

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Natick Town Hall

August 25, 2014

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Joshua Ostroff at 7:10 p.m.

PRESENT: Joshua Ostroff, Charles M. Hughes, Nicholas S. Mabardy, Richard P. Jennett, Jr., John Connolly

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

WARRANTS: Payroll warrants were signed by the Board of Selectmen on August 25, 2014 in the amount of \$1,267,653.05. This figure was included in total warrants signed by the Board of Selectmen of \$3,560,243.04.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Town Clerk reminded everyone of the upcoming State Primary election on September 9. Poles would be open from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
2. Mr. Connolly wished Viola Cole a happy 90th birthday

WHAT'S NEW: INTRODUCTION OF NEW TREASURER/COLLECTOR - STEPHEN PRICE

Ms. White introduced the new Treasurer/Collector Stephen Price, noting this was his first day on the job.

Mr. Price told the Board it was an honor and pleasure to have the opportunity to work for the Town.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Ostroff welcomed him to the Town.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

- a. Jewish War Veterans Memorial Service

Arnold Pinsley extended an invitation to attend the Jewish War Veterans annual Memorial Service on September 21 in Framingham.

- b. Observations by Resident Mary Brown

After welcoming Mr. Connolly back to the Board, Mary Brown told the Board it was very frustrating sitting at home listening to what was taking place and listening to people around Town who were very upset with how things were going. She had a number of observations which she prefaced by stating what she was going to say came from the heart and was for the people of Natick.

She began with all the building that has taken place and her belief that an assessment should be taken of how many homes and how many apartments were being built and figure out the cost to the Town in Police, Fire, water, Schools. The Town was spending twice the amount to provide services to these new developments than was being taken in.

Next Ms. Brown spoke in opposition to liquor being allowed on any Town owned property, specifically referring to the recent rental of the Community Senior Center at which alcohol was served.

Continuing, Ms. Brown raised the issue of a parking garage. There has been study after study and nothing was being done to replace the garage that had deteriorated and yet there was talk of a rail trail. She questioned the need of a rail trail in people's backyards and felt the mitigation money should be used to lower taxes. Overrides shouldn't be considered and consideration should be given to what people were being paid.

Ms. Brown raised the issue of Town personnel and why good people who worked hard in this Town were being let go of their jobs. She attributed the problem to one person doing the hiring and firing.

Ms. Brown also questioned why the Board of Selectmen was so willing to give up its authority. In her opinion the Board was being stripped of its power and it should not be the administration determining what the Board should do.

In conclusion Ms. Brown complained that Town Meeting was only getting warrant articles to suit the administration or the Planning Board. People don't want to belong to Town Meeting because they want to go there to do the Town's business and all they were getting were bylaws to change things.

c. Chief Caring Hands

Mr. Ostroff apologized to Chief Caring Hands for his reply to her request to be on the agenda not reaching her. She had requested an opportunity to speak on the Shaw Park issue and he had suggested it may be best to wait a couple of weeks when the Board reviewed the warrant articles.

After hearing Ms. Brown's comments, Chief Caring Hands thought what she had to say would be better served at Town Meeting and she would like to make a presentation at that time about the Sawin House.

Mr. Ostroff noted that the Finance Committee was an advisory committee to Town meeting and they would be having hearings on all the warrant articles in September. Those were public meetings. Town Meeting was not necessarily so. It was up to the Town Moderator.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION WORKERS

Both Mr. Ostroff and Mr. Jennett disclosed that their wives were poll workers.

Town Clerk Diane Packer had provided a proposed list of election workers for the Board's approval. She noted that she tried to have a balance between Republicans and Democrats, but the majority of Natick voters were unenrolled.

Mr. Hughes moved approval. Seconded by Mr. Mabardy. The original vote did not pass on a 2-1-2 vote with Mr. Hughes and Mr. Mabardy voting favor, Mr. Connolly opposed, and Mr. Ostroff and Mr. Jennett abstaining. After further discussion in which the Town Clerk advised that she had to get the letters out this week because of the upcoming primary, Mr. Ostroff said he would file the requisite forms in the Town Clerk's office, ask his wife not to participate although it seemed extreme, and he would participate in the vote. The re-vote passed on a 3-1-1 vote. Mr. Ostroff, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mabardy voted in favor, Mr. Connolly was opposed, Mr. Jennett abstained.

In the discussion, Mr. Connolly knew of someone who had been a poll worker for years, but was not on the list and inquired as to how the workers were selected. As little as poll workers were paid, for some people it was helpful and that was the case for this individual.

Ms. Packer explained that she tried to be sure all the people were able to do the job the way the job had to be done. She believed that determination to be under her sole discretion. She didn't know the individual Mr. Connolly was speaking about and asked that he contact her to discuss. She pointed out that the list was fluid with people constantly coming and going.

Mr. Connolly responded that his goal was to make sure everyone was treated fairly and equitably and didn't want to approve the list until his questions were answered. It was the principle and the list should have been submitted to the Board well in advance.

Mr. Mabardy understood what Mr. Connolly was saying. He too knew people who were asked not to come back as poll workers and never got an explanation and the little bit of money was important.

Mr. Ostroff was sympathetic but elections were for the people of the Town, not the poll workers and it was the Town Clerk's duty to have the best workers possible. Mr. Connolly countered that he was charged with treating every citizen as fairly as possible and in this case he believed it wasn't done.

Document - Memo from Town Clerk Diane Packer; list of proposed election workers

APPOINTMENT TO NATICK CULTURAL COUNCIL:

a. Christine Konys

Christine Konys highlighted her extensive background in government and non-profit organizations. She noted that she had volunteered her time everywhere but her home town and thought it was time to give a little back to Natick. She was giving up some of her other duties and would have time for something like the Cultural Council. It was not a lot of time, but the distribution of the grants was very important.

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Christine Konys to the Natick Cultural Council.

Document - email from Christine Konys; committee application form submitted by Christine Konys

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE OFFICER/PROCUREMENT OFFICER: AGGREGATION PLAN UPDATE

Ms. White introduced the subject by noting the consulting team was here to talk about the process moving forward now that the aggregation plan had been approved by the DPU. The aggregation plan was a process allowed by the legislature that was recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting and the Board now had the authority to enter into a contract. Tonight was to provide a status update and there would be a follow-up meeting on September 22 at which the Board would need to make a decision.

John Shortsleeve of Bay State Consultants along with Paul Gromer reviewed the proposed schedule.

Contract negotiation (if any)	Aug 25 - Sept 3
Request for indicative prices issued	Sept 3
Contracts submitted for Town Counsel review	Sep 5
Indicative price submissions	Sept 17
Natick BOS review	Sept 22
Request for final prices issued	Week of Sept 22
Final bids due / contract executed	Oct 7
Public education and opt-out notice	Oct - Nov
Supply service to Natick consumers begins	December

The low point of the electric pricing market typically occurs in the September / October time frame each year. The October 7th bid date was designed to take advantage of the expected low point in the market this year.

A test run on September 17 will be indicative of the bids and they would be back to the Board on September 22 to give information about what a six month supply, 12 month supply, 18 month supply would look like. They would also provide the options if the Board wanted to take it "green" and look at the triggers. Calls to execute bids would be taken on October 7.

Mr. Shortsleeve explained that the nature of the electrical business was that a price bid on a given day was only good for that day. The next day the price may change. He hoped to give the Board enough information so the members would be comfortable delegating to the Town Administrator a decision of go or no go. The alternative would be for the Board to get together on the 7th and make a decision.

He noted that the Town may not get a price that was acceptable and may have to do this a couple of times, repeating the same two steps. A supply contract has been reviewed by Town Counsel and the DPU, but individual bidders can take exception and those terms will be submitted to Town Counsel with the hope that in the upcoming two week period that one of Town Counsel's high priorities would be this.

Mr. Ostroff assured him that Town Counsel would be asked to make this a priority.

Mr. Hughes inquired as to why the deadline was extended as opposed to getting them in today. Mr. Shortsleeve explained that they wanted five bidders instead of four. He added that they would ask for multiple options and present a recommendation on September 22. The process would start with a bid price of the Nstar rate.

Noting the length of time it took to get the plan approved by the DPU, Mr. Ostroff asked if that was true of other communities.

Mr. Gromer advised that the one year review period was what all the aggregation plans have been taking and wasn't indicative of any dissatisfaction of Natick. Other communities have faced the same or longer review periods.

Mr. Shortsleeve was asked about the number of buyers in the market and responded that as of last week there was just shy of 13,000 residents and 2,000 commercial which was more than enough consumers to attract the bidders. Natick uses 11 million kwh and it takes 1-2 million to attract interest.

Ms. White noted that this was a process the Town has employed for eleven years. An identical process was used to procure electrical supply for the Town government needs and now the same was being done for the residents.

Mr. Connolly found this idea to be extremely clever and appreciated the efforts.

Ms. White agreed that it was very big and there was a potential to save the residents money, but it was also a little scary because there was no certainty of what may happen throughout the contract. She asked if Mr. Shortsleeve would provide a picture of the past showing how Nstar rates have compared and an analysis of what has happened in other communities. Marlborough has had it for many years and she understood that for most years, there has been a savings but there were times when the rate has been higher.

Mr. Ostroff asked that the presentation on the 22nd also include what consumer protections were available.

Document - Aggregation Plan Update prepared by Bay State Consultants

PUBLIC HEARING: TRANSFER OF ALL ALCOHOL PACKAGE STORE LICENSE FROM PETUR ENTERPRISES, INC. D/B/A NATICK WINE & SPIRITS TO PRIYA NWS CORP. D/B/A NATICK WINE & SPIRITS

Appearing on behalf of the application was Attorney Joseph Devlin and the owner Yogesh Patel.

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

Mr. Devlin told the Board that Mr. Patel had purchased the assets of the business, not the real estate. The purchase price was \$1.8 million that included approximately \$400,000 in inventory and financing would be from a loan from Citizens Bank and personal assets. There were four main principals in the business with Yogesh Patel serving as manager.

Mr. Patel held an interest in three other package stores located in Newburyport, Hopkinton, and Gloucester and was looking for the right opportunity to open a store in this area. The current store was well run and the intent would be to change little. The plan was to keep all 10 employees.

Mr. Devlin also advised that Mr. Patel had been TIPS certified in 1996 and was set up to again take the course.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, to approve the transfer of the all alcohol package store license held by Petur Enterprises, d/b/a Natick Wine & Spirits to Priya NWS Corp. d/b/a Natick Wine & Spirits. Unanimously voted.

Mr. Ostroff commended Peter Turlo, the owner of Petur Enterprises, for being an outstanding businessman in Natick.

Documents - Application and supporting documents filed by Attorney Joseph Devlin on behalf of Yogesh Patel; copy of legal ad advertising the hearing

PUBLIC HEARING: ESTABLISH LICENSE FEE FOR GENERAL ON PREMISES ALCOHOL LICENSE

The Board unanimously voted to open the public hearing on a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Connolly.

Mr. Hughes stated that he had some difficulty in setting a fee if the rules & regs were not going to be done this evening. Without the rules & regs, it wasn't known what would be required of the applicant. The original draft of the rules & regs had the requirement of the service of food and he wasn't sure the applicant had envisioned that requirement.

Mr. Ostroff noted that the original draft was done for discussion purposes. His thinking was that a general on premises license should not be a watering hole and a place just to purchase alcohol. It was probably a good practice to have food served. However, he would like the Board to table discussion of those rules & regs and consider global regulations. The decision made now was not binding on what the Board might do in a few months from now.

Mr. Jennett leaned toward Mr. Hughes' point, noting that he was trying to figure out how the Board came to the fees in place for the other types of licenses and incorporate that into a discussion.

Mr. Jennett asked if Mr. Ostroff's concern was that the Board wouldn't be able to approve a license without a value. When Mr. Ostroff answered no, Mr. Jennett noted that if it wasn't impeding the application he didn't see a need to vote a number now.

Mr. Ostroff didn't feel there was a rush and Mr. Hughes added that granting the license and establishing a fee were two different things. Mr. Mabardy agreed there was no rush.

Mr. Connolly noted that TCAN has been receiving one day licenses for years and he never heard of a violation. With the cap of 30 one day licenses allowed per year, they were now paying \$1,500 a year.

Audience member Mary Brown urged the Board to tread lightly and put off a decision until everything was together.

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Connolly, the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing. Mr. Jennett had begun to second the motion, but Mr. Hughes recommended that he not in view of his position as a Director of TCAN. Mr. Jennett agreed not to be the seconder but advised that he spoke to the Ethics Commission and as far as the license fees and rules & regs, his participation was not an issue. He would not participate in the TCAN license hearing itself.

Document - Hearing notice; list of current alcohol license fees

PUBLIC HEARING: ESTABLISH RULES & REGULATIONS FOR GENERAL ON PREMISES ALCOHOL LICENSES

Rather than discussing tonight, Mr. Ostroff reiterated his request for the Board to take up a comprehensive review of rules & regs for pouring licenses to include restaurants, innholders, clubs. Attorney David DeLuca suggested doing something that embraced all the licenses. He would like to do an initial draft with Mr. DeLuca, share it with the Board, and have the public weigh in.

Mr. Mabardy supported Mr. Ostroff's suggestion.

To Mr. Hughes it mattered, both from the standpoint of the fee and the regulations, if the Board had the right to say what was serviced. Was the license under consideration all alcohol or beer & wine?

Mr. Ostroff responded that he was told by Town Counsel that because the legislation said all alcohol, the Board didn't have the authority to limit it to beer & wine. Mr. Hughes asked to have it in writing.

Following the discussion of the TCAN application, the Board agreed to re-advertise the general on premises rules & regs for a new hearing on September 8.

PUBLIC HEARING: APPLICATION FOR GENERAL ON PREMISES ALL ALCOHOL LICENSE: THE CENTER FOR ARTS IN NATICK

Mr. Jennett recused himself from participation in this item as he was a member of the TCAN Board of Directors.

Representing The Center for Arts in Natick (TCAN) was the executive director and proposed manager David Lavalley.

The Board voted 4-0-1 to open the public hearing. Mr. Ostroff, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mabardy, Mr. Connolly voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Jennett abstained.

Mr. Hughes expressed concern with talking about granting a license without knowing the rules & regs and the fact that it would take two months to get approval from the ABCC wasn't good enough. He wasn't opposed to the license.

Continuing, Mr. Hughes inquired if the plan was to sell alcohol at intermission and before the show in the seats. The initial draft of the rules & regs had a requirement for food, but he didn't think anybody expected the 65/35 requirement would apply. Without knowing those things it was difficult for him to consider the application.

Mr. Ostroff responded that his sense was that this was a respectful working relationship and the Board was unlikely to come up with rules that were wildly out of sync with what's been done.

Mr. Lavalley noted that for nearly a decade TCAN has been receiving single night permits from the Board. He reviewed the process that led to the home rule petition and pointed out that the General On Premises category did not include a requirement for food and the home rule petition was for a full alcohol license not restricted to beer & wine.

In response to Mr. Hughes' questions, Mr. Lavalley said they don't serve at the seats and tend to serve 30 minutes prior to performances when the door opens. The performances end at various times between 10:30-11:00 p.m. and service was ended when performances end. There were no alcohol sales once the performance ends.

It was Mr. Connolly's feeling that nobody wanted to deny this application, but Mr. Hughes raised some good questions.

This was the first license of this kind the Board was being asked to issue, and Mr. Mabardy felt some time should be taken. This could be setting a precedent and there was a little leeway to get it done correctly. He preferred to get it right so it was agreeable with TCAN and the Town.

Following up on Mr. Lavalley's statement, Mr. Hughes asked if it was correct that the service of alcohol did not stop when the show starts. Mr. Lavalley's reply was, "yes".

Mr. Ostroff asked if there were some performances when alcohol would not be served, and Mr. Lavalley advised that it was not his intent to serve at children's events where it would not be appropriate. It got into a fuzzy area when conditions were formed around music genres, but it wouldn't make sense to provide service at family shows. TCAN relied on TIPS certified volunteers and it was very difficult to get volunteers for family shows. The chance of getting a TIPS certified volunteer to serve at a kids show would be small and it was not something he anticipated doing.

Mr. Ostroff then asked if Mr. Lavalley contemplated a time when TCAN may want to serve alcohol to 11:00 p.m. even though most performances ended by 10:00 p.m. Mr. Lavalley answered, yes, explaining that TCAN rented the space or provided the space to many non-profits for fund raisers, weddings, bar mitzvahs, etc.

Mr. Ostroff inquired if alcohol would only be served and consumed in the performance space or could people go to the lobby. There were times TCAN asked to use the sidewalk for a fund raiser, but Mr. Ostroff pointed out that was not part of the licensed premises. Mr. Ostroff also commented on the TCAN's plans to develop the second floor of the building and when that was finished, they would have to return for an amendment to the license.

Mr. Lavalley stated that he understood the restriction that people could not leave the premises. The plans for the second floor were preliminary and it was important to remember that the TCAN core was not to serve alcohol. It was to provide performances.

Asked if he would be opposed to requiring food service, Mr. Lavalley stated that his feeling would be to withdraw the application. Mr. Ostroff clarified that he didn't mean table service. He meant prepared food in the same way as now. Mr. Lavalley noted that currently they offered cookies, biscotti, but they were not prepared to have a food requirement. TCAN was not a restaurant. Mr. Ostroff explained that what he envisioned was that when someone ordered alcohol, they could buy some food, but it didn't have to be considered a meal. Mr. Lavalley responded that he wouldn't stop the food currently being offered, but the sale of food to alcohol was very small.

TCAN volunteer Jim Everett told the Board that he was TIPS certified and worked the box office. He was well aware of what happens with sales and TCAN didn't sell beer & wine roughly after 10:30 p.m. and they didn't sell after a performance was over. The normal routine was to open the box office early but did not start serving until people came in - normally 7:30 p.m. There were two bartenders so they were limited in what they could sell and for the most part the sales were during intermission. He assured the Board that the service of alcohol was taken very seriously and TCAN had its own regulations.

With selling all alcohol, Mr. Hughes asked if Mr. Lavalley saw that being provided by volunteers. Mr. Lavalley advised that his intent was not to get ahead of themselves. The staff was very capable of providing beer & wine and if and when full alcohol was introduced, it would be done very slowly. He couldn't imagine ever having a full shelf of alcohol. It would be very limited and it would be phased in over time.

Mr. Lavalley reminded the Board that there had been no incidents in the past ten years of serving alcohol and he wouldn't want to start now.

A member of the TCAN Board of Directors Ed Daly noted that TCAN's mission was cultural and liquor would not become foremost. Mr. Lavalley and the Board respect the responsibility of having a liquor license and respect the laws and regulations of the Board of Selectmen.

Lou Julian questioned the issue of liability for the Town, but Mr. Ostroff advised that TCAN was a separate corporation.

Michael Linehan thought the applicant was mainly interested in beer & wine and suggested that if the recipient waived the right of serving anything but beer & wine, the Board could consider giving a reduced fee.

Based on the information received tonight, Mr. Ostroff said he was comfortable with granting the license and felt the draft rules & regs reflect the policy of TCAN now and could evolve over time, but he could also see that people might want more certainty.

Mr. Hughes reiterated that he was not opposed to the license, just opposed to granting the license not knowing the rules and regs. Having signed the P&S Mr. Hughes said he has been a supporter of TCAN for as long as it has been in existence, but one thing he took seriously was the rules & regs with regard to the service of alcohol. It was important to him to get it right. This license was granted just for TCAN through a home rule petition rather than the standard way of having to have a category of license approved by two consequential town wide elections. He felt the Town and the Board of Selectmen have gone out of their way to get this license and now it needs to be done right.

Mr. Lavalley understood the challenges and that this was breaking ground. He didn't think it was a surprise to the Board with 10 years of history and two years of process. He asked that the Board consider TCAN as a theater and thought it represented the kind of organization the Board would want to preserve in the community. They were not a gin mill.

Mary Brown questioned how TCAN would make sure people renting the facility wouldn't bring in alcohol instead of having members of TCAN serve.

Mr. Connolly thought a lot of what Mr. Hughes said made sense. He thought TCAN would do a good job, but would hate to rush this and would lean with Mr. Hughes to wait.

Mr. Ostroff pointed out that the legislation allowed the Town to set certain terms and conditions and if the Board wanted could condition the license on terms that were substantially what TCAN was doing now.

Former Selectman Jay Ball agreed with Mr. Hughes. It served all parties best if the rules and regs were adopted and TCAN could say they could live with them. His question was if the issues representing the shortcomings in the existing draft were clearly identified and who would redraft them.

Mr. Hughes volunteered to do a redraft along with Attorney DeLuca in the next two weeks. He felt the issues had been vocalized. He expected to have a redraft for the September 22 meeting.

Mr. Lavalley asked that it be expedited. They only had eight remaining one day licenses which was not a lot between now and the end of the year. He anticipated tonight's hearing date and was using a little more of the allocation than he would have normally.

Mr. Ostroff asked if Mr. Hughes was thinking of a comprehensive review of all the rules & regs or just the general on premises. He (Mr. Ostroff) had been thinking of September 22 as a time to do everything.

Mr. Hughes responded that he was not ready to address the issue of a comprehensive review.

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes to continue the hearing on the application of TCAN for an all alcohol general on premises license to September 8, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Connolly. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote. Mr. Jennett had recused himself from this item and did not vote.

Document - Application filed by The Center for Arts in Natick along with supporting documents; hearing notice

APPROVE AND SIGN WARRANT FOR FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Fall Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Noting the length of the warrant, Mr. Ostroff preferred that the Board not hear every article unless there was an article sponsored by the Board or the administration or an article on which a Board member wanted to make a recommendation. If there was an interest, he may want to have a discussion with the Finance Committee Chair and the Town Administrator whether to post a meeting with both boards.

Finance Committee Chair James Everett was in the audience and agreed to discuss it. He advised that the FinCom would be holding a public hearing starting September 2-October 9 on all of the articles and each proponent would be asked to complete a questionnaire.

Mr. Hughes cited Article 37, noting that he would like to see the language before deciding whether to weigh in or not.

Julian Munnich, a member of the Planning Board, was also in the audience and explained the Planning Board obligation and process with regard to warrant articles.

Document - Copy of the Fall Annual Town Meeting warrant

APPROVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE FOR WALDEN DR., UNIT 2

The Board voted to approve the certificate of compliance for the sale of an affordable unit at Walden Drive, Unit 2 to an eligible buyer. The vote was taken on a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Connolly. Mr. Ostroff, Mr. Mabardy, Mr. Jennett, Mr. Connolly voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Hughes abstained.

Document - Letter from Attorney Andrea Arone; memo from Housing Planner Joe Merkel; compliance certificate

PROPOSED MASS DOT WAY FINDING SIGNAGE TO MASS PIKE

Mr. Ostroff noted that over the past year or two Natick, Framingham, and Mass Department of Transportation had been looking at improvements to the intersection of Speen Street/Route 30. An experiment was suggested to take some of the traffic using Speen Street to get to the Mass Pike and re-route it up the burr close to Logan Express. There was a meeting tomorrow with Mass DOT and Mass Port to see how to better coordinate traffic.

Document - Memo from Joshua Ostroff

NATICK HOUSING AUTHORITY: SCHEDULE JOINT INTERVIEWS TO FILL VACANCY

The Board was in receipt of a letter from David Parish, Natick Housing Authority Chair, informing the Board of the resignation of Jeanne Williamson Ostroff from the Housing Authority effective August 31, 2014.

Having spoken with Mr. Parish, Mr. Ostroff recommended that in accordance with the Charter, that joint interviews to fill the vacancy be scheduled for October 6, 2014 with applications due by the preceding Wednesday. The members agreed.

Document - Letter from David Parish, Chair Natick Housing Authority

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEDICATION TO HONOR MAJOR GENERAL HAROLD GREENE

Mr. Ostroff proposed the renaming of Kansas Street in honor of Major General Harold Greene who had served as the Natick Soldiers System Command Center commander and who was recently killed in Afghanistan.

The Board unanimously voted to schedule a public hearing for November 3 on the proposed renaming. The vote was taken on a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Connolly.

Mr. Ostroff credited Planning Board member Julian Munnich with the suggestion.

Document - Memo from Joshua Ostroff

MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Hughes, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2014 meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Hughes, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2014 meeting.

CIRCULAR AVENUE: REQUEST FOR BLOCK PARTY

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to approve Jane Detwiler's request to close Circular Avenue on September 20, 2014 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. for a block party contingent upon compliance with Lt. Brian Lauzon's recommendations.

Document - Letter from Jane Detwiler; email from Lt. Brian Lauzon

9-11 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: MOTORCYCLE RIDE

Subject to compliance with the conditions recommended by Lt. Brian Lauzon, the Board unanimously voted to approve the request of the 9-11 Memorial Committee to hold a fund raising motorcycle ride through Natick on September 28, 2014.

Document - email from Lt. Cara Rossi Cafarelli; email from Lt. Brian Lauzon

GROVE ROAD - BLOCK PARTY

The Board unanimously voted to approve Martha Paynter and Gerard McGonagle's request to close Grove Road from Morses Pond Road down to Jennings Pond Road

on September 6, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. until dusk for a block party. Approval was subject to compliance with the recommendations of Lt. Brian Lauzon.

Documents - Letter from Martha Paynter and Gerard McGonagle; email from Lt. Brian Lauzon

MORNINGSIDE AVENUE - BLOCK PARTY

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to approve Charlotte Smith Bourhis' request to close a section of Morningside Avenue from #7-#17) on September 7, 2014 (rain date September 14) from 3:00-8:00 p.m. for a block party. Approval was subject to compliance with the recommendations of Lt. Brian Lauzon.

Document - Letter from Charlotte Smith Bourhis

SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS

a. Washington Avenue Explosion

Mr. Mabardy noted that several neighbors in the Washington Avenue area heard a series of loud explosions. The Police had no reports and were not aware of anything. If anyone had any information, he asked that they contact the Town.

b. Community Senior Center Flag Pole

Mr. Mabardy reported that the Community Senior Center flag pole dedicated to O.B. Hill has been laying on the ground for six months.

Mr. Jennett noted that the pole was blown down and was in the process of being repaired and just had to be put back up.

Mr. Connolly asked that it be done in the next two weeks.

c. Double Poles

Mr. Mabardy recalled a previous discussion of having utility companies to a meeting to talk about pole conditions.

d. Telephone Pole on Route 27

Mr. Jennett expressed concern with the condition of a telephone pole on Route 27 close to the golf course heading into Sherborn.

Ms. White was aware of the pole and said she would contact the Nstar rep.

e. Personnel Changes

Upon returning from holiday, Mr. Connolly said he heard that the DPW Director was no longer with the Town. That was in addition to the firing of the Economic Development Planner and the Director of the Bacon Free Library and the abrupt departure of the Council on Aging Director. People were getting paid good money to hire and to him there were too many people coming and going. There was a Personnel Director whose job it was and maybe there needed to be a re-evaluation of how things were being done.

f. Town Administrator Review

Mr. Ostroff wanted to move forward with the evaluation process of the Town Administrator and asked Ms. White to provide a date for when her self-evaluation would be done.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Nicholas S. Mabardy, Clerk