

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Natick Town Hall

July 1, 2013

5:45 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Carol A. Gloff at 5:45 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

WARRANTS: Payroll warrants were signed by the Board of Selectmen on July 1, 2013 in the amount of \$1,116,917.81. This figure was included in total warrants signed by the Board of Selectmen of \$3,665,473.73.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Ostroff, seconded by Mr. Jennett, moved to enter into executive session to discuss matters pertaining to litigation and real property negotiations. By roll call vote the Board voted unanimously to enter into executive session. At 5:46 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 and real property 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Ostroff acknowledged the number of people and organizations who stepped up to volunteer for the Fourth of July parade and festivities. Through their efforts the parade and festivities will go on.

Ms. White announced that Town Hall was open late tonight instead of Thursday. Town Hall will be closed on Thursday because of the holiday and on Friday.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

a. Street Conditions - Sherwood Area

A resident of the Sherwood area, David Fishman, noted that he had forwarded a copy of dozens of letters from neighbors outlining their concerns with the streets and sidewalks. He hoped his area would get equal consideration as the Town developed the next five year plan and he hoped progress would be made on repaving. It has never been redone since the area was developed in the 1950's and 1960's.

Mr. Fishman said he was told that the Sherwood area was on the plan for 2017, but he hadn't seen the plan. He hoped the plan was released soon and hoped that sidewalks were part of the plan. Having to wait four more years when people were forced to walk in the street and there was an elementary and middle school in the neighborhood didn't seem fair. To him it didn't feel appropriate to put it off any longer and he was here to offer to work with the Selectmen to get it done faster than 2017.

b. Signs

Deb Sayre asked people to please take their signs for yard sales, etc. down and not clutter. Commercial signs stuck in the ground were not allowed.

Mr. Hughes reminded people not to put yard signs on the Common and Mr. Mabardy added that utility poles were private property and not for the public to use for advertising.

INTERVIEW FOR APPOINTMENT TO AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

a. Gerald Shusterman

Gerald Shusterman told the Board that he was retired after 45 years in finance. He had been an auditor, a controller, and had selected auditors and thought maybe that was something he could advise on.

Mr. Ostroff asked Mr. Hughes, as Chair of the Audit Advisory Committee, if Mr. Shusterman's skills matched up to the qualifications being sought. Mr. Hughes thought Mr. Shusterman would be an excellent to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Ostroff moved to appoint Gerald Shusterman to the Audit Advisory Committee. Seconded by Mr. Hughes and unanimously voted.

A motion was then made by Mr. Hughes to confirm the appointment of Cathi Collins as the Finance Committee's representative to the Audit Advisory Committee and Stephen Meyler as the School Committee's representative. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Documents - Committee application form submitted by Gerald Shusterman; email from Jonathan Freedman, Finance Committee Chair; email from Sharon Reilly, Assistant to School Superintendent

INTERVIEW FOR APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL ON AGING

Ms. Ostroff disclosed that his wife was an Associate Member of the Council on Aging.

a. Susan Watjen

Susan Watjen stated that she was looking for a second term. Over the past term she was secretary of the By-Law committee, volunteered for the Friends of the Senior Center and was part of the outreach to the community.

After thanking Ms. Watjen for serving and her interest in another term, Mr. Ostroff inquired as to what had been accomplished while she was on the committee and what she would like to accomplish.

Ms. Watjen responded that the first part of her term was the by-law subcommittee and now she was taking on outreach which was something she looked forward to doing. She was interested in getting more people involved. The Community Senior Center was there for everybody not just the older people.

b. Harriet Merkwowitz

Harriet Merkwowitz told the Board that she was a Town Meeting and a senior who used the Senior Center. It (Senior Center) was one of the gems and she would like to see it continue and be a part of it.

Asked what she would like to accomplish, Ms. Merkwowitz felt it was a little early to comment. She had only been to two meetings and didn't know what was going on.

Mr. Jennett inquired as to what services Ms. Merkwowitz didn't see that she would like to see.

Ms. Merkwowitz responded that she had been active using the gym and was very vocal about wanting to continue. She has been assured there were now maintenance courses. When she saw something she was not afraid to speak up.

c. Nancy Mulcahy

Nancy Mulcahy stated that she was a 30 year resident of Natick who planned to live in Natick as long as possible and wanted to give back.

Asked what she would like to accomplish, Ms. Mulcahy believed her skill set as a registered nurse would lend itself to this committee. She had a passion for seniors and their independence and recognizing them as vital to the community.

d. Gerald Shusterman

Gerald Shusterman stated that his main volunteer work was being a SHINE counselor at the Framingham Senior Center. He had a real interest in the elderly and with the expansion of the Senior Center he wanted to see people take advantage of the programs available and thought being a member of this committee he could have a voice.

By paper ballot the Board reappointed Susan Watjen and appointed Harriet Merkwowitz and Nancy Mulcahy to the Council on Aging. Ms. Watjen received 5 votes; Ms. Merkwowitz 4 votes; Ms. Mulcahy 5 votes; Mr. Shusterman 1 vote. Ms. Gloff voted for Ms. Watjen, Ms. Merkwowitz, Ms. Mulcahy  
Mr. Ostroff voted for Ms. Watjen, Ms. Merkwowitz, Ms. Mulcahy  
Mr. Mabardy voted for Ms. Watjen, Ms. Mulcahy, Mr. Shusterman  
Mr. Hughes voted for Ms. Watjen, Ms. Merkwowitz, Ms. Mulcahy  
Mr. Jennett voted for Ms. Watjen, Ms. Merkwowitz, Ms. Mulcahy

Documents - Letter from Susan Watjen; committee applications submitted by Harriett Merkwowitz, Nancy Mulcahy, Gerald Shusterman

INTERVIEW FOR APPOINTMENT TO INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADVISORY BOARD

a. John Holz

John Holz noted that he has been in the high tech business for about 40 years, the last 10 as an independent consultant developing security products, applications for telephones, and electronics for car systems. He recently joined the ISAB as an associate member and participated in a couple of meetings.

His plan was to volunteer to work with the web site. He was interested in getting information out to people when they want it and how they want.

A motion was made by Mr. Ostroff to appoint John Holz to the Information Systems Advisory Board. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Mr. Hughes moved to reappoint Lawrence Drolet and Aaron Pyman to the ISAB. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Documents - Committee application submitted by John Holz; email from Lawrence Drolet; email from Aaron Pyman

INTERVIEW FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST (AS BANKING REPRESENTATIVE) AND TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AS BANKING REPRESENTATIVE)

a. Laura Duncan

Laura Duncan told the Board she was applying as the Banking Representative to both the Affordable Housing Trust and the Community Development Advisory Committee to fill the vacancy left by the expiration of Bruce Weisberg's term. She has been a Natick resident for 19 years and has worked at the Middlesex Savings Bank for 17 years. Her duties at the bank include helping families secure financing for housing in Massachusetts.

Ms. Gloff explained that Ms. Duncan was currently a member of the Affordable Housing Trust as a citizen-at-large member. Moving her to the banking representative would free up the citizen-at-large position. It was believed that would be an easier position to fill than the banking representative.

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Laura Duncan to the Affordable Housing Trust as the Banking Representative.

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes to appoint Laura Duncan as the Banking Representative to the Community Development Advisory Committee. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Mr. Hughes moved to reappoint Randy Johnson to the Affordable Housing Trust at the Construction Representative. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Documents- Committee application submitted by Laura Duncan; email from Randy Johnson

INTERVIEW FOR APPOINTMENT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

a. David Shamoian

In an email David Shamoian informed the Board that he was not available to tonight's meeting and if possible requested an alternate date.

b. Stacey Roberts

Stacey Roberts requested reappointment to the Economic Development Committee. She had only been a member for 2-3 months and there had only been one meeting during that time. She noted that she was a lawyer working in Boston and was new to this area.

Mr. Ostroff inquired as to where Ms. Roberts saw the opportunity for the Town. Ms. Roberts responded that she was still getting to know the Town but recently heard about Mass Economic that publishes the top 100 properties in the Committee. They market the state for business to grow and develop and she was curious as to why Natick didn't have any properties listed on that site. That was something the Town could take advantage of and she invited the senior manager of the program to come speak to the committee. That was one immediate step that could be taken to get some visitability for the Town.

c. Martin Alintuck

Martin Alintuck told the Board that he grew up in Natick, but spent most of his career in Asia. Two years ago he came back to help his parents who were ill. Natick had a real challenge and the question was how to balance economic development with quality of life. There were a lot of opportunities.

Asked about the opportunities he saw for Natick, Mr. Alintuck responded that the Economic Development Committee was an advisory board to the Board of Selectmen and they had to pick an issue to two on which to focus for the next year or two; i.e. what to do with parking or what to do with the industrial park. There were ways to market the Town to sustainable businesses.

The Board agreed to table making any appointments to see if Mr. Shamoian was available for the next meeting.

Documents - email from David Shamoian; email from Stacey Roberts; committee application submitted by Martin Alintuck

UNITED WAY OF TRI COUNTY: APPLICATION FOR ONE DAY ALCOHOL LICENSE; ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

Representing the United Way of Tri County was Jennifer Alsedá, Senior Vice President of United Way of Tri County.

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Ostroff the Board unanimously voted to grant United Way of Tri County a one day all alcohol license and a one day entertainment license to hold a fund raising comedy show on July 17, 2013 at The Center for Arts in Natick, 14 Summer Street from 5:30=8:30 p.m. Approval was subject to the standard conditions of providing liquor liability insurance and that all servers have alcohol awareness training.

Documents - Letter from United Way of Tri County

DPW LFNR SUPERVISOR: AWARD CONTRACT FOR TREE & PLANT CARE

Arthur Goodhind, LFNR Supervisor, reviewed the bids for tree & plant care.

Per Mr. Goodhind's recommendation, the Board unanimously voted to award the contract for tree and plant care to F.A. Bartlett in the amount of \$20,840.00.

Document - Memo from Procurement Officer Peter Roche

DPW DIRECTOR: AWARD CONTRACT - RECYCLABLE DROP OFF

DPW Director William Chenard recommended awarding the contract for the drop of single stream recyclable material to E.L. Harvey & Sons, Inc. E.L. Harvey guaranteed a rebate of \$2.50 per ton dropped at their processing center for the next three years. The contract to commence as of August 1, 2013.

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

Document - Memo from DPW Director William Chenard; E.L. Harvey proposal

MATTHEW D'INNOCENZO: REQUEST WAIVER OF STREET MORATORIUM: UNION STREET

Matthew D'Innocenzo of 84 Union Street explained that he was requesting a waiver of the street opening moratorium in order that he could have a gas heating system installed. He was renovating his older home and the heating system was inadequate for the second floor addition being constructed.

In a memo to the Board Town Engineer Mark Coviello advised that the moratorium for Union Street would expired on December 31, 2014. If the Board were to approve a waiver he recommended that it be with certain conditions.

Mr. Ostroff moved to waive the street opening moratorium for Mr. D'Innocenzo to connect to gas. Seconded by Mr. Hughes and unanimously voted.

Document - Letter from Matthew D'Innocenzo; memo from Town Engineer Mark Coviello

JOHN SHOEMAKER: REQUEST ABATEMENT OF WATER BILL

John Shoemaker of 31 Pleasant Street noted that last year at the beginning of October he got a water bill for \$1,250 and knew something was wrong. He discovered the irrigation system was leaking in the ground and he only gets a bill once every three months. He appealed through Ms. White's office and wasn't sure where to go from here.

Mr. Jennett inquired as to the amount Mr. Shoemaker was requesting for an abatement. Mr. Shoemaker assumed there would be a formula. His average for the summer was about \$350, but in this case it was about \$1,250. He already paid the full amount and would be happy with about half abated.

Ms. Gloff pointed out that Mr. Shoemaker had two separate meters - one for water going into the sewer and a second for irrigation with no sewer charge.

For her it was pretty easy. Had Mr. Shoemaker been charged sewer, Deputy Town Administrator Michael Walters Young could have made a decision and Mr. Shoemaker wouldn't have been charged for sewer. Although the water wasn't intentionally used, the water was used on Mr. Shoemaker's property and it wasn't the Town's fault it was used.

Mr. Shoemaker countered that if he was billed monthly he could have caught it sooner. Ms. Gloff responded that it wasn't the Town's responsibility to bill monthly and to monitor anybody's water usage.

Noting the Board has been in the unenviable position of having to deny relief where there was a real hardship, Mr. Ostroff wished there was a way to monitor the usage.

Mr. Ostroff wasn't sure using the regular rate (non-irrigation) would make much difference because of the high usage, but Mr. Shoemaker asked if that could be tried.

Mr. Walters Young didn't have the answer but offered to recalculate the bill using tier 1,2, or 3 if the Board wished. He added there was no guidance to precedence for this type of thing.

Ms. Gloff was really worried about starting down a slippery slope and every time someone had a leak expecting to get some kind of an abatement.

Mr. Jennett acknowledged it could be a slippery slope but wanted to know the impact of taking the water usage over 40 and charging that usage at \$7.16 rather than \$8.91.

Ms. Gloff noted that the Board has not taken that approach before.

Mr. Mabardy inquired if the irrigation system continued to work and was told by Mr. Shoemaker that it did which was why he didn't know there was a problem.

If the Town did the most generous thing and charged Mr. Shoemaker the regular rate vs the irrigation rate, Mr. Ostroff believed the difference would be in the neighborhood of \$250-\$300. He (Mr. Ostroff) was ambivalent.

Mr. Jennett was concerned with Ms. Gloff's point of setting a precedent. A lot of water can be pumped out quickly and what would happen the next time when somebody showed up with a \$5,000 bill. The question was if the Board wanted to consider a minor abatement for a \$1,200 bill. He was leaning in that direction and moving forward he thought each case had to be addressed individually.

Whatever the Board did, Mr. Shoemaker stated that he understood the precedent.

A motion was made by Mr. Jennett to abate Mr. Shoemaker's water & sewer bill \$181.93 on the 40+ rate and reduce the excess to the \$21.40 rate. There was no second and no vote taken.

No action was taken.

Documents - Letter from John Shoemaker; copy of letter from Mr. Walters Young to John Shoemaker; history of Mr. Shoemaker's water bills

Following a ten minute recess the meeting resumed at 8:50 p.m.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR VETERANS' DEDICATION

- a. Water & Cohn Streets - Kevin Lynch
- b. Kansas & North Main Street - Dennis Poteat
- c. Moran Park - POW/MIA Granite Chair

Representing the Veterans' Council were the President Edward Jolley and Patrick Young along with Veterans Services Officer Paul Carew.

Mr. Hughes moved to schedule a public hearing on the dedication of the square at Water & Cohn Streets in honor of Kevin Lynch for July 15. Seconded by Mr. Ostroff and unanimously voted.

Mr. Hughes then moved to schedule a public hearing on the dedication of the square at Kansas and North Main Streets in honor of Dennis Poteat for July 29, 2013.

With respect to the granite chair in honor of POW/MIAs being placed at Moran Square, Mr. Carew noted that the same chair will be seen at Gillette Stadium and other communities throughout the Commonwealth. It was completely self-funded through sponsorship of the Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Group. They would like to dedicate the chair on July 21.

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

Mr. Ostroff thought it was a wonderful gesture and thanked Mr. Carew for bringing it forward.

Mr. Carew then noted the new addition of a flagpole at the Community Senior Center. He credited Jemma Lambert, Community Services Director, for getting the flagpole, the DPW and a young veteran for getting it painted, Pat Young for digging the hole, and OB Hill's son for donating the crane. They were working on a date for a special dedication.

Documents - Memo from Paul Carew, Veterans Services Officer

PARKING COMMITTEE

In the packet was a revised memo from Mr. Ostroff. Circulated today was a memo from Mr. Jennett.

Mr. Hughes thanked Mr. Ostroff and Mr. Jennett for their work, but since he just got Mr. Jennett's memo late today and didn't have a chance to go over it, he would ask to table to the next meeting.

Mr. Mabardy too wanted the opportunity for some more review.

Mr. Ostroff advised that he spoke with the Director of Transportation and Planning for MAPC and he offered to do a peer review of the parking study from the Cecil Group. If there were no objections he would like to ship the study off so MAPC can proceed.

The Board agreed.

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Mabardy, the Board unanimously voted to table further discussion to the next meeting.

Documents - Memo from Mr. Ostroff; memo from Mr. Jennett

WAIVER OF FEES FOR KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to waive the permit fees for the electrical upgrade project at Kennedy Middle School.

Document - Memo from Town Administrator Martha White; memo from Facilities Management Director Paul Comerford

FIRE DEPARTMENT: DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT

Fire Chief James Sheridan noted that the strategic planning process for the Fire Department had commenced. In an exercise of team building and consensus building it was determined there should be something each and every member of the department could recite - something short and simple and to the point. After going back and forth, they came to something they could all agree to bring back to the Board: "Dedicated to a Safe Today and a Safer Tomorrow".

Ms. Gloff pointed out that that was different than what Ms. White had in her memo to the Board. Ms. White had the draft statement as: "Safety today, for a safer tomorrow".

Mr. Jennett was the Board's representative in the strategic planning process and noted there had been a number of versions but he believed "Dedicated ..." was the last. The committee was looking for feedback and at the next meeting there will be further discussion.

Mr. Ostroff felt that a mission statement was different than what was being proposed. Usually a mission statement said something like to deliver timely responses, etc.

Chief Sheridan explained that what was being suggested was more like a motto that everybody could remember.

Mr. Jennett added that this was the first step of the process and the idea was to give something to grasp onto - similar to the Police Department "to protect and serve". The next meeting of the Strategic Planning Group was

scheduled for July 29.

Ms. Gloff was OK with either version.

If this was a motto, Mr. Ostroff said he was OK with either.

Document - Memo from Town Administrator Martha White

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR FY13 REVIEW PROCESS

Mr. Ostroff reviewed the proposed process for doing the Fiscal 2013 performance evaluation of the Town Administrator:

Town Administrator prepares a self-evaluation to be provided to Board members by July 19.

Board members complete their draft individual evaluations by August 9, using a common form (to be provided) along with any narrative they wish to include. The draft evaluations are confidential and are not a public record.

Board members hold individual interviews with the Town Administrator during the month of August and then finalize their individual evaluations.

Final individual evaluations are provided to the Vice Chair by August 30. The individual evaluations are part of the Town Administrator's personnel file and are not a public record.

A consolidated review will be on the agenda for September 23. The consolidated review is a public record.

Mr. Hughes moved approval of the process as outlined. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Document - Memo from Joshua Ostroff

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

JAMES MELLO

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to accept the resignation of James Mello from the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Document - email from James Mello

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM CULTURAL COUNCIL: SHIRLEY PARISH

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to accept the resignation of Shirley Parish from the Cultural Council.

Document - email from Shirley Parish

MBTA STATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT OF NEW NATICK CENTER ASSOCIATES REPRESENTATIVE - BETTY SCOTT

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes to affirm the appointment of Betty Scott as Natick Center Associates' representative to the MBTA Station Advisory committee to replace Avigail Shimshoni. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Documents - Letter from Natick Center Associates

FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE

Mr. Hughes moved approval of the announcement that Fall Annual Town Meeting would be held on October 15, 2013 with the warrant to close on August 16. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Document - Fall Annual Town Meeting Notice

REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. Bacon Free Library

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint D. Michael Collins to the Bacon Free Library Maintenance Committee.

Document - Letter from D. Michael Collins

b. Conservation Commission

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Bernard Raftery and Douglas Shepard to the Conservation Commission.

Documents - email from Douglas Shepard; email from Bernard Raftery

c. Cable Advisory Board

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Michael Avitzur to the Cable Advisory Board.

Document - email from Michael Avitzur

d. Cochituate Rail Trail Advisory Committee

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Patrick Reffett, Community Development Director, to the Cochituate Rail Trail Advisory Committee.

e. Elderly & Disabled Taxation Committee

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Sheila Adams to the Elderly & Disabled Taxation Committee.

Documents - email from Sheila Adams

f. Historical Commission

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Virginia Lyster to the Historical Commission.

Document - Letter from Virginia Lyster

g. Historic District Commission

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Jeannine Furrer and Patricia Marr to the Historic District Commission.

Documents - email from Jeannine Furrer; email from Patricia Marr

h. MAPC Representative

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Terri Evans as the Town's Representative to the MAPC.

Document- Letter from Terri Evans

i. MathWorks Scholarship Committee

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Steven Rosenberg to the MathWorks Scholarship Committee.

Document - email from Steven Rosenberg

j. Natick Cultural Council

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Barbara Shenker and Steven Bloomenthal to the Natick Cultural Council.

Documents -email from Barbara Shenker; email from Steven Bloomenthal; email from Dan Dick

k. Open Space Advisory Committee

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Michael Linehan to the Open Space Advisory Committee.

Document - email from Michael Linehan

l. Recreation & Parks Commission

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Seth Levine to the Recreation & Parks Commission.

Document - Letter from Seth Levine

m. Special Municipal Employee Designation

1) Town Moderator

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to designate the Town Moderator as a special municipal employee.

Document - Application submitted by Frank Foss

2) Constable

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to designate the Constables as special municipal employees.

Document- Application submitted by James Lavezzo

3) Cable Advisory Board

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to designate the Cable Advisory Board as special municipal employees.

Document- Application submitted by Hank Szretter

4) Council on Aging, Personnel Board, Auxiliary Police

A question arose as to why these three groups would need the special municipal employee designation. The Board agree to table pending further clarification.

MINUTES

Mr. Hughes moved to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Ostroff. The motion passed on a 4-0-1 vote. Ms. Gloff, Mr. Ostroff, Mr. Mabardy, Mr. Hughes voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Jennett abstained.

The Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2013 meeting. The vote was taken on a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett.

Mr. Mabardy moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jennett. The motion passed on a 4-0-1 vote. Ms. Gloff, Mr. Ostroff, Mr. Mabardy, Mr. Jennett voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Hughes abstained.

STRIVERS RUNNING CLUB FOR GIRLS: 5K PERMIT

Subject to the conditions recommended by Lieutenant Brian Lauzon, Mr. Hughes moved approval of the Strivers Running Club for Girls' request to hold a 5K road race on May 11, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Mabardy and unanimously voted.

Document - Letter from Colleen Phelps; email from Lt. Brian Lauzon

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR NOTES

a. Deputy Town Administrator Planned Departure

Ms. Gloff advised that Michael Walters Young's wife had been accepted in a doctorate program in Nashville this fall and Mr. Walters Young would at some point be moving. The position has been advertised in the July edition of the Beacon and several qualified candidates have already expressed an interest. She noted that Mr. Walters Young's departure date was still fluid, but he was committed to a smooth transition and the earliest departure was several months away.

b. DPW Grant

Mr. Walters Young informed the Board that a letter had been received from DOER that Natick had been successful in obtaining a \$126,662 grant as part of a competitive Green Communities program. This was a reimbursement for a whole series of capital projects. Some were small but all contributed to making the Town green and saved energy.

SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS

a. State Budget

To Mr. Ostroff's comments that the state budget just approved seemed good news for Natick, Mr. Walters Young responded that if the Governor accepted the state budget as put forth Natick would probably get another \$58,000 in state aid from what was appropriated at Town Meeting. However, there wasn't any information on any other fees or charges. He expected to see some money coming back for the special Senate election.

Mr. Ostroff added that Representative Linsky had managed to include \$30,000 in the state budget for the oral history project.

b. Complaint About Constable

Mr. Ostroff referenced a complaint in correspondence concerning a Constable. He didn't think the Town had any jurisdiction but perhaps at a future meeting there could be some type of information on how something like this would be handled.

c. Ice Cream Social

Mr. Ostroff commented on the success of the ice cream social sponsored by the Charles River Rotary Club that was held on the Common.

d. Tax Bill History

Mr. Mabardy thanked Mr. Walters Young for taking the time yesterday to explain to him why Natick's tax bills had a significant increase over the past 10 years and the efforts being taken to try to control increases in spending. This was in response to a spreadsheet Mr. Mabardy presented a

couple of months before.

Mr. Walters Young noted that the overall taxes collected increased by 58% in 10 years. 25% of that was attributed to the 2-1/2% annual increase. Of the remaining 34% between 20-30% was attributed to new growth and the balance to the overrides. Compared to other communities that amount of increase was not out of the ordinary.

*e. Community Senior Center Project*

Mr. Hughes requested an explanation of the balance of the Community Senior Center project that was in correspondence. Was the \$342,000 the amount of encumbrances before the Building Committee could be shut down.

Mr. Walters Young responded that that was the balance forecast for the end of the project if there were no new expenditures. He anticipated there would be some future expenses but didn't know exactly what they would be.

Mr. Jennett, a member of the Building Committee, advised there were outstanding issues. There could be a major issue as far as sound, HVAC, telephone.

Asked if there was any additional amount of authorized but not issued debt, Mr. Walters Young said no. Town Meeting rescinded the authorized but unissued debt.

*f. Oak Street/Route 9*

Ms. Gloff noted that during office hours at the Senior Center, several residents talked about the reconstruction of the Oak/Route 9 intersection. She explained to them that it would be a long-term project and one the Town was glad to see was started. At moments it may be painful and everyone was being asked to have patience.

There was some concern about the fire trucks having access and she has been assured that the Fire Department still controlled the lights as before.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. in memory of the 19 firefighters who lost their lives in Arizona.



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Nicholas S. Mabardy, Clerk