have been agreed to by Comcast. Comcast, by and through its authorized representative, shall execute this Renewal License (Agreement) as set out on the Signature Page of the Renewal License.
2. To recognize and acknowledge the "PEG Interactive Program Guide" letter from Comcast, signed by Comcast's Senior Manager of Government & Regulatory Affairs, Gregory Franks.
3. To recognize and acknowledge the Senior Citizen Discount letter from Comcast signed by Comcast's Senior Manager of Government & Regulatory Affairs, Gregory Franks.

The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0, to close the public hearing. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

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

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

Deputy Town Administrator-Operations, Jon Marshall, gave an update which follows the update previously given by Mr. Marsette on October 3, 2022. Mr. Marshall noted that he is meeting with the utility companies bi-weekly. On October 3, 2022, we had reported to the Board that we were having funding issues with RCN at that time. Those issues have now been resolved. Also, the representative from Comcast was able to communicate that their work should be complete within 30 days.

E. Continuation of Charles River Dam Committee Discussion

Chair Joseph stated at the beginning of the meeting that the Board would not be making a decision on this matter tonight nor would they be conducting full deliberations in Mr. Sidney's absence. It is likely that the continuation of the discussion will be November 16, 2022, at the very earliest.

Chair Joseph continued to allow citizens to make public comments this evening:

1. Ann Geisler spoke regarding the Stantec report
2. Diane Young asked the Board if Mr. Evans felt as if there were any conflict of interest due to the fact that his wife Terri Evans was a member of the Charles River Dam Advisory Committee. Mr. Evans answered that he did not have a conflict.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes October 19, 2022

1. July 14, 2022
 2. July 27, 2022
 3. August 3, 2022
 4. August 22, 2022
- B. Procurement Officer Award Contract
1. Award: On-Call Emergency Tree Pruning and Cleanup Services
- C. Accept resignation of Peg Waters from Recreation and Parks Commission
- D. Approve signing of Election Warrant
- E. Weekly Warrant Review
1. October 4, 2022
 2. October 11, 2022

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

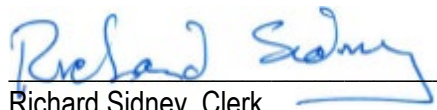
The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM.

The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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


Richard Sidney, Clerk

October 19, 2022, Select Board Meeting Minutes Approved by the Select Board on May 3, 2023.

All documents used at this Select Board meeting are available at:
<https://naticktown.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=1059&MinutesMeetingID=-1&doctype=Agend>