

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NATICK

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted in the Edward H. Dlott
Meeting Room and via Zoom
April 20, 2022
6:30PM

PRESENT: Paul R. Joseph, Chair, Michael J. Hickey, Jr., Vice-Chair, Bruce T. Evans, Clerk; Kathryn M. Coughlin

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator, James Errickson, Deputy Town Administrator, Jon Marshall, Deputy Town Administrator, Finance – John Townsend; Police Chief, James Hicks, Director of Dept. of Public Works, Jeremy Marsette; Ms. Amanda Loomis, Director of Community and Economic Development; Diane Packer, Town Clerk; Executive Assistant, Joan McNamara

ABSENT: None

Chair Joseph called the meeting to order at 6:31PM

Chair Joseph stated that he will read the 1 item for Executive Session this evening and read the following:

- A. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(3) - To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the Chair so declares: Public Employees Local Union 1116 (Clerical & Librarians) & Public Employees Committee Agreement (PEC Agreement)

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0, to enter into Executive Session. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

Open session reconvened at 6:55PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed for Officer Michael Mabardy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Police Chief, James Hicks, made an announcement that the police department had lost an active member of the department last evening, Officer Michael Mabardy. Officer Mabardy was an 11-year veteran of the department.

B. Collective Bargaining Agreement

1. Local Union 1116 - Clerical & Librarian
2. Public Employee Committee Agreement

Bruce Evans, Clerk, made an announcement that during Executive Session this evening the Board voted unanimously for a 3-year agreement with Local Union 1116 - Clerical & Librarian. This is an agreement with 2% COLAs for fiscal years 22, 23 and 24.

Mr. Evans also announcement that during Executive Session this evening, the Public Employee Committee Agreement for health benefits was also supported unanimously by the Board with a transition of Fallon from the health care market

C. Natick DPW Water Division Program Grant

Mr. Marsette, Director of Dept. of Public Works was present to speak about the Grant to the DPW Water Division Program. The Natick DPW Water Division will receive a PFAS6 Interim Response Program Grant, Round 2, from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Drinking Water Program. PFAS (per-and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) is an emerging contaminant of national concern that is known to have widespread health effects. This funding will support immediate efforts to address the public health crisis caused by the presence of PFAS6 in the water supply.

- D. Mr. Hickey made an announcement that the 5 Auburn Street RFP Committee is off and running –The Committee has set up two public meeting dates: 4/27 at 6:30pm and 4/30 at 3:00pm – both are public meetings seeking input from the community and residents.

PUBLIC SPEAK

None.

DISCUSSION and DECISION

- A. Police Chief James Hicks: Recommendations for the Appointment of 4 Permanent Full Time Police Officers
1. Adam Mooney
 2. Ervis Nunez
 3. John Delehanty
 4. Stephen Delehanty

Chief Hicks was present this evening before the Board. Attached to this evening's agenda are:

1. Summary of each candidate
2. Police Chief's Memorandum of recommendation for appointments

Chief Hicks respectfully requested that the Select Board, as appointing authority for police officers in the Town of Natick, appoint the above listed candidates as Permanent Fulltime Police Officers. These appointments should be contingent upon successful completion of the Police Academy and any other requirements necessary for successful certification with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Human Resource Division.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0 to appoint as Fulltime police officers, Adam Mooney, Ervis Nunez, John Delehanty and Stephen Delehanty. The dates of appointment would be effective Monday, May 9, 2022 to allow for attendance to the Lowell Police Academy for Adam Mooney and Ervis Nunez; and Monday, May 16, 2022 to allow for attendance at the Fitchburg State Police Academy for John Delehanty and Stephen Delehanty. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

B. Your Green Package Marijuana Delivery Operator License

1. Confirm intent to enter into Host Community Agreement

Ms. Loomis, Director of Community and Economic Development was present this evening to discuss Your Green Package.

Your Green Package is a delivery courier that will be operating out of 16 Tech Circle Drive in Natick. They will not be participating in any sales from the location. They will only be taking orders, take it from the facility and drive it to the person that purchased it. The Town Administrator, Police Dept., Fire Dept., Building Dept. and Community and Economic Development have all met with the applicant and recommend or suggest that the Select Board consider negotiating a Host Community Agreement with Your Green Package.

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0 to enter into a Host Community Agreement with Dris/dba/Your Green Package. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

2. Designate Board member for negotiating team

The Board designated Mr. Hickey as its member for the negotiating team.

C. Appoint Special Counsel for Green Package Marijuana Delivery Operator License

On a motion by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0 to appoint Blatman, Bobrowski, Haverty & Silverstein, LLC, as Special Counsel, to provide legal consulting services in conjunction with various matters including adult use marijuana establishments in the Town of Natick. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

D. Update on the Golden Triangle Planning Study

Ms. Loomis, Director of Community and Economic Development, was present this evening to give a brief update on the Golden Triangle Planning Study. The full update is attached to this evening's agenda in memorandum format.

E. Update on the St. Patrick's Parking Lot Review

Jon Marshall, Deputy Town Administrator, was present this evening to give an update on the St. Patrick's Parking lot. Attached to this evening's agenda is a memorandum from Mr. Marshall with staff's recommendation for fees and use of the lot for the remainder of calendar year 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0 to authorize the addition of a daily parking pass option and setting the fee at \$7.00 per day. The Roll call vote was as follows:

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

F. Transfer of land and grant of easement to Natick Affordable Housing Trust (NAHT) - 299- 301 Bacon Street

This item was removed from the agenda this evening.

G. FY 2022 Q1-Q2 Financial Quarterly Reports

John Townsend, Deputy Town Administrator, Finance, was present this evening. Mr. Townsend gave a full presentation before the Board which is attached to this evening's agenda in addition to FY2022 Q1 and Q2 Financial Quarterly reports.

H. Discussion Regarding Filling the Vacancy on the Select Board

Ms. Packer, Town Clerk, was present before the Board this evening and made the Board aware of its options since the resignation of Ms. Adelman-Foster on April 6, 2022. Ms. Packer stated that the Board has two options: the first is to leave the seat vacant until the next election in March 2023, or to hold a special election if a petition with 200 certified signatures is submitted to them by the Town Clerk.

Attached to this evening's agenda is Ms. Packer's Memorandum outlining all the details of the options and necessary dates. Also attached to the agenda is a copy of the Town Charter section 3-1(g)(2) which outlines the filling of vacancies.

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0 to move forward with an August 16, 2022, preliminary election, followed by the September 16, 2022 Special Election. The Roll call vote was as follows:

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

I. Process for Setting the Select Board's Goals & Objectives

Chair Joseph spoke to the Board about possibly scheduling a retreat in order to spend some time creating a process for setting the Select Board's Goals and Objectives. Chair Joseph suggested that the Board meet with or without the Town Administrator on April 27, 2022.

J. Select Board Committee Assignments

Chair Joseph announced that he will be making Select Board Committee assignments over the next month or so. If individual Board members have a preference for specific committees that you would like to sit on, kindly reach out via email.

K. Discussion about 2022 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

There was nothing discussed under this topic this evening.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. House Bear Brewing, LLC: Application by a Farmer Winery for a License to Sell at the Farmer's Market
- B. Procurement Officer Award Contracts
 - 1 90 Oak Street/East Field Remediation Project
 - 2 Professional Engineering/Planning Services for the Golden Triangle Study (Phase 1)
 - 3 Tyler MUNIS SAAS Software Maintenance
- C. Approve Meeting Minutes
 - November 17, 2021
 - November 22, 2021
 - January 5, 2022
 - January 12, 2022
 - January 26, 2022
 - February 1, 2022
 - February 9, 2022
 - February 23, 2022
 - March 2, 2022
 - March 14, 2022
- D. Approve Recreation and Parks Commission Recommendation of Approval for use of the Natick Common for:
 - 1. American Foundation of Suicide Prevention to host Metro West out of Darkness walk on Sunday October 2, 2022 from 7:30-12:30 pm. The group is in communication with the Natick Police Department for the day of event logistics.
 - 2. Sustainability Committee to host a speaker and band on the Gazebo on April 30, 2022 from 9:00 am-1:00pm for Earth Day all around Natick. (Collaborating with Eco-Natick who previously requested this date)
- E. Appointments to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council
 - Amanda Loomis
 - Jamie Errickson (Alternate member)
- F. Renew Temporary Extension of Premises Applications for the Service of Alcohol until 4/30/2023
 - 1 Zaftig's Delicatessen
 - 2 Lookout Hard Cider, LLC
 - 3 DDH Hotel Natick Speen d/b/a Hampton Inn/Skybox 109
- G. DDH Hotel Natick/Speen LLC d/b/a Hampton Inn, Natick: Application for a Change of Manager

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H. DDH Hotel Natick/Worcester, LLC d/b/a the VERVE: Application for a Change of Manager

I. Accept Resignation of Natick Select Board Member: Karen Adelman-Foster

J. Accept Resignation of Natick Housing Authority Member: Kimberly Condon

K. Authorize the Chair to Sign MVP Grants

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0 to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

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

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Board, by Roll Call vote, voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:32PM.

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



Bruce T. Evans, Clerk

April 20, 2022, Select Board Meeting Minutes Approved by the Select Board on July 14, 2022.

All documents used at this Select Board meeting are available at:

<https://naticktown.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=1014&MinutesMeetingID=-1&doctype=Agend>