

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted in the Edward H. Dlott
Meeting Room and via Zoom
November 16, 2022
6:30 PM

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; Deputy Town Administrator-Operations, Jon Marshall; Executive Assistant, Joan McNamara

ABSENT: None

Chair Joseph called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Boden Lane Bridge Replacement Update

Mr. Marshall announced that there will be a public information hearing on the Boden Bridge Replacement. Attached to this evening's agenda is the flyer with all the relevant information and see the link for further details: www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-designpublic-hearings

B. Town Hall hours Thanksgiving holiday

Mr. Errickson, Town Administrator, announced that Town Hall will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday and Friday the following day.

C. Holiday tree lighting

The Town tree lighting ceremony will be on November 27, 2022, at dusk.

D. West Natick fire station dedication ceremony December 3rd from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM which will be open to the public.

PUBLIC SPEAK

None.

APPOINTMENTS

A. Interview and Appointment to the Elderly and Disabled Taxation Committee

1. Edward Hudson is present before the board and had been on Fincom 5-6 years ago and is on the Cable Advisory Board. Edward is looking to join the Elderly and Disabled Taxation Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve Mr. Hudson's

appointment to the Elderly and Disabled Taxation Committee.

DISCUSSION and DECISION

A. Transportation Advisory Committee:

1. Accept Resignation of Joshua Ostroff, Board Chair

Mr. Ostroff was present before the Board this evening and wishes to tender his resignation from the Transportation Advisory Committee effective December 1, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Sidney, the Board voted 5-0-0 to accept the resignation of Joshua Ostroff from the Transportation Advisory Committee effective December 1, 2022.

B. Appointment to the Transportation Advisory Committee

This appointment is a follow-up to the Board's meeting of November 2, 2022 where there was a tie vote for an appointment to the last seat on the Transportation Advisory Committee. Since that meeting, one applicant has withdrawn their application and the Board will vote on Mr. Chouinard's appointment this evening.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 5-0-0 to appoint Mr. Chouinard to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

B. Approve Small Business Saturday Proclamation for November 26, 2022

On a yearly basis, Natick Center Associates puts forward a Small Business Saturday Proclamation which is attached to this evening's agenda. The year Small Business Saturday will take place on November 26, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board voted 5-0-0, to approve the Small Business Saturday Proclamation.

C. Public Hearing: MASFannon, LLC d/b/a Austin's Liquors Too for a change of location and a d/b/a change from Austin's Liquors Too to Fannon's.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Sidney, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to Open the Public Hearing. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Cimini, a partner of MASFannon and Counsel for MAS Fannon, John Aieta, from McDermott, Quilty and Miller, are present this evening before the Board.

Public Hearing: MASFannon, LLC d/b/a Austin's Liquors Too are once again before the Board applying to move locations and to do a business name change.

The Natick Church of Christ, who are potential neighbors, also attended the meeting, and had some concerns about the liquor store operating as neighbors. Their parking lot is private property and some people think that their lot is public parking.

Mr. Cimini noted that MASFannon's only wish to be a good neighbor and will consistently work to make sure that there are no problems just as they have done in the past with their other neighbor, the ice cream shop.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Sidney, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to close the public hearing. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

On a motion by Ms. Coughlin, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board with a vote of 5-0-0, finds that the application for a change of location to 319 N. Main Street for MASFannon, LLC d/b/a Austin's Liquors Too, does not pose a deleterious or negative impact on the spiritual activities of the church that may be located within 500ft of the Natick Church of Christ at 324 N. Main Street.

On a motion by Ms. Coughlin, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board voted 5-0-0 that the application by MASFannon, LLC d/b/a Austin's Liquors Too for a change of location to 319 N. Main St. be approved.

On a motion by Ms. Coughlin, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the name change and a d/b/a change from Austin's Liquors Too to Fannons.

D. Water and Sewer Abatement Appeal

1. Rita Aude, 18 Elwin Rd. Natick, MA

Mr. Robert Audi (noted that his last name is spelled differently), Ms. Aude's son, was present to represent his elderly mother during her hearing.

The facts surrounding the water and sewer abatement appeal are found in the attached information packet which is part of this evening's agenda. It appears as if most of Ms. Aude's charges stem from a persistent leaking toilet which was eventually fixed. Mr. Marshall, Deputy Town Administrator, Operations, also gave the Board a thorough explanation of all charges. Ms. Aude lives on social security as stated by her son, and this bill alone would be extremely burdensome for her.

On a motion by Mr. Sidney, seconded by Mr. Hickey the Board voted 5-0-0 to abate Ms. Aude's bill in the amount of \$6,000.00.

E. Town Governance Study Committee 6 month interim report and request for consultant

1. Scope of Work - Town Governance Consulting Services
2. Town Governance Study Committee Final Report

Ms. Carol Gloff, Chair and Mr. Matt Brandt, Vice-Chair are present before the Board this evening. Attached to this evening's agenda are two documents:

1. Town Governance Study Committee Scope of Work
2. Town Governance Study Committee Survey Report

Mr. Brandt stated that The Town Governance Study Committee was formed with the charge of looking at the current form of government and ultimately providing recommendations on what changes should be made to the way we handle government in the Town to make things better.

The first step in the process was live interviews and zoom meetings with various participants which was then followed-up by the survey.

Mr. Brandt noted that the survey was sent out to random, various people including previous Town Meeting members, current Town Meeting members, and Town employees (including school department employees). A total of 249 responses were received. In reviewing the data Mr. Brandt noticed that the data showed that respondents cared more about the structure of the government versus the performance.

Ms. Gloff stated that a scope of work will be sent to at least three organizations that could potentially do the consulting work. Ms. Gloff said that in her opinion, the cost would be a minimum of \$10,000 and would not be more than \$50,000. Once the bid goes, the Town would need to go with the lowest bidder.

No action was taken by the Board this evening.

F. Sanctuary Community Policy process

This is a topic that has caused a bit of confusion for this Board as to whether this is a topic that the Select Board should actually be taking up. And, if so, it should be something that would involve the public.

Marge Roberson, a resident who lives on Lenox street is currently sitting on the committee which brought this to the Select Board and spoke briefly to this Board this evening. Ms. Roberson stated that this committee is diligently doing their work with people who are on both sides of this issue. They would like to continue their work and contact the Board at a later date so that they may bring all that information back at a public meeting.

G. 5 Auburn Street RFP

Mr. Erickson briefed the Board about the responses to the 5 Auburn St. RFP and the Board's options now that Administration has done their work and their review

Mr. Hickey had asked if the board should wait for the recommendations of Town staff before proceeding. Mr. Hickey noted that once the Board has those recommendations, perhaps the Board could meet in retreat to view those recommendations.

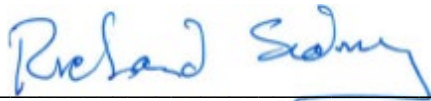
Mr. Erickson noted that they would also use template ranking sheets that could be helpful.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Weekly Warrant Review
 - 1. Weekly Warrant 10.25.22
 - 2. Weekly Warrant 11.1.22
 - 3. Weekly Warrant 11.15.22
- B. Procurement Officer Award Contract
 - 1. Award: Streetlight Maintenance Services Contract
- C. Approve renewal of Application for Adult Use Marijuana License for Kaycha MA LLC
- D. Approve Request for New Year's Eve event on the Cochituate Rail Trail on December 31, 2022

On a motion by Mr. Sidney, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board voted 5-0-0, to approve the consent agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Sidney, seconded by Ms Coughlin, the Board voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM.



Richard Sidney, Clerk

November 16, 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=1061&MinutesMeetingID=-1&doctype=Agend>