

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Natick Town Hall

June 3, 2013

5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Carol A. Gloff at 5:10 p.m.

PRESENT: Carol A. Gloff, Joshua Ostroff, Nicholas S. Mabardy, Charles M. Hughes, Richard P. Jennett, Jr.

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

WARRANTS: Payroll warrants were signed by the Board of Selectmen on June 3, 2013 in the amount of 1,094,387.30. This figure was included in total warrants signed by the Board of Selectmen of 3,314,927.74.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Ostroff, moved to enter into executive session to discuss matters pertaining to litigation, real property negotiations, non-union personnel negotiations. By roll call vote the Board voted unanimously to enter into executive session. At 5:10 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 litigation, real property negotiations, and non-union personnel negotiations in open session would have a detrimental effect on the Board of Selectmen's negotiating position.

The open session was reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

a. Senate Election

Town Clerk Diane Packer reminded everyone of the upcoming June 25, special election to fill the vacant Senate seat. The polls would be open from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots were available in the Town Clerk's Office.

TREASURER: AWARD OF BONDS

Appearing before the Board were Deputy Town Administrator/Finance Director Michael Walters Young, Treasurer Thaddeus Jankowski, and Bond Advisor Lynn Foster.

The Board was being asked to award general obligation bonds in the amount of \$12,246,000 to the low bidder Raymond James & Associates, Inc.

Mr. Walters Young advised that the Town's credit rating was re-affirmed as AAA stable and performed well at market. Five bids were received. The low bid was 2.32% with a large premium of \$714,340. The premium will be applied in several ways - in part to pay for the issuance costs of the bond sale, in part amortized over the course of the bonds for the excluded projects to directly lower the annual costs to taxpayers and the remainder will fall to free cash at the end of the year. It was estimated that approximately \$230,000 would fall to Free Cash at the end of Fiscal 2013 as a result of the premium.

He noted that some additional money would be sought at Fall Town Meeting because principal amounts for exempt projects will come due. Whatever bonds could be refinanced were and the result was bonds for the golf course going from 4.9% to 2.32% along with some water & sewer projects. The savings for the golf course was estimated at \$10,000 but came in at \$25,000.

Ms. Foster noted that she spoke with S&P. Every year they look at the Town's credit rating and issue a rating as high as it can get. In assigning the AAA, S&P emphasized the strong financial management and conservative planning that relates to the large general fund balances. She gave kudos to the financial team. Mr. Walters Young and Mr. Jankowski did a yeoman's job.

At Mr. Jennett's request, Ms. Foster explained what was meant by a premium. She also responded to Mr. Hughes' inquiry as to whether the economy was rebounding since the last time the Town went out to bond the interest was just north of 1%. She explained that the difference this year was that the rates on the long end have gone up, but there was an issue of bank qualification and non bank qualification. This was non-bank status and tended to be higher yields.

Mr. Ostroff asked Ms. Foster to explain the benefit of a strong bond rating, and she responded an example of AAA vs AA could mean 50 basis points and talking \$12 million that was a lot of money. A triple A means more bidders. The buyers want stability and AAA demonstrates that. She projected a dollar value of \$50,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes to accept the vote as written below. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Voted: that the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment listed below to be financed with the proceeds of the \$900,000 borrowing authorized by the vote of the Town passed October 16, 2012 (Article 5, Motion B) is hereby determined pursuant to G.L. c.44, § 7(9) to be as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Borrowing Amount</u>	<u>Maximum Useful Life</u>
Recycle packers	\$900,000	7 Years

Further Voted: That in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to issue refunding bonds, at one time or from time to time, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 21A of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, to refund all of the Town's \$8,235,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2002 Bonds dated April 15, 2002, maturing on and after April 15, 2014 (the "Refunded Bonds") and that the proceeds of any refunding bonds issued pursuant to this vote shall be used to pay the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds and costs of issuance of the refunding bonds.

Further Voted: that the sale of the \$12,246,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2013 Bonds of the Town dated June 5, 2013 (the "Bonds"), to Raymond James & Associates, Inc. at the price of \$13,000,893.93 and accrued interest, if any, is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on April 15 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2014	\$1,311,000	2.000%	2024	\$385,000	2.125%
2015	1,285,000	2.000	2025	385,000	2.375
2016	960,000	3.000	2026	385,000	3.000
2017	955,000	4.000	2027	385,000	3.000
2018	945,000	4.000	2028	385,000	3.000
2019	810,000	4.000	2029	275,000	3.000
2020	805,000	4.000	2030	275,000	3.000
2021	675,000	4.000	2031	275,000	3.000
2022	675,000	4.000	2032	275,000	3.125
2023	525,000	2.000	2033	275,000	3.125

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale on May 14, 2013, and a final Official Statement dated May 21, 2013 (the "Official Statement"), each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Bonds shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Official Statement.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a continuing disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures in such form as the Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take

any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

The Book took a 15 minute recess to sign the bonds.

Document - Memo from Michael Walters Young, S&P Credit Rating

INTERVIEW FOR REPUBLICAN MEMBER OF BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The Republican Town Committee had presented the Board with the names of three candidates for appointment as a Republican Representative on the Board of Registrars - Sandra LaFleur, Donna Lambert, Christopher Resmini. Mr. Resmini sent an email that he was withdrawing his name from consideration.

a. Sandra LeFleur

Sandra LeFleur stated that she was a 20 year resident and a professional librarian. She had experience running small offices, clerical skills, technology skills, and experience reading government documents and felt she had the skills to help the Town Clerk insure the integrity of her voter list.

Asked what she understood the responsibilities of the Board of Registrars to be, Ms. LeFleur said she had only read what the Registrar did. It was to solicit and accept the voter registration applications, refer to them, check them and compare signatures to the list.

If appointed to the Board of Registrars, Ms. Gloff asked what impact Ms. LeFleur would expect that to have on her campaign work. Ms. LeFleur responded that she was not anyone important on a campaign and if restrictions were put on her she would abide by those restrictions. She had no problem adjusting to whatever restrictions there may be. The integrity of the voter list was important. She thought Natick had a good set up and she would like to be part of it.

Mr. Ostroff inquired if she was available to participate all day on election day. Ms. LeFleur said she was, noting that she had done that schedule before.

Mr. Ostroff also asked about previous experience working for any other public board or committee and Ms. LeFleur named a few in New York.

b. Donna Lambert

Donna Lambert told the Board that she had been on the Board of Registrars for 8 years and was seeking reappointment. In those eight years she only missed one day. She noted that she had previously been the Registrar of Middlesex County, was a Justice of the Peace and participated in many Town activities.

Mr. Ostroff asked if there was anything that would prevent Ms. Lambert from fulfilling the duties of this office for the three year term. Ms. Lambert's response was "no".

Having received four votes on a paper ballot, Sandra LeFleur was appointed to the Board of Registrars.

Ms. Gloff voted for Sandra LeFleur
Mr. Ostroff voted for Sandra LeFleur
Mr. Mabardy voted for Donna Lambert
Mr. Hughes voted for Sandra LeFleur
Mr. Jennett voted for Sandra LeFleur

Documents - email from Michael Linehan, Chair of the Republican Town Committee; email from Christopher Resmini

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR: OPEN SPACE PLAN

Chair of the Open Space Advisory Committee Martin Kessel officially presented the Board with Open Space Plan approved by the State in December. The Plan has a shelf life of 7 years.

He noted that the Board of Selectmen had overall responsibility, but there were some particular things on which he encouraged the Board to focus: 1) encourage landowners to put their land under a conservation restriction; 2) to be more proactive in land purchases; 3) Making sure Town owned land was preserved.

Mr. Ostroff commended Mr. Kessel and the Open Space Advisory Committee for this important work. He suggested it may be helpful to update Town Meeting on some of these initiatives.

Document - Approved Open Space Plan

ACCEPTANCE OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT FOR 56-57 NORTH AVENUE

Appearing before the Board were developers of the 56-58 North Avenue property - Michael Carr and Marion Coakley.

Mr. Carr noted that 56 North Avenue was Walnut Place Residences and 57 North Avenue was a building being refurbished with 48 units. Both were approved by the Planning Board and as part of that decision the Planning Board required the filing of drainage easements granted and put in 24 years ago to address problems on David Drive. Those easements were never officially recorded. The easements have been reviewed by Town Counsel and Town Engineer Mark Coviello.

Mr. Ostroff inquired if there was any work that would commence subsequent to tonight's vote. Mr. Carr advised there would be none except for paving and landscaping. The opening was anticipated for the Fall.

A motion was made by Mr. Ostroff to accept drainage easements at 56 North Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Jennett. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote. Mr. Hughes recused himself from voting in order that he could notarize the members' signatures.

Mr. Ostroff then moved to accept drainage easements for 56 North Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Jennett. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote. Mr. Hughes recused himself from voting in order that he could notarize the members' signatures.

Document - Copies of drainage easements for both 56 and 57 North Avenue.
Memo from Town Engineer Mark Coviello

POLICE CHIEF JAMES HICKS

a. Sergeant Assessment Center RFP

Police Chief James Hicks told the Board that he was there seeking approval to continue the process of issuing an RFP for a sergeant assessment center. This method of selection was approved by the contract with the Superior Officers.

Ms. White added that the RFP would be very straightforward and the assessment center would be run similar to that done when the Chief was selected. Unless there was an objection from the Board the intent was to issue the RFP, retain the consultant, and not come back to the Board until a promotion was being recommended.

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Ostroff, the Board unanimously voted to issue an RFPP for an assessment center for the position of sergeant.

Document - Memo from Police Chief James Hicks and Procurement Officer Peter Roche

b. K9 Unit

Chief Hicks noted that he began looking at a K9 program in 2011 but even though there was true value, it was cost prohibitive at that time. He has continued to be interested in bringing it forward and Officer Greg Lanoue did a lot of research on K9 programs and agreed it would be a great tool if there was funding.

Recently the Department became aware of a non-competitive grant through the Stanton Foundation. The Foundation's goal was to have K9 units in every Police Department in the Commonwealth. This was a tremendous opportunity for Natick to use their funding.

Chief Hicks continued that K9 units of this day and age were much different than 20-30 years ago. Today it was much more functional with search and rescues and drug searches. Without having a chance to dissect the system, it was found that there have been 14 cases of runaways and 8 other calls where a K9 unit would have been beneficial. He believed this would be a great tool for the Department, funding was available, and he would be remiss if he didn't bring it forward. The deadline for the Stanton Foundation application was June 30th.

Selectman and Former Police Chief, Mr. Mabardy noted that attempts were made to establish a K9 unit prior to this but there was no funding. He knew that Officer Lanoue had put quite a bit of work into this and he appreciated the Chief's efforts in bringing it forward. Now was the time to take advantage

of this opportunity.

As the application asked for community experience with K9 units, Mr. Jennett inquired as to Natick's experience. Chief Hicks explained that to be eligible for the grant, the department had to be starting a new program. The Foundation was looking at how much work and understanding was being put in. The proposal was sent to the person at the Stanton Foundation and he was satisfied that it met the requirement.

Chief Hicks noted that the application required a statement from the governing Board that the grant would be accepted. If the grant was received an agreement had to be signed saying the Town would allow an officer to be trained and the Town must commit to three years. The grant was \$25,000 for the three years and that would cover the cost. In the past there were many groups in the community interested in supporting a K9 unit. There wasn't enough for the implementation, but there was enough interest to cover the annual cost and he believed those groups were still out there and would support the program going forward.

Asked if there would be any staffing impact, chief Hicks said no. One officer would be assigned. There had to be one officer with one command. Selecting the officer would be an open process for those that were interested. The officer would have to be interviewed by an experienced handler and someone from the Stanton Foundation.

Mr. Hughes believed this was an invaluable resource and moved to accept the gift from the Stanton Foundation. Seconded by Mr. Jennett. Mr. Hughes amended his motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign on behalf of the Town. The amendment was accepted by the seconder. Unanimously voted.

Document - Memo from Police Chief James Hicks; grant information from the Stanton Foundation; outline of K9 program submitted by Chief Hicks in 2011

CHIEF SHERIDAN: UPDATE 9/11 MEMORIAL PROJECT

Chief Sheridan appeared before the Board to seek approval to move forward with the 9/11 memorial project. In a review of the history, Chief Sheridan noted that VFW acquired a piece of steel from the World Trade Center tragedy and donated it to the town. Students from his brother's design class at URI developed a number of ideas and he then contacted Jeff Biagi who stepped in and worked very hard. Under the proposed model the monument would sit directly in front of the Police station. Both the firefighters and police are committed to the project.

Jeff Biagi reviewed the design using a mock up and slides, noting that he tried to present it in such a way that people were connected to it. There was a depiction of three service men and women giving aid, a sundial denoting the date and time of the 9/11 tragedy and a contemplation bench. To raise money he recommended the use of donor bricks at \$125 a piece which would generate \$2,000 if 2/3 of the available pavers were used and perhaps an entity in Town would make a donation of \$5,000 for the contemplation bench.

Mr. Jennett inquired as to the timeframe to accomplish the project, and Mr. Biagi responded that a lot people want to be involved so the cost could be reduced. His (Mr. Biagi's) involvement would be to oversee the art work and prep work and he could be as involved or not involved as the Town would like.

Chief Sheridan recognized the help of the DPW and their willingness to continue to help and gave a special thanks to O.B. Hill for their help in getting the piece of steel here.

President of the Firefighters Union Daniel Hartwell noted this has been a great collaborative effort between the firefighters, police and DPW. The cost was estimated at \$75,000 and the hope was to unveil the memorial on 9/11. An account has been established at the Middlesex Savings Bank for the acceptance of donations. They would like to have a donation form on the Town's web site.

Firefighter Hartwell thought all the leg work had been done and they would like to start breaking ground.

If anything was to be put in the ground, Mr. Hughes asked if the DPW would be consulted first. Firefighter Hartwell's reply was absolutely.

Mr. Hughes then asked if the project was going to be started without having the money raised. Firefighter Hartwell hoped the money would begin to roll in before starting the work although a lot of the work could be done by

themselves.

The funds would be going into a private account and Ms. White saw no reason the Town couldn't put it on the web site.

Mr. Ostroff applauded the efforts and thanked everyone for doing it.

Ms. White reminded the members that several months ago the Board voted to allow the removal of the tree in front of the Police station.

Chief Hicks was asked if the Police Department was happy with the design and he responded yes, adding that the majority approved of the concept.

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes to authorize the use of the Town and for the construction of the memorial presented this evening and to waive any fees. Seconded by Mr. Ostroff and unanimously voted.

Documents - A mock up of the proposed design, slides

BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to affirm the following list of committee assignments:

Affordable Housing Trust Board	Carol	
Audit Advisory Committee		Charlie
Cochituate Rail Trail Advisory Committee		Josh
Community Development Advisory Committee		Carol
Economic Development Committee		Rick
Facilities Management Oversight Committee	Carol	
		Rick
Financial Planning	Carol	
		Charlie
Fire Department Strategic Planning Committee	Rick	
Information Systems Advisory Board		Josh
Lookout Farm Advisory Committee		Nick
MAPC - Alternate Representative		Josh
MetroWest Regional Collaborative		Josh
MWRTA		Charlie
Natick Together for Youth	Nick	
Natick MBTA Station Advisory Committee	Josh	
Police Department Strategic Planning Committee	Charlie	
Rink Oversight Committee	Nick	
Strategic Plan Review Committee	Josh	
West Natick Fire Station Study Committee	Josh	
Zoning Bylaw Rewrite Oversight Committee	Charlie	

When Paul Joseph left the Board he asked to remain on the Economic Development Committee. Mr. Jennett was assigned as the Board's representative, but with the resignation tonight of Joseph Kiggen effective immediately, Ms. Gloff asked the Board to appoint Mr. Joseph to fill Mr. Kiggen's seat.

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes to appoint Paul Joseph to the Economic Development Committee to replace Joseph Kiggen. Seconded by Mr. Ostroff and unanimously voted.

Mr. Ostroff wasn't sure of the status of the West Natick Fire Station Study Committee, but should that committee get underway Mr. Ostroff said he would be happy to have Mr. Jennett fill his seat.

Mr. Joseph was in the audience and indicated his interest in continuing to represent the Board on the Youth Advisory Board. Ms. Gloff said she would check into it.

Documents - Draft list of committee assignments prepared by Ms. Gloff

CONFIRM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL BOARD MEMBERS:

- a. Susan Salamoff
- b. Erisa Ojmba

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Ostroff, the Board unanimously voted to affirm the Town Administrator's appointment of Susan Salamoff and Erisa Ojmba to the Personnel Board.

Documents - Copies of letters from the Town Administrator to Susan Salamoff and Erisa Ojmba

WELCOME TO NATICK SIGNS

Mr. Ostroff followed up on a discussion of a year ago about Welcome to Natick signs. The Safety Committee voted to support putting up signs at various entries to the Town and when he was approached a few months ago by a parent about recognizing a Pee Wee Hockey championship, he asked Highway Supervisor Tom Hladick if there was a way to combine the welcome to Natick sign with a sign recognizing the accomplishment of a group.

Mr. Ostroff provided a sample concept and asked the Board's consideration in going forward to work with the DPW and Safety Committee to come up with something.

Mr. Ostroff confirmed Mr. Hughes' assumption that these signs would not replace the Town line signs that were there now.

Mr. Jennett asked about the expense and Ms. White responded that she thought it would come from the regular sign budget.

Planning Board member Julian Munnich thought this was a commendable project and talked about the Planning Board's efforts over the years to make signs throughout Town consistent. He spoke about the Planning Board using a sun set stipulation when granting permission for a sign, generally 7 years although acknowledged that no one tracked the expiration of the sign permit and most likely it would only be revisited if there was a complaint or a change.

Board members wanted to see what the actual sign would look like and agreed to table further discussion until the DPW had an opportunity to make a sample.

Documents - Memo from Joshua Ostroff; picture of sign concept

SPRING TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

- a. Article 11 - Home Rule Petition to Establish Non Civil Service Deputy Police Chief Position
- b. Article 34 - Home Rule Petition - Alcohol License for TCAN

As authorized by the 2013 Spring Annual Town Meeting, Mr. Hughes moved to ask the Town's legislators to submit a home rule petition that would allow for the establishment of a Non Civil Service Deputy Police Chief position. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

As authorized by the 2013 Spring Annual Town Meeting, Mr. Hughes moved to ask the Town's legislators to submit a home rule petition that would allow for the granting of an alcohol license to The Center for Arts in Natick. Seconded by Mr. Ostroff. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote. Mr. Jennett recused himself and did not vote.

Documents - Copies of the Town Meeting certified votes of Article 11 and Article 34.

COMPENSATION FOR INCREASE IN EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION PERCENTAGE: NON-UNION CONTRACT EMPLOYEES

Ms. Gloff noted that non-union Town employees had no say in being required to pay a higher portion of their health insurance. In recognition of that Town Meeting voted to give each a \$1,000 addition in pay. One individual was not covered by the Personnel Board - that was the Town Administrator Ms. White.

Ms. White was non-union but had a contract and the request was to increase Ms. White's salary by \$1,000 consistent with other non-union employees.

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

Mr. Jennett wanted the public to be aware that this was discussed by the Board in executive session and approved at that time. The Board fully understood what was being given.

Document - Memo from Town Administrator Martha White

BOSTON MARATHON DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

The Board was in receipt of \$44,000 as this year's contribution from the Boston Athletic Association for the Boston Marathon.

In a memo to the Board, Ms. White proposed the following distribution of funds:

- To cover expenses:*
 - Fire - \$4,844*
 - DPW - \$6,258*
 - Police - \$10,113*

Generally a certain amount would be allocated to Recreation and this year they were requesting \$12,000- \$5,000 to be spent on pier renovations at Dug Pond, \$5,000 for Camp Arrowhead waterfront work and renovations, and \$2,000 for the purchase of life jackets.

Ms. White further recommended that the balance of \$10,785 be carried in reserve to be used for a special request from Natick Center. Currently there was about \$7,500 in reserve.

Mr. Hughes moved approval of the proposed distribution. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Documents - Spreadsheet with proposed distribution; email from Jon Marshall, Director of Recreation & Parks

- a. *Update on Marathon Permits*

Ms. White reported that all but two runners who obtained permits from the Town were able to raise the \$4,000 in support of the chosen local charities and they were still trying to reach their goal. The average raised was well over \$4,000.

Paul Joseph, a runner who received a Town permit, noted there was much concern from the charities that so much attention was given to One Fund and that made it difficult for the other charities. He encouraged anyone who could to support the two runners.

PARKING COMMITTEE

Mr. Ostroff noted that the end of the Parking Management Study discussed about next steps and he supported the formation of a separate committee to focus on bring recommendations to help get things done and lay a successful effort to build a garage. In a memo to the Board, Mr. Ostroff proposed a composition of five members that included: the Chief of Police or his designee, the Community Development Director or his designee, a member of the Board of Selectmen or designee, a representative of Natick Center Associates preferably an individual without a direct financial interest, and a member of the Economic Development Committee.

He proposed the Parking Advisory Committee recommend specific solutions to both near and long-term parking issues focused on Natick Center. He listed a number of examples of the work the committee could do that included: reviewing on-street and off-street parking configuration, rates and time restrictions, evaluate the effects of Saturday metering, consider alternative meter technologies, consider future garage and parking lot solutions, consider commuter parking issues, work with private property owners to develop parking capacity, follow up on the Cecil Group/Nelson Nygaard study.

Mr. Jennett stated that parking was his thing and the one big item was the garage. The study didn't make any specific recommendation but gave broad strokes. He (Mr. Jennett) suggested splitting it into two committees. A lot of what Mr. Ostroff proposed was under the purview of the Town operation while the parking garage was a totally different animal. There were a ton of studies and the Board of Selectmen had to determine whether it wanted to move forward with the parking garage. The number one question was how to fund it (garage).

Mr. Jennett continued that his biggest concern was there was a perception there was no parking downtown. Better signage, etc. could be done but it wouldn't help redevelop the downtown. He had his own ideas for how to finance the garage with no impact to the taxpayers but the decision would need to be made to finance it using local option taxes. To him there should be two committees - one metering and signage, etc. and the other for a parking garage although there would be consultation between the two. This (parking garage) has been going on way too long and it was time to step to the plate. A parking garage in the downtown was a necessity.

Mr. Ostroff thought it was a lot to ask of Town Meeting to have two separate committees. When schools and a fire station were needed, a garage may be putting the cart before the horse. He also didn't know that the Board would want to separate the on street parking from the totality of the inventory. He would like to see one committee that included a garage as a focus.

Mr. Hughes asked if the Board was being asked to create two committees and Mr. Jennett responded that he thought Mr. Ostroff brought out a great point that after the study there needed to be an evaluation of how parking was handled downtown. His (Mr. Jennett's) pointed was that he didn't want to incorporate into the development of a parking committee into the charge of this type of committee. A separate committee didn't need to be voted tonight, but he didn't want the garage to be included in the charge of the committee proposed by Mr. Ostroff. He believed the committee being proposed was a public safety committee and the parking officials and the Economic Development Committee should be developing the new short-term changes, not a parking garage.

Former Selectman Paul Joseph commented that he understood Mr. Jennett's point in looking at the garage separately. Town Meeting's vote to focus on the Cultural District will impact parking. Right now there was a chicken and egg situation and there was a lot to be said for looking at the entirety. His concern was building something that in the long run would cut off development. Whatever was built needs to accommodate Natick in 2020, not just 2013. In the short term there were a lot of areas that could be managed better and he encouraged the Board to take the position of better managing the downtown parking better first. He wasn't against two separate

committees, but they should be done in parallel.

In some sense Mr. Jennett said he agreed with Mr. Joseph. The parking garage was a long-range plan. The signage and realignment of parking was something that could be implemented in a very short time. He just wanted to pull it out of the charge for the proposed committee.

Ms. Gloff could see the perspective of both sides and wanted to think it through. She suggested tabling and asked Mr. Ostroff and Mr. Jennett to have a conversation to see if there was some common ground.

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Ostroff, the Board unanimously voted to table to June 17.

Documents - Memo from Joshua Ostroff

MINUTES:

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2013 meeting. The vote was 4-0-0 with Ms. Gloff, Mr. Ostroff, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jennett voting in favor. Mr. Mabardy abstained.

PRESCOTT AVENUE RESIDENT: REQUEST POD IN PUBLIC WAY

The Board was in receipt of a request from Cara Lousaraian to place a POD in front of their new home at 24 Prescott for the period of August 8-10, 2013 to assist in their move into the home. In a memo to the Board, Safety Officer Lt. Brian Lauzon recommended against granting permission for the POD to be in the public way citing a host of safety and liability issues.

Lt. Lauzon suggested there may be other solutions and Mr. Hughes moved to suggest to Ms. Lousaraian that she contact Lt. Lauzon. Seconded by Mr. Ostroff and unanimously voted.

Documents - Letter from Cara Lousaraian; email from Lt. Brian Lauzon

STRIVERS RUNNING CLUB FOR GIRLS: JNIGLE BELL RUN

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Strivers Running Club for Girls' request to hold the Jingle Bell Run on December 8, 2013 subject to the recommendations of Lt. Brian Lauzon.

Documents - Letter from Colleen Phelps of the Strivers Running Club; email from Lt. Brian Lauzon

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR NOTES

a. J.J. Lane Park Update

Ms. White noted that the Town went out to bid twice. Because it involved a structure that was the restroom facility, the entire project was subject to DCAM and any bidder would have to be DCAM certified. There was only one bidder and that was much higher than anticipated. The solution was to remove the restroom temporarily, bid the plans, and do the restroom later.

Some favorable bids were received the second time and the Conservation Commission will imminently award the contract and the project will be underway.

b. 4th of July Town Hall Hours

With July 4th falling on a Thursday, Ms. White informed the Board that for that week Town Hall would be open until 8:00 p.m. on Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday would be the regular hours of 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Town Hall would be closed on Thursday and Friday. Town Hall personnel will have the option of taking four hours vacation time for the Friday hours or making it up in the month of July.

SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS

a. Office Hours at the Farmer's Market

Mr. Ostroff advised that he held office hours at the Farmer's Market and saw more constituents than in the seven years at Town Hall.

b. Marion Street Update

Mr. Jennett mentioned the meeting tomorrow afternoon with the State on the Marion Street Bridge.

c. Fire Department Promotion

It was Mr. Hughes' understanding that the Fire Chief made a provisional promotion to Lieutenant without a list and questioned if that meant there would be a test in October and people would have enough time to study for it.

d. 4th of July Parade

Mr. Hughes asked that the form be returned to the July 4th Committee indicating the Selectmen planned to march in the July 4th Parade.

Mr. Mabardy suggested asking former Selectmen to march along in the parade, but it was pointed out that it wasn't the Town's parade.

e. Comptroller Position

Mr. Mabardy inquired as to the status of the Comptroller's position and if there active recruitment.

Ms. White advised that there was no active recruitment at this time. Interim Comptroller Virginia Cahill has doing an outstanding job and even though a consultant really wasn't costing the Town more money. At the next meeting the Board would be asked to renew Ms. Cahill's contract for another year. In terms of commitment, Ms. Cahill was as much an employee as everyone else.

f. Audit Advisory Committee

Mr. Hughes reported that the Audit Advisory Committee was meeting on Wednesday and the hope was to have the FY12 audit before the Board at the June 17 meeting.

g. War Memorial on the Common

Mr. Mabardy raised the condition of the war memorial on the Common. It used to be bronze and was now painted and corroded.

Ms. White noted that the bronze had been stolen. She wasn't aware of any corrosion and would look into it.

h. Intersection of Oak/9

Mr. Ostroff announced that the reconstruction of the intersection of Oak and 9 was underway. The project would take two years. Efforts were being made to have the schedule in the newspaper.

Mr. Jennett asked that the plan be put on the Town's web site.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.



Charles M. Hughes, Clerk