

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted in the Edward H. Dlott
Meeting Room and via Zoom
November 30, 2022
5:30 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator, James Errickson; Deputy Town Administrator-Operations, Jon Marshall; Eric Henderson, Director of Assessing; Brian Lauzon, Deputy Chief of Police; Executive Assistant, Joan McNamara

ABSENT: Kathryn M. Coughlin

Chair Joseph called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM

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

A. Review and Approve Executive Session Meeting Minutes:

1. 10/7/2020 Minutes and 10/14/2020 Minutes: Pursuant to MGL c. 30A, S. 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: New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 82;
2. 12/1/2020, 12/3/2020 Minutes: Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(1), to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual;
3. 12/16/2020 and 1/13/21 Minutes: Pursuant to MGL c. 30A, S. 21 (a)(3) - To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares - New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 82;
4. 1/13/21, 4/7/21 Minutes: Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – DiClemente v. Natick Police Department and Quilty, MCAD No. 20BEM02451, EEOC No. 16C- 2020-02135;
5. 3/24/21 Minutes: Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining and litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – NEPBA & NPO
6. 8/11/2021: Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – MCAD No. 20BEM02451, EEOC No. 16C-2020- 02135
7. 1/5/22 Minutes: Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(1), to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual – Officer James

Quilty, Natick Police Department;

8. 6/2/2022 Minutes: Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – MCAD No. 20BEM02451;

On a motion by Mr. Sidney, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll call vote, voted 4-0-0, to enter into Executive Session. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. New Year's Eve on the Cochituate Rail Trail

Mr. Ostroff read the announcement attached to this evening's agenda regarding activities for the New Years' Eve celebrations on the Rail Trail.

B. Mr. Hickey formally made his announcement this evening that he will not be running again for the Select Board seat. He encourages others to apply for this Board and other Boards or other Committees

PUBLIC SPEAK

Roger Scott spoke regarding the 5 Auburn St. project.

APPOINTMENTS

A. Interview and Appointment to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board

1. David H. Fishman

Mr. Fishman was before the Board this evening for an appointment to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board. After his interview, the Board took a vote.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board voted 4-0-0 to appoint David H. Fishman to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

A. Accept resignation of Barbara Rasmussen from the Council on Aging

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board voted 4-0-0 to accept the resignation of Barbara Rasmussen from the Council on Aging.

B. Public Hearing: Approve change of resident address

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Sidney, the Board voted 4-0-0, by Roll Call vote, to open the public hearing. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

Dominic Venuto is present for his request to change his address. The Safety Committee's recommendation is attached to this evening's agenda and address through the Safety Committee. The Safety Committee's recommendation is attached hereto. The request is for the party to change the address from 30 ½ West Street to 32R West Street, Natick, MA 01760.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Sidney, 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
Mr. Sidney	Yes
Mr. Evans	Yes
Mr. Joseph	Yes

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Sidney, the Board, by roll call vote, voted 4-0-0 to approve the change of resident address. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

C. Fiscal Year 2023 Tax Classification Hearing

Mr. Evans read the hearing notice into the record.

Mr. Henderson, Director of Assessing was present before the board this evening. All of the documents relevant to Mr. Henderson's discussion are attached to this evening's agenda as well as the full presentation.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Sidney, 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
Mr. Sidney	Yes

Mr. Evans Yes
Mr. Joseph Yes

On a motion by Mr. Sidney, seconded by Evans, The Board voted 4-0-0 to set the residential factor to 1.

D. Town Financial Overview discussion

Mr. Errickson made a brief statement and stated that it is likely that Administration will be bringing forward a comprehensive financial overview and discussion for January, 2023 before the Board and the public. Administration is still in the process of digesting numbers at this point. Mr. Errickson did want to address the fact that we did have our “free cash” number and wanted to say that it is still being determined as to where those funds will go.

E. Town Governance Study Committee Scope of Work and Consultant

Ms. Gloff, Chair of the Town Governance Committee is present at this evening’s meeting.

Ms. Gloff noted the following:

The scope of work has been revised for the Consulting Services document. This document is attached to this evening’s agenda. Ms. Gloff is looking for a vote from the Board this evening.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Sidney, the Board voted 4-0-0 to authorize Bryan Leblanc, Procurement Officer, to put out a bid to the three prospective bidders for the Town Governance Consulting Services’ RFP.

F. Select Board policies

The Board is currently working through a grid of policies that they are either looking to improve, change or keep the same. The full working grid of policies is attached to this evening’s agenda.

Mr. Hickey spoke regarding the “Naming of Public Places” policy which currently exists and is dated as of August, 2002. Mr. Hickey stated that the existing policy is a “bare bones” policy which is not necessarily a bad thing. Mr. Hickey’s question to the Board is this a policy that really needs to be updated at all. He made a couple of key points that may be taken into consideration in amending the policy:

1. A purpose clause, i.e. who may be eligible
3. Defining Public Place examples
4. A clear statement as to what the policy does and does not apply to

This item will be brought back at another date.

G. Select Board policy - Off Premises Alcohol Licenses

There will be no action on this item this evening, but Mr. Hickey gave an overview. Attached to this evening's agenda is a draft policy on issuing S15 Licenses.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Meeting Minutes

1. Select Board Meeting Minutes 8.24.22
2. Select Board Meeting Minutes 9.7.22
3. Select Board Meeting Minutes 9.21.22

B. Procurement Officer Award Contract

1. Award – Ambulance Billing Services

C. Weekly Warrant Review

1. November 8, 2022
2. November 22, 2022

D. Approve Parks and Recreation Request:

1. Chabad Center to host the annual Menorah on the Common lighting ceremony on 12.18.22 from 4:00-5:00pm. The Menorah will stay on the Common from 12.14.22 through 12.28.22

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board voted 4-0-0 to approve the consent agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM.



Richard Sidney, Clerk

November 30, 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=1062&MinutesMeetingID=-1&doctype=Agend>