

SELECT BOARD  
TOWN OF NATICK

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted in the Edward H. Dlott  
Meeting Room and via Zoom  
January 25, 2023  
6:00 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator, James Errickson; Deputy Town Administrator-Operations, Jon Marshall; Deputy Director of Recreation and Parks, Travis Farley; Executive Assistant, Joan McNamara

ABSENT: None.

Chair Joseph called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

The Chair announced that this meeting is currently being recorded by Natick Pegasus for future viewing.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An Executive Session had been planned for the Board this evening but was not held and the Board went directly into Open Session.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Natick Center MBTA Station Construction Advisory

The Natick Center Temporary Station Entrance Relocation has been postponed. Please view the attached memorandum for further details. This had been scheduled for January 23, 2023, but is indefinitely postponed.

B. Town Seal announcement by Mia Kheyfetz, Chair of the Town Seal Review Committee

Chair Kheyfetz wished to remind people that there will be a community open house on February 5, 2023, from 1:30-3:30 PM at the Morse Institute Library. The full announcement and details are attached to the agenda.

**PUBLIC SPEAK**

Vincent Tingley, President of Natick Open Door, spoke this evening to announce to the public that Natick Open Door is looking for a new home to hold their dining events.

Roger Scott inquired as to whether the 5 Auburn Street RFP interviews would be in public and recorded. The Chair responded "Yes, all interviews will be recorded by Pegasus and will be broadcast and available online for viewing."

**APPOINTMENTS**

A. Interview and Appointment to the Transportation Advisory Committee

1. Edward (Rick) Devereux

Mr. Devereux was absent this evening for his interview before the Board. The Select Board office will reach out to Mr. Devereux to reschedule his interview.

B. Interview and Appointment to the Cultural Council

1. Betsy Rigby

Ms. Rigby was present before the Board this evening for her interview for an appointment to the Cultural Council.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Sidney, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to appoint Ms. Rigby to the Cultural Council. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

C. Appoint Kevin Cullinane to the Cable Advisory Board

1. Kevin Cullinane

After further discussion with the Board and the Chair of the Cable Advisory and Information Systems Advisory Boards on January 11, 2023, the Select Board has determined that these two Boards essentially function as one in the same. This evening we are moving forward to appoint Mr. Cullinane to the Cable Advisory Board as a follow-up to his appointment to the Information Systems Advisory Board.

On a motion by Mr. Sidney, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to appoint Mr. Cullinane to the Cable Advisory Board. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

**1. DISCUSSION AND DECISION**

A. Joint Meeting of the Select Board and Natick Housing Authority

- 1. Interview/Appointment of David Ciminelli
- 2. Interview/Appointment of Deborah Doucette

Chair Joseph stated there is a quorum present for the Select Board.

Chair Kiley-Close of the Natick Housing Authority opened the meeting for the Natick Housing Authority and stated that there is a quorum present at 6:08 PM.

Mr. Ciminelli and Ms. Doucette are both present this evening to interview for the two open seats. Both of these appointments are only to fill existing seats until the spring 2023 election. Currently, Mr. Ciminelli is the only candidate to have pulled nomination papers to get on the ballot for election. If Mr. Ciminelli is elected, the other seat could potentially be filled by someone who was elected by “write in” votes.

Both Mr. Ciminelli and Ms. Doucette were interviewed by both Boards and each Board voted each candidate separately.

On a motion by Mr. Sidney, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board, by Roll Call voted, voted 5-0-0 to appoint Mr. Ciminelli to the Natick Housing Authority until the spring election. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to appoint Ms. Doucette to the Natick Housing Authority until the spring election. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

B. Recreation Summer Programs – Update

Travis Farley, Deputy Director of Recreation and Parks, was present to discuss summer programs and Memorial Beach. In March the spring guide will also be published with a list of all camps.

C. Continuation of Public Hearing - Grant of Location Arrow Path

Mr. Hickey stated that the prior hearing for the Grant of Location for Arrow Path was continued just to ensure that the Board understood what was happening in this area and exactly where it was happening. The Board did not expect that they would have any purview over this matter but did continue the hearing to this evening. After that brief explanation, the Board moved forward with a vote.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Sidney, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to approve the Grant of Location for Arrow Path. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

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

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

D. Elderly and Disabled Taxation Fund Committee: Presentation of fiscal year summary of awards and overview of the fund

Ralph Letner, Chair of the Elderly and Disabled Taxation Fund Committee, was before the Board this evening.

The Committee itself is established under Massachusetts State Law and a number of towns have these committees. The Committee is permitted to raise funds to help pay the real estate taxes of the elderly and disabled who are of low income in the Town. Chair Letner noted that anyone or any business can contribute to this fund. Over the life of the Committee, approximately \$250,000 has been raised.

E. Update/review of Action Plan for MBTA Communities Report

This item was not taken up by the Board this evening.

F. AmVets Post 79 Natick, Inc. - Consideration of whether to hold a public hearing for alleged alcohol violation

This evening, the Board will decide if a public hearing is necessary to review the alleged violation and not to make a final decision on the alleged violation.

On a motion by Ms. Coughlin, seconded by Mr. Sidney, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to

schedule a public hearing on the alleged alcohol violation and to do so at the first available date that Attorney Deluca can be present. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

The Board requested a copy of the video from the AmVets taken on Thanksgiving morning from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing.

G. Pursuant to M.G.L.c. 40A, sec. 5, request to refer Zoning Articles back to Planning Board

1. Proposed Zoning Amendment 0(R) East Central St. and 0 Dorset Lane

Attorney George Richards is present before the Board as he represents 200 Pond Road LLC that is proposing the zoning amendment. Mr. Richards is looking for a referral of this Article to the Planning Board.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Sidney, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to refer Proposed Zoning Amendment 0(R) East Central St. and 0 Dorset Lane to the Planning Board. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

2. Proposed Zoning Amendment - Mathworks Superior Drive

Mathworks recently purchased a building across from the Superior Drive location. That building is currently in the C2 zone where the rest of the campus is in the HM1 zone. Mathworks is proposing a zoning amendment for that building that is contiguous with their other property.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Sidney, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 5-0-0 to refer Proposed Zoning Amendment - Mathworks Superior Drive, to the Planning Board. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

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H. Consideration of potential Select Board Sponsored 2023 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Mr. Errickson reviewed potential Select Board sponsored 2023 Articles for Spring Town meeting this evening.

There was no action taken by the Board.

I. Town Administrator review process

Chair Joseph reminded the Board that on February 8, 2023, the Board will be conducting the Town Administrator review. Board members should submit comments and materials to him by February 5, 2023.

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Change of Manager Application for Smashburger Acquisition-Boston, LLC d/b/a Smashburger #1701
- B. Approve Change of Officers/Directors for California Pizza Kitchen, Inc.- DBA California Pizza Kitchen
- C. Approve Brigham-Gill Village CDJR's Application for a Transfer of a Class I Auto Dealer License
- D. Procurement Officer Award Contract
  - 1. Award - Professional Engineering Services - Phosphorus Control Plan
- E. Approve Jr.'s Paws for a Cause 6th annual 5k walk/run scheduled for April 30, 2023

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Sidney, the board, by Roll call vote, voted 5-0-0, to approve the Consent Agenda. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Sidney, the board, by Roll call vote, voted 5-0-0, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

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Richard Sidney, Clerk

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January 25, 2023, Select Board Meeting Minutes Approved by the SelectBoard on\_\_\_\_\_.

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