

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Natick Town Hall

April 22, 2014

6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Joshua Ostroff at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Joshua Ostroff, Charles M. Hughes, Richard P. Jennett, Jr., John Connolly: Nicholas S. Mabardy arrived at 6:35 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: Martha L. White, Town Administrator; Donna Challis, Executive Assistant

WARRANTS: Payroll warrants were signed by the Board of Selectmen on April 22, 2014 in the amount of \$1,071,465.40. This figure was included in total warrants signed by the Board of Selectmen of \$2,510,360.15.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, moved to enter into executive session to discuss matters pertaining to litigation, real property, and executive session minutes. The motion passed by a 4-0-0 roll call vote. Mr. Mabardy had not as yet arrived and did not vote. At 6:00 p.m. the Board entered into executive session after announcing that the meeting would return to open session. The Chair further announced that discussion of these items in open session would have a detrimental effect on the Board of Selectmen's negotiating position.

The open session was reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ms. White congratulated the City of Boston and the Town of Natick for a successful Marathon in particular she thanked the Police and Fire for keeping the public safe and the DPW. Natick was provided 25 running permits from the BAA and runners were raising over \$100,000 for Natick non-profits. In cooperation with the Mass Horticultural Society Natick planted daffodils along the marathon route. Under the supervision of LFNR Supervisor Arthur Goodhind over 10,000 daffodils were planted in Natick.
2. The Sudbury Aqueduct Trail would be opening on Thursday at 10:00 a.m.
3. Clean your Attic Day was scheduled for Saturday
4. Mr. Ostroff commented on the extraordinary display of support on Saturday for DPW worker Scott Spurling who was injured in a tragic accident in February that resulted in the death of another employee.

RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT PAUL THOMPSON

Police Chief James Hicks told the Board he would be remiss if a very special person to the Town and the Police Department was not recognized. Lt. Paul Thompson's retirement would be official tomorrow after close to 40 years of service. The Annual Town Report listed him as number one in terms of length of service.

Lt. Thompson has been very involved in the organization and the Town and was very well respected. He was one of the only officers who have been Officer of the Year twice. Since 2003 he served as Officer of the Day for the Police Officers Memorial Service. Lt. Thompson led many investigations and received many citations and Chief Hicks wanted to recognize him publicly and thank him for his work.

Lt. Thompson expressed his appreciation for the opportunities the Town had afforded him over the years. He saw how the Town had evolved and was proud of what it has become.

He thanked his co-workers for being here tonight and noted that he had met some wonderful Town's people. He had been most enriched and pleased by those experiences. Having been associated with the Police honor guard, Lt. Thompson said he couldn't have been more proud than last week when the honor guard got a call to go to the Marathon tribute. Natick's honor guard had the opportunity to stand in front of one of the restaurants where the bombings took place.

In conclusion, Lt. Thompson gave a sincere thank you to everyone.

Mr. Hughes recalled that he was sworn into the bar in 1979 and made the ADA in this building and met Patrolman Thompson. There was no more a hard working, helpful officer than Lt. Thompson and the Town will miss the service he provided. Mr. Hughes thanked the Lieutenant for his service to law enforcement in general.

Mr. Connolly believed the Department was a better place because of Lt. Thompson. He learned from the older officers and nurtured the young.

Mr. Jennett described Lt. Thompson as always professional and wished him the best moving forward.

Mr. Mabardy stated that he didn't think he had a better friend on the Police Department - someone he could count on all the time and someone who was always responsible for so many things. If he had to describe the Lieutenant in one word, he would say professional. Mr. Mabardy couldn't express his gratitude for what Lt. Thompson did for him in his time on the Police Department and was honored to have had the pleasure to have worked with him for many years.

Mr. Ostroff thanked Lt. Thompson for a difficult job well done and was glad to see someone leaving with a smile on his face and the respect of his peers. He wished Lt. Thompson a long happy retirement.

NATICK HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS CHAMPIONS, ADVISORY SIGNS

Members of the Natick High School Robotics team were introduced and congratulated on having won the State Robotics Championship. The winning project involved scooping up cubes and scoring them into baskets.

A request had been made to put up advisory signs recognizing the State Championship.

Mr. Hughes moved to install four signs - at the north and south end of Route 27 and the east and west end of Route 135. A fifth sign to be installed at the high school, subject to approval of the School Department. Seconded by Mr. Connolly. Mr. Ostroff offered an amendment to see if the DPW could incorporate this into a sign that maybe used for the future. The amendment was accepted and the motion was unanimously voted.

Document - email from Alan Seymour

WHAT'S NEW: MARATHON SCARVES PROJECT

Ms. White introduced the subject by noting that this new agenda item was an opportunity to inform the community about something noteworthy going on in the administration. She thought the timing was great to tell the community about this project at the library.

Library Director Linda Stetson and Karen Perkins who spearheaded the project described the project. Every year the weekend of the Boston Marathon the old South Church in Boston did a blessing of the athletes. This year they wanted to do something in remembrance and wanted to wrap the athletes in warmth. They sent out a call for people to knit scarves in yellow and blue.

Ms. Perkins noted there was a Stitching Group at the Library and they embraced the request. The group collected 67 scarves toward the 7,300 collected by the Church.

Ms. Perkins distributed copies of the scarves.

INTERVIEW FOR APPOINTMENT OF NATICK'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOUTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL (KEEFE TECH)

a. Stephen Kane

Stephen Kane told the Board that he has been a member of the Keefe Tech School Committee since Natick joined the district in 1988. He reviewed his background, noting that his life has been focused on education.

Mr. Ostroff inquired as to what Mr. Kane considered the most significant challenges facing Keefe Tech in the years to come and he responded that the facility was being addressed now with a new roof being put on. Academically he was very pleased with where the School was. Vocational training was not like it was years ago. The students have to pass the same exams as comprehensive high school students, but in addition they have vocational training. The quality of the academic course work was on a par with most comprehensive high schools. Natick had to view Keefe Tech as an extension of the Natick school system. The Town owned 20% of Keefe Tech.

As to the major challenge, Mr. Kane felt the Town had to get more kids from Natick. Ashland and Hopkinton has seen a market increase and that needed to be done in Natick.

b. John Boucher

John Boucher recalled that vocational school used to be a dumping ground and he was one of those kids who were dumped, but it proved to be a successful foundation for him. He has earned a BS in Economics and a Master's and was now the Senior Operation Manager for Facilities at Harvard Medical School.

Mr. Boucher felt that he brought a lot to the table and cared about students. He worked with the Parent Teachers Councils and coached soccer.

He re-enforced the point Mr. Kane made about getting more students involved.

By paper ballot, Stephen Kane received four votes and was reappointed as Natick's Representative to the Keefe Tech Vocational School Committee. John Boucher received one vote.

- Mr. Ostroff voted for Mr. Kane
- Mr. Hughes voted for Mr. Kane
- Mr. Mabardy voted for Mr. Kane
- Mr. Jennett voted for Mr. Kane
- Mr. Connolly voted for Mr. Boucher

Documents - Notice of vacancy; letter of interest from Stephen Kane; letter of interest from John Boucher

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: REQUEST CHANGE IN ADDRESS 71 1/2 POND STREET

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to reopen the public hearing.

Glen Opela told the Board that his mailing address was 73R Pond Street, but the tax address was 71 1/2 Pond Street which has caused confusion.

Some questions had been raised at the last hearing about the request and if a change would affect his neighbor. Mr. Ostroff advised that correspondence was received from Deputy Town Administrator for Operations William Chenard with a map showing the parcel and the 73R would not conflict with the neighbor's address.

The Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing. The vote was taken on a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett.

Mr. Hughes moved to approve a change of address for parcel 43-00000216 to 73R. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Document - email from Glen Opela; hearing notice; property analysis prepared by Deputy Town Administrator for Operations William Chenard; Safety Committee recommendation

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE: COMMON BUS STOP MURAL

Appearing before the Board were Ginger McCarron, Karen Lisna, Betty Scott, and Carol Krentzman.

The Board was showed a colored rendering of the design proposed for the back of the bus stop on the Common and it was noted that the mural artists were both Natick residents. The hope was to have the project done by the end of June.

Mr. Ostroff stated that he was on the Advisory Board of the Cultural District as the Board of Selectmen's representative and Mr. Jennett stated that he was on the Natick Center Arts Cultural Council Steering Committee.

Asked what was protecting the mural, Ms. McCarron responded that outdoor paint would be used and then a sealant against graffiti. It was something that could easily be removed.

Mr. Ostroff inquired if this was envisioned as permanent or on a rotating basis. Ms. McCarron responded that she always felt public art was not permanent. She would like it to live out its life span and that maybe 5-10 years.

Mr. Hughes inquired as to how much funding was coming from the Cultural Council and was told by Ms. McCarron that \$2,600 included everything.

After thanking the group for their efforts, Mr. Connolly asked for confirmation that the MWRTA had been contacted and it was determined that the Town owned the building. Ms. McCarron confirmed that to be correct.

Mr. Ostroff was supportive but didn't want to see it be frayed out 10 years from now and wondered if there could be a provision that the permission would be 5-10 years subject to renewal. Ms. White thought tracking for 10 years would be difficult, but pointed out that once the panels were attached to the bus stop the panels would be owned by the Town. If they became frayed, the Town would have the ability to remove them.

The Board unanimously voted to approve the mural for the Common bus stop as presented. The vote was taken on a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett.

Document - Letter from Carol Krentzman; rendering of proposed mural

THE FRANCISCO DESANCTIS LODGE #1411-SONS OF ITALY - PETITION FOR CHANGE IN OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Appearing on behalf of the Sons of Italy was the President, Paul McKinley.

Mr. McKinley advised there were new officers and directors at the Lodge and the change was being filed with the Board and the ABCC. This represents about a 30% change in the officers and directors.

Mr. Hughes disclosed that he was a full member of the Sons of Italy and intended to vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes to approve the change in officers and directors for the Sons of Italy as presented in the petition. Seconded by Mr. Ostroff and unanimously voted.

Documents - application and backup material

NORDSTROM CAFÉ: PETITION FOR CHANGE IN MANAGER - STEPHANI DAZZO

Appearing on behalf of Nordstrom's were the Regional Manager Ronald Sanderson and the proposed manager Stephani Dazzo.

Mr. Ostroff inquired as to when Ms. Dazzo became the manager and was told by Mr. Sanderson that she took the place of the prior manager in the middle of February, but had been training with the former manager. Ms. Challis confirmed that the paperwork for the transfer had been submitted a few weeks prior to tonight's hearing and was pending a time to be put on the agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to approve the change in manager for Nordstrom Café from Rebecca Serio to Stephani Dazzo.

Document - Petition submitted by Nordstrom along with proof of manager being 21 and a U.S. citizen; vote of the corporate board naming Stephani Dazzo the manager

POLICE CHIEF: SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Police Chief James Hicks reviewed the Safety Committee recommendations from their meeting of January 24, 2014.

- 1) The Committee recommended the installation of a streetlight fixture to Pole 239/2 opposite 7 Stacey Street

Chief Hicks noted that this had been on the Safety Committee's agenda for quite some time because several things were tried before a new light was recommended.

Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Connolly, moved to install a streetlight to Pole 239/2 opposite 7 Stacey Street. Unanimously voted.

- 2) The Committee recommended that parking be restricted on the entire length of the west side of Winnemay Street from Grove to Willow Street.

Asked if the residents had been advised, Chief Hicks noted that the recommendation was made at a public meeting and it was the residents that came forward. There may be some that were not aware.

Mr. Connolly, seconded by Mr. Jennett, moved to restrict parking the entire length of the west side of Winnemay Street from Grove to Willow Street. Unanimously voted.

Document - Safety Committee Report

FARMER'S MARKET

a. Use of Common

Farmer's Market Manager Deb Sayre appeared before the Board to request permission to hold the Farmer's Market on the Common with some spacing changes. The south section of the Common would not be used. What made sense parking wise hadn't as yet been defined, but they were going to try to move the produce trucks to Park Street and they were also trying to work with some off site parking for some of the vendors to have as many spaces for customers as possible.

The dates of the Market were May 10-November 15, 2014.

Mr. Jennett was glad to hear that South Main Street would be freed up.

Ms. Sayre advised that some of South Main Street would be used but not for trucks. The fish and meat vendors may be there because they operate out of the trucks and having them at one end of the market and produce at the other balances out the market and spreads out the customers.

Mr. Hughes moved to approve the use of the Common on Saturdays for the Farmer's Market for the period of May 10-November 15, 2014 with such parking as required to support the vendors. Seconded by Mr. Connolly and unanimously voted.

Document - Letter from Deb Sayre, Farmer's Market Manager; memo from Jon Marshall, Director of Recreation & Parks

Ms. Sayre prefaced the discussion of the wine licenses by noting that the three wineries being considered tonight have been with the market for several seasons. A fourth vendor just submitted an application to be considered later. Still River will only be there once a month. There will be no more than 2 or 3 wineries at the market each week. The additional license just gave a broader variety over time.

Mr. Connolly asked if there had been any issues, and Ms. Sayre's response was, "no".

b. Application for Section 15F Wine License - Zoll Brothers Private Cellars, LLC

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Connolly, the Board unanimously voted to grant Zoll Brothers Private Cellars, LLC of Shrewsbury, MA a Section 15F license to sell wine at the Farmer's Market every Saturday for the period of May 10-November 8, 2014.

Document - Application submitted by Zoll Brothers; letter from Department of Agriculture

c. Application for Section 15F Wine License: Still River Winery

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to grant Still River Winery of Harvard, MA a Section 15F license to sell wine at the Farmer's Market every Saturday for the period of May 10-November 8, 2014.

Document - Application submitted by Still Rive Winery; letter from Department of Agriculture

d. Application for Section 15F Wine License - Carr's Ciderhouse

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Connolly, the Board unanimously voted to grant Carr's Ciderhouse of Hadley, MA a Section 15F license to sell wine at the Farmer's Market every Saturday for the period of May 10-November 8, 2014.

Document - Application submitted by Carr's Ciderhouse; letter from Department of Agriculture

ABANDONMENT OF EASEMENT - ROCKLAND STREET ROBERT & MELANIE HARVEY

Ms. White explained that a sewer easement at 113 Rockland Street, created in 2002 to accommodate the extension of the sewer line was no longer needed. A developer of a subdivision recently extended a sewer main up Rockland Street from Everett Street and the existence of this new sewer main extension negates the need to retain the portion of the sewer easement. The owners of the property Melanie & Robert Harvey were requesting that the Town abandon the portion of the old easement on their property.

Robert Harvey recalled that the last time he and his wife were before the Board was 10 years ago looking for a variance to turn the property into a

house. At that time they agreed to an easement for a future sewer line for someone across the street. The sewer was now extended down the street and the easement was no longer needed. They would like to put a garage across the sewer easement.

Mr. Hughes moved approval of abandoning the easement. Seconded by Mr. Connolly and unanimously voted.

Document - Memo from Town Engineer Mark Coviello; map of sewer easement; copy of the abandonment of the easement

EMERGENCY ITEM - REQUEST TO TRANSFER FROM THE WATER & SEWER RESERVE FUND TO REPAIR SEWER MAIN - WEST CENTRAL STREET

Ms. White advised that an emergency situation arose and the Board was being asked to take it up. A sewer main on West Central Street in front of the Animal Clinic has been collapsing. An amendment could be done to the contract the Town already had with National Water Main Company, but a transfer from the water & sewer reserve would be needed.

Deputy Town Administrator for Operations William Chenard reported that on Saturday cameras were put down the main and found three areas severely settled and one area that collapsed and sand was flowing in. The collapsed area was 80% water. The cost was \$102,000. The hope was to reline because it was less expensive but that couldn't be done because it is too old and had to be replaced.

Mr. Ostroff inquired if the problem was a function of age and Mr. Chenard responded that it was although the problem could be exacerbated by the vibration of the trains because it was an old clay pipe.

Mr. Jennett asked about the impact on the users and Mr. Chenard noted that the DPW could pump between manholes above ground while the pipe was being replaced. There will be less impact to the users than there has been over the last week or so.

As to how long the repairs would take, Mr. Chenard estimated six weeks.

Mr. Hughes inquired as to the source of funds, and Mr. Chenard noted there was an appropriation of \$200,000 for the water & sewer reserve fund that had not been spent to date.

The Board unanimously voted to take the matter up as an emergency item. The vote was taken on a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett.

Mr. Connolly inquired as to who would do the work and was told by Mr. Chenard that it would be managed inhouse. There was a contract in place with a relining and construction company and an amendment could be done to that contract.

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes to transfer \$102,000 from the water & sewer reserve fund. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Mr. Hughes then moved to amend the contract with National Water Main Company to do this work. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

DEPUTY TOWN ADMINISTRATOR FOR OPERATIONS: PRELIMINARY HEARING FISCAL 2015 WATER & SEWER RATES

Deputy Town Administrator for Operations William Chenard reviewed the rate setting process, noting this year's was no different than prior years. The request was for the Board to call a public hearing on May 5 and set a rate by June 1. The Board was also asked to give staff some guidance on what models members would like to see. Typically in prior years the hearing was over three meetings although last year it was done in two. This year the Board was being asked to set the rate at the meeting of May 19.

Mr. Chenard provided a history of the rates noting that since 2009, there has been a 23% increase.

In a review of the water & sewer budget, Mr. Chenard pointed out that the single biggest factor was the MWRA. The preliminary assessment was \$5.3 million or an 8.7% increase. Overall there was a projected budget increase of 3.82%. If Town Meeting votes the capital and moves the I&I to a stabilization fund, there will be 9.93% of retained earnings. There was \$1.424 million in retained earnings and the recommendation was not to use any.

Mr. Mabardy encouraged and reminded the public of the public hearing. Many people were concerned with their water & sewer rates and here was an opportunity to attend the hearing and voice their concerns.

Mr. Connolly agreed noting that the time to bring forth concerns was not Tuesday morning after a Monday meeting. It was before and the hearing was an opportunity for residents to speak to the elected representatives.

If anyone wanted to see any specific proposal, Mr. Ostroff asked that they contact a member of the Board or the administration. The Board wanted the benefit of public input before making a decision.

Mr. Ostroff inquired as to how the new DEP regulations fit into this plan and was told by Mr. Chenard that it didn't. The regulations were still out for comment and the proposed rates did not include anything for the water permit. If the new regulations went into effect, most likely the Town would appeal and stay those changes for the time being.

Noting that the projection was an increase of 3-6% in the coming years because of the MWRA, Mr. Ostroff asked how what was done this year would impact next year. Mr. Chenard responded that if all the retained earnings were spent to not increase rates this year, it could end up causing a huge increase next year. If there was an emergency and there weren't any retained earnings to cover, rates would have to be raised mid year and that would be very difficult for the ratepayers.

Mr. Connolly recalled having a lot to do with the last time a big portion of retained earnings were used to lower rates and it was one of his biggest mistakes for which he took full responsibility. The Board tried to save the ratepayer but it was a mistake. At the time he thought it was a good idea, but didn't know the impact on the next year. He wouldn't do that again but will push to keep the rates as low as possible. Sometimes going up a little kept them from going up a lot the next year.

Mr. Hughes inquired if the proposed rates would result in more than 10% in retained earnings. Mr. Chenard responded that he would hope so barring a draught.

Mr. Ostroff commented on the sharply inclined tiers and if they were made less inclined it would benefit people who use a lot more, but would cost people who use less. To him that was a policy of the Board that was really notable.

Mr. Chenard added that lessening the incline would shift the burden back to the everyday person and they would pay a big increase and the big users would pay less. He only included it in the material to see if the Board would like to see a revision of the sharp incline, but he was hearing anything to that sort.

Mr. Jennett requested a profile of who was in the high end.

Mr. Ostroff then raised the fixed \$5.00 administrative fee which he believed was very low. There was a high value placed on the quality and safety of the water and while he thought the system that charged people more on a base charge may be more fair, that was his view and it hadn't gotten other support.

Mr. Chenard pointed out that it would be shifting the burden to the low end users, but it would be easy to do a model. Mr. Hughes emphasized that he wasn't saying he was in favor of it, but would be curious to see the impact.

Mr. Ostroff inquired as to how things were working policy wise with the averaging. Mr. Chenard thought it was OK. He hadn't heard any complaints.

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to schedule a public hearing on the Fiscal 2015 water & sewer use rates for May 5, 2014.

Documents - Memo from Deputy Town Administrator for Operations William Chenard; budget; proposed rate analysis

CHRIS GLOVER: REQUEST ABATEMENT OF WATER & SEWER BILL

At the prior meeting the Board considered a request from Chris Glover for an abatement of his water bill for property at 41 Sylvester Road. No vote was taken pending receipt of additional information.

Mr. Glover had used the water through an irrigation meter with no sewer charges involved and the Board was interested in seeing the cost if billed under the water rates vs the irrigation rates.

Mr. Chenard provided the Board with:

- 1) What the bill was
- 2) What the bill would be if there was water & sewer
- 3) What the bill would be if it was water only

The difference in the billing methodologies appeared to be about \$600.00.

Mr. Conley stated that he was frustrated for the young couple and would like to do something for them but was concerned about setting a precedent. He didn't know how to rationalize doing something.

Mr. Ostroff agreed that abating the difference would put the Board on a slippery slope and he had come to the view that it was vital to focus on prevention. Water had to be treated as money and this was a problem with a preventable situation.

Mr. Mabardy suggested a power point presentation on how to read your water bill. Mr. Chenard thought that was a great idea and something he would do the night of the hearing.

Document - Letter from Chris Glover; rate analysis

RENEWAL OF LICENSES

a. Junk Dealers

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to renew the following junk dealers licenses for 2014-15:

Almaari Jewelers Samer Almaari dba Natick Mall 1245 Worcester St., Suite 4048	Best Buy Stores LP Best Buy Mobile #1666 Natick Mall 1245 Worcester St.
Cherished Antiques & Collectibles Jason Ridenour 132 East Central Street	EcoATM, Inc. Natick Mall 1245 Worcester St.
Friends of Natick Senior Center, Inc. 117 East Central Street	Game Stop Natick Mall 1245 Worcester Street
Gold Rush, Inc. Romen Rubinov 85 Worcester Street	GRS Jewelry, Inc. d/b/a Stucchi Brothers 3 Main Street
H. Brandt Jewelers, Inc. 31 Main Street	Long Jewelers 323 Speen Street
Macy's Retail Holdings, Inc. Macy's East 1245 Worcester St.	Music Go Round Phil Cherin Rt. 9/27 Shopping Plaza Worcester Street
Newbury Comics Natick Mall 1245 Worcester St.	Record Time, Inc. d/b/a FYE #863 Natick Mall 1245 Worcester St.
Southwick Fine Jewelry Consignment Randi Amber Southwick 5 South Avenue	Time Square, Jewel Time, Inc dba Kul B. Jain Natick Mall 1245 Worcester St - Suite 2040

Document - List of licenseholders; Memo from Treasurer/Collector

b. Taxi Cabs

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to renew the following taxi licenses for 2014-15:

JFK Transportation 4 Mechanic Street	Jamms Auto d/b/a Natick Cab 18 North Main Street
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Document - List of taxi cabs; inspection report filed by Lt. Brian Lauzon

c. Billiards

Mr. Hughes moved to renew the billiards license for the Amvets. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

The Board voted to table consideration of the renewal of the billiards license for the American Legion. The vote was taken on a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett.

Document - list of licenseholders; memo from Collector's Office

TCAN: REQUEST FOR FOUR (4) ONE DAY BEER & WINE LICENSES

Mr. Jennett recused himself from voting on this matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Connolly, to grant The Center for Arts in Natick four (4) one day beer & wine licenses for performances at 14 Summer Street on May 3, May 9, May 10, May 17, 2014. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote. Mr. Ostroff, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mabardy, Mr. Connolly voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Jennett had recused himself and did not vote.

Document - Letter from David Lavalley, Executive Director of TCAN

VISITABILITY STANDARDS: EXTENSION OF BUILDING CODE INCENTIVE

Mr. Ostroff explained that the visitability standard was known as basic home access which meant the house was visitable by people who were impaired. It was not recognized in the state building code, but two years ago the Board instituted a local program to compensate builders with incentives.

It has not been used in the past two years, but Mr. Ostroff said he had been approached by a builder who plans to bring forward a proposal to the Planning Board. Since the application was being made June 30, it would be reasonable to consider renewing the program at this time.

Mr. Connolly noted that it wasn't something that was forced upon someone - it was something for which people were given incentives.

A motion was made by Mr. Connolly, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to extend the visitability standards incentive for another two years.

Document - copy of visitability standards previously voted; memo from Joshua Ostroff; listing of building fee incentives

FISCAL 2014 GOALS & OBJECTIVES UPDATE

At Mr. Ostroff's request, Mr. Hughes moved to table discussion to the meeting of May 5. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Document - copy of FY14 goals & objectives

FISCAL 2015: GOALS & OBJECTIVES PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

Mr. Ostroff noted that he would like to begin the discussion after Town Meeting and asked the members to begin making notes of things they would like to see the Board or Town Administrator work on.

FIRE CHIEF SCREENING COMMITTEE: CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS, TIMELINE

Ms. White reported that the first meeting of the Fire Chief Screening Committee was held today. Carol Gloff was appointed as Chair and Sue Salamoff as Vice-Chair. The committee reviewed the timeline and a draft RFP for a consultant to conduct an assessment center and approved with a few modifications. She expected the draft RFP to be before the Board on May 5.

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to confirm the appointment of Wellesley Fire Chief Richard DeLorie as the out-of-town chief.

On a motion by Mr. Mabardy, seconded by Mr. Hughes, the Board unanimously voted to confirm the Captain Roy Mitchell as the Fire Department representative.

Mr. Ostroff noted that once the consultant was engaged they would meet with Board members to see what kinds of things members would like to see.

Document - Memo from Town Administrator Martha White; committee timeline

BOARD OF SELECTMEN COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Mr. Ostroff did not feel he would be able to continue as the Board's liaison to the Information Systems Advisory Board. It was not something required, but something that has always been done.

Ms. White felt the committee had come into its own lately and there was quite a bit of staff now attending the meetings.

Mr. Ostroff raised the possibility of another member becoming the Board's representative to the MetroWest Regional Collaborative. This was a subsection of MAPC that includes 9 regional towns. The group works on projects like looking at Smart Growth on Route 9, etc. He had been there for 8 years and thought it would be good to turn it over to another Board member.

There were no volunteers.

Mr. Mabardy expressed interest in the Affordable Housing Trust and the Facilities Management Oversight Committee. Mr. Ostroff noted that the Community Development Advisory Committee and the Affordable Housing Trust generally met together so it was efficient to have one person serve on both.

The Board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Mabardy as the Selectmen's representative to the Affordable Housing Trust, Community Development Advisory Committee, and the Facilities Management Oversight Committee. The vote was taken on a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett.

Without formal vote, the Board agreed that Mr. Hughes would represent the Board on the Audit Advisory Committee; Mr. Ostroff on the Cochituate Rail Trail Advisory Committee; and Mr. Jennett on the Economic Development Committee.

Three members were interested in serving on the Financial Planning Committee. Mr. Ostroff asked to table to the next meeting.

Mr. Hughes moved to appoint Mr. Connolly to serve as the Board's representative to Natick Together for Youth. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

STATEMENT OF ETHICS; STATEMENT OF VALUES

Mr. Ostroff noted that for the past couple of years the Board has had a series of principles and guidelines and they were before the newly constituted Board for affirmation.

Mr. Connolly stated that he would not vote or sign these statements. The voters were his boss, not the administration.

Mr. Connolly questioned who the author was and when told it was Ms. White, he responded that he didn't answer to Ms. White.

Mr. Ostroff pointed out that the Board owns them because the various boards have voted them over the years.

Mr. Connolly thought that was nice in theory but he wouldn't sign. He didn't think he needed to be told to make informed decisions as stated in #3,d.

Mr. Ostroff suggested a follow-up conversation and the Board agreed to table.

Document - Statement of Ethics; Statement of Values

MINUTES

Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, moved to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014 meeting. The motion passed on a 4-0-1 vote. Mr. Ostroff, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mabardy, Mr. Jennett voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Connolly abstained.

NATICK LITTLE LEAGUE: REQUEST PARADE PERMIT

On a motion by Mr. Connolly, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Natick Little League's request to hold their Opening Day parade on Saturday, May 3, 2014 beginning at 9:00 a.m. starting at the South Natick Gulf and proceeding down Eliot Street to Pleasant Street and into the Hunnewell Fields.

Document - Letter from Joe Landry, Executive Director Natick Little League; email from Lt. Brian Lauzon

JIMMY FUND WALK: REQUEST PERMIT

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Mabardy, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Jimmy Fund's request to hold the annual Jimmy Fund Walk through Natick on September 21, 2014 subject to compliance with the recommendations of the Police Department.

Document - Letter from Ed Widerhold, Vice President of Events and Logistics DMSE; email from Lt. Brian Lauzon

NATICK ROTARY CLUB: REQUEST PERMIT FOR TOUR DE NATICK; BANNER

Mr. Ostroff stated that he was a member of the Natick Rotary Club with no financial interest.

A motion was made by Mr. Jennett to approve the Natick Rotary Club's request to use the Common and to conduct the annual Tour de Natick on the public ways of Natick on June 15, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Hughes and unanimously voted.

Mr. Hughes moved to approve the Natick Rotary Club's request to hang a banner across Main Street for the period of June 8-15, 2014 in advertisement of the Tour de Natick. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Document - Letter from George Levoy of the Natick Rotary; email from Lt. Brian Lauzon; memo from Recreation & Parks Director Jon Marshall

EARTH DAY PLANNING GROUP: REQUEST FOR VENDOR PARKING - COMMON & PARK STREET

Pat Conaway, the Coordinator of the Earth Day Planning Group requested permission to use both Common and Park Streets for vendor parking during the Earth Day Festival on April 27, 2014 from approximately 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The Police Department recommended approval and offered to bag the meters on the sites adjacent to the Common prior to 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Hughes moved approval. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Documents - Letter from Pat Conaway; email from Lt. Brian Lauzon

NATICK SERVICE COUNCIL: REQUEST FOR BANNER

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Natick Service Council's request to hang a banner across Main Street for the period of May 5-May 12, 2014 for Natick Service Council Week.

Document - email from Greg Tutuny, Executive Director Natick Service Council

CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION: CYCLE FOR LIFE BICYCLE RIDE

Subject to compliance with the recommendations of the Police Department, Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Mabardy, moved to approve the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's request to hold the CF Cycle for Life bicycle ride through Natick on October 11, 2014. Unanimously voted.

Document - Letter from Thersa Waite of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; email from Lt. Brian Lauzon

NATICK SOLDIERS COMMAND CENTER: REQUEST TO USE COMMON

The Board unanimously voted to approve the Natick Soldier Systems Center's request to hold Armed Forces Day on the Common on May 17, 2014 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. subject to compliance with the Recreation & Parks recommendation. The vote was taken on a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett.

Document - email from John McHugh of NSSC; memo from Jon Marshall, Recreation & Parks Director

NATICK ARTISTS OPEN STUDIOS: REQUEST BANNER

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Natick Artists Open Studios request to hang a banner across Main Street for the period of October 13-20, 2014.

Document - Letter from Deb Sayre, Natick Artists Open Studios

NATICK RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT: REQUEST TO USE COMMON FOR SUMMER CONCERTS

The Board unanimously voted to approve the Recreation & Parks Department's use of the Common on Monday evenings from 5:00-10:30 for the period of June 30-August 18, 2014 for the summer concert series and the use of the Common on Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00 p.m. for the July 9-August 13, 2014 for the children's concert series.

Document - Memo from Jon Marshall, Director Recreation & Parks Department

SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS

a. Article 44 - Smart Growth Proposal

Mr. Hughes referenced all the emails received about Article 44. It was his understanding the sponsor of the article and the Planning Board were asking for the article to be referred and he asked that the Selectmen urge the Planning Board and sponsor to notify as many of the neighbors as possible about the discussion on whether the article should ever go forward. He wanted to be sure everyone got heard and thought the request to the Planning Board/sponsor should be put in writing.

Mr. Ostroff responded that he would communicate.

Like Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jennett thought a letter should be sent.

b. Tax Assessment

Mr. Mabardy referenced a cartoon in the April 16 edition of the MetroWest Daily News that pictured how someone viewed their home vs how the home was viewed by the tax assessors and noted that he would like to propose establishing a Tax Assessment Oversight Committee. The purpose would be to develop a plan for how to address the taxpayers that were struggling to maintain or sustain the ability to stay in their homes. There were financial people in Natick who would probably like to be part of this to research ways in which to address the people who need some tax relief.

Mr. Ostroff was looking for clarification and Mr. Mabardy responded that he would like to address how taxes were assessed. Mr. Ostroff thought he was hearing two things from Mr. Mabardy: Was property being assessed fairly and properly and the people's ability to pay. He pointed out there was an elected Board of Assessors to address the issue of taxes being assessed fairly. To the question of connecting people with resources, Mr. Ostroff suggested that he and Mr. Mabardy get together to strategize.

c. Use of Pesticides in Lake Cochituate

Mr. Connolly reported that he had received several calls from a woman concerning Lake Cochituate pesticide control and forwarded those concerns to the Board of Health.

d. Building 19 Property Taxes

Now that Building 19 was empty Mr. Connolly asked if they were still paying the same property taxes. Ms. White didn't think so. There was an income factor for commercial assessments.

e. Spurling Fund Raiser

Mr. Ostroff expressed his appreciation for everyone who works in the DPW and the care and support shown for a member of their family.

f. Marathon Clean Up

Mr. Mabardy commended the DPW for their efforts in cleaning up after the Boston Marathon.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.



Nicholas S. Mabardy, Clerk