

**2018 Natick Fall Annual Town Meeting  
Natick High School Auditorium  
Marshall Lebowitz Hall  
October 23, 2018  
Third Session**

The Third Session of the Natick Fall Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by Town Moderator, Frank W. Foss, who declared a quorum present. The Moderator welcomed residents, taxpayers, town officials, Town Meeting members and interested parties to the Third Session of the Natick Fall Annual Town Meeting. There were no new members to be sworn in. The Moderator asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator spoke of the importance of tolerance, and rebuked intolerance and discrimination in Natick in light of the mass shooting in Pittsburgh. The Moderator held a moment of silence for those who were injured, killed, or affected by the shooting.

The Moderator introduced the officials present on the stage and in the well of the auditorium. The following people were present: Diane Packer, Town Clerk; Patrick Hayes, Finance Committee Chair; Bruce Evans, Finance Committee Secretary; Karis North, Town Counsel; Sue Salamoff, Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; Melissa Malone, Town Administrator; Tim Lathwood, a representative from Option Technologies who will be operating the electronic voting system; and Sean O'Brien who will be operating the slides.

The Moderator reviewed the general rules and procedures of Town Meeting that were accepted at a previous session of this meeting. He indicated that all residents and taxpayers of the town and town officers and employees, whether or not residents, have the same right to speak as Town Meeting Members; however they do not have the right to submit motions for consideration at Town Meeting, nor vote on any matter before Town Meeting. Non-residents may only speak at Town Meeting after approval by Town Meeting Members. The proceedings of Town Meetings shall be governed by *Town Meeting Time*, the Town of Natick Home Rule Charter, the Natick By-Laws and the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

No person shall speak upon any question more than once when any other person desires to be heard, nor more than twice on the same question without permission of Town Meeting; and no person shall speak more than ten (10) minutes at one time without permission of Town Meeting. Consistent with the Natick By-Laws, any person having a monetary or equitable interest in any matter under discussion at a Town Meeting, and any person employed by another having such an interest, shall disclose the fact of his/her interest or employment before speaking thereon

Mr. Foss announced that the Selectman had asked to address Town Meeting members and in Ms. Mistrot's absence Ms. Salamoff was asked to read the following letter:

Mr. Moderator, Town Meeting members, administration and staff, residents in the hall and those watching from home,

I spoke with the Moderator this weekend and asked him if he would allow me to speak with you tonight after the first week of Town Meeting, given the lack of progress and the tone of last week. He allowed me these few minutes to connect with you, which I will keep short; I think it is incredibly important that a reset happens going forward.

Town Meeting has historically been financially prudent, occasionally skeptical, and generally data driven, but overall is a willing body that focuses on the business of the town and feels a strong responsibility to deliver on behalf of the residents. But the actions last week were different -- in tone if nothing else -- and elicited a range of reactions: confusion from new members, frustration at the lack of progress by many veteran members, and what can easily be interpreted as open distrust by a few members. However, the net result was a troubling two meetings when the business of the town, on behalf of the residents, was not significantly advanced. That lack of progress has real financial risks and is putting the town in jeopardy.

Members need their questions asked and answered. However, how the questions are asked -- and when the questions are asked -- matters. We have hired an extremely experienced professional to lead our town; however, she is new to Natick. There are two learning curves at play: a learning

curve for Ms. Malone as she learns the ways of Natick and a learning curve for us a stakeholders working with a new leader.

We are only four and a half months into Ms. Malone’s tenure in Natick. She will continue to learn and if we allow, there is as much or more to learn *from* our new Town Administrator. We asked for and hired a change agent, which is needed. The path may not always be straight or smooth, and change can be uncomfortable, but if we do it together assuming good faith, the residents of Natick will be the beneficiary.

I thank you for your consideration of this perspective and for your service to the Town of Natick. Amy Mistrot, Chair of the Natick Board of Selectmen

The Moderator welcomed several members of Wellesley Town Meeting and the Town Clerk to Town Meeting. They are attending in order to learn more about the electronic voting devices used by Natick.

Moved by Mr. Jennett, seconded by Mr. Freedman to postpone consideration of Article 17 until October 30, 2018, due to availability of the Sponsor and Special Counsel and Licensed Site Professional (LSP), as consultants to the Selectmen on this Article. ***The motion passed by majority vote (106-1-1).***

The Moderator announced that meeting will begin with Article 15 and 16, then move to Article 1 and then on to Article 6.

**ARTICLE 15: West Natick Fire Station Appropriation of Funding (Board of Selectmen)**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen to design, develop, construct, furnish, and equip a new West Natick Fire Station (Fire Station #4), currently located at 268 Speen Street, Natick, Massachusetts, 01760, including all related facilities, buildings, appurtenant structures, site improvements, and grounds; or otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

ARTICLE 15	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
	August 30, 2018	Favorable Action	12-0-0

**MOTION: (Requires a 2/3 majority vote)**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the Town of Natick vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,560,000 for the purpose of paying costs to design, develop, construct, furnish and equip a new West Natick Fire Station (Fire station #4), located at the site of the current Fire Station #4 and adjoining Town owned properties, including all related facilities, buildings, appurtenant structures, site improvements, and grounds, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, and to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 1/2). Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Mr. Ciccariello, Chair, West Natick Fire Station (WFNS) Building Committee spoke to this article providing background on the process and the work that has been done. Fire Chief Lentini also spoke to this article addressing the need for a new fire station at this location. The Moderator requested that Town Meeting allow Mr. McElravy, a representative of Tecton Architects and not a resident of Natick speak. He spoke about the design of the building. Ms. Malone, Town Administrator spoke to the financing of this project.

***The main motion under Article 15 passed by a two-thirds vote (108-2-0).***

**ARTICLE 16: West Natick Fire Station Land Acquisition (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, land needed for the construction of the West Natick Fire Station which land is located on the southerly side of Worcester Street, Route 9, and is shown on a plan a copy of which is on file in the Community Development Office; and further, to see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide for the purposes of this article; or otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

ARTICLE #16	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
	September 13, 2018	Favorable Action	9-0-0

**MOTION: (Requires a two-thirds vote)**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, taking by eminent domain or otherwise, fee simple, easements, or other interest in a certain parcel of land, for general municipal purposes, including without limitation for the site of West Natick Fire Station, which land is located on the southerly side of Worcester Street, Route 9, and is noted in red markings, shown on a plan entitled “West Natick Fire Station Project, Land Acquisition and Disposition Plan, in Natick, MA,” dated November 30, 2017, prepared by Whitman & Bingham Associates, LLC, a copy of which is on file in the Community Development Office; and that \$1,000.00 be appropriated, from Free Cash, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, to fund the acquisition and legal, appraisal, and other related costs associated with obtaining this interest in land and to take all action necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this article.

Mr. Chenard, Deputy Town Administrator for Operations spoke to this article. *The main motion under Article 16 passed by a two-thirds vote (109-2-1).*

The Moderator announced that Ms. Gloff will be sitting in for the Town Clerk for the remainder of the meeting.

**ARTICLE 1: Fiscal 2019 Omnibus Budget (Town Administrator)**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide for the operation of the government of the Town of Natick, including debt and interest, during Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019) and to provide for a reserve fund for Fiscal Year 2019, and to see what budgets for Fiscal 2019 will be reduced to offset said additional appropriations; or otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

By a vote of 11-0-0 on October 22, 2018 the Finance Committee recommends *Favorable Action* on Article 1, Motions B, C and D.

The Moderator explained that there is no motion on the floor.

**MOTION B**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the Town vote to decrease the appropriation voted by the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting under article 7 by the sum of \$1,694,125, said sum to be distributed as follows:

- To reduce the Debt Service budget as voted under Article 7 Motion G of the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting by reducing the Principal line item by \$700,000 and Interest line item by \$994,125.

With the above Budget be reduced from the following sources:

Tax Levy of Fiscal Year 2019: \$1,694,125

*Motion B under Article 1 passed by majority vote (108-0-0).*

**MOTION C:**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the Town vote to decrease the appropriation

voted by the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting under article 7 by the sum of \$60,000, said sum to be distributed as follows:

- To reduce the Water & Sewer Debt Service budget as voted under Article 7 Motion H1 of the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting by reducing the Principal line item by \$40,000 and Interest line item by \$20,000.

With the above Budget be reduced from the following sources:

Water and Sewer User Fees \$60,000

Ms. Malone, Town Administrator spoke to this motion. *Motion C under Article 1 passed unanimously (109-0-0).*

**ARTICLE 6: Appropriate Funds for the Family of Michael McDaniel Jr. (Town Administrator)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds to supplement the prior appropriations given to the widow of Michael McDaniel Jr., long time employee of the Town of Natick Department of Public Works, killed in the line of duty on February 4, 2014; or otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

ARTICLE 6	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
	August 30, 2018	Favorable Action	12-0-0

**MOTION: (Requires a majority vote)**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes to appropriate the sum of \$36,622.20, sourced from Free Cash, in addition to \$100,000 appropriated under Article 1 of the 2014 Spring Annual Town Meeting and the \$50,000 appropriated under Article 1 of the 2015 Spring Annual Town Meeting, said sum to be deposited to a “529 Educational Savings Plan” to be held in the name of The Kathleen McDaniel Educational Trust, Kathleen McDaniel being the widow of Michael McDaniel Jr., long time employee of the Town of Natick Department of Public Works, killed in the line of duty on February 4, 2014.

Ms. Malone, Town Administrator spoke to this article. *The main motion under Article 6 passed by majority vote (104-4-2).*

**ARTICLE 7: Transfer of Unexpended Bond Proceeds (Town Administrator)**

To see if the Town will authorize the transfer of unexpended proceeds from amounts previously borrowed to pay costs of various capital projects, which projects are now complete, and for which such funds are no longer needed, to pay costs of one or more capital projects; or take any other action relative thereto.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The Finance Committee recommends the following actions on Motions A and B:

ARTICLE #7 Motion A and B	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
	September 13, 2018	Favorable Action	9-0-0

**MOTION A (requires a two-thirds vote):**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the sum of \$500,000 is appropriated to pay costs of construction of the Replace Groundwater Wells, and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, which project was approved by vote of the Town under Article 14, Motion D of the Warrant at the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting, and that to meet this appropriation, \$500,000 is transferred from a portion of the balance of the amount previously appropriated and borrowed by the Town under Article 6 Motion C of the Warrant at the 2007 Fall Annual Town Meeting to pay costs of Phase 5 Relining, which amount is no longer needed to complete the project for which it was originally borrowed. The amount authorized to be borrowed by the Town pursuant to Article 14, Motion D of the Warrant at the 2018 Annual Spring Town Meeting, but not yet borrowed by the Town, shall be reduced to the extent of the funds transferred to this project by this vote.

Mr. Townsend, Deputy Town Administrator for Finance spoke to this article. ***Motion A under Article 7 passed by a two-thirds vote (107-0-0).***

**MOTION B: (Two-thirds vote required)**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the sum of \$667,000 is appropriated to pay costs of construction of the Fox Hill Drive Water Main, and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, which project was approved by vote of the Town under Article 14, Motion D of the Warrant at the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting, and that to meet this appropriation, \$316,621.52 is transferred from a portion of the balance of the amount previously appropriated and borrowed by the Town under Article 9 of the Warrant at the 2006 Spring Annual Town Meeting to pay costs of Sewer Speen, North Main, Park Project, which amount is no longer needed to complete the project for which it was originally borrowed and that \$150,106.21 is transferred from a portion of the balance of the amount previously appropriated and borrowed by the Town under Article 17 of the Warrant at the 1998 Fall Annual Town Meeting to pay costs of Waterline Lakeshore Project ; \$138,276.33 is transferred from a portion of the balance of the amount previously appropriated and borrowed by the Town under Article 6 Motion C of the Warrant at the 2007 Fall Annual Town Meeting to pay costs of Phase 5 Relining, which amount is no longer needed to complete the project for which it was originally borrowed and \$61,995.94 from Water & Sewer retained earnings. The amount authorized to be borrowed by the Town pursuant to Article 14, Motion D of the Warrant at the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting, but not yet borrowed by the Town, shall be reduced to the extent of the funds transferred to this project by this vote.

Mr. Townsend spoke to this motion. Moved by Mr. Sidney, seconded by Mr. Gath to waive the reading of the motion. ***The motion to waive the reading passed by majority vote (by hand count). Motion B under Article 7 passed unanimously (103-0-0).***

**ARTICLE 8: Collective Bargaining (Board of Selectmen)**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, to implement any Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Town Natick and any recognized bargaining units of the Town; or otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

ARTICLE #8	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
	September 20, 2018	No Action	13-0-0

**MOTION: (Requires a majority vote)**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes to take no action on the subject matter of Article 8.

***The motion to take no action on Article 8 passed by majority vote (by hand count).***

**ARTICLE 9: Personnel Board Classification and Pay Plan (Town Administrator)**

To see if the Town, pursuant to the authority contained in Section 108A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, will vote to amend Article 24 of the Natick Town By-Laws, specifically the Classification and Pay Plan referenced in Section 3, paragraph 3.10 therein, by adding, deleting or amending position titles; re-classifying positions to a different Grade; and/or effecting changes in the salary ranges as presently established; or otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

ARTICLE #9	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
	September 13, 2018	No Action	9-0-0

**MOTION: (Requires a majority vote)**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes to take no action on the subject matter of Article 9.

***The motion to take no action under Article 9 passed by majority vote (by hand count).***

**ARTICLE 10: Committee Article (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to hear and discuss the reports of town officers, boards, and committees; or otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

ARTICLE	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
#10	September 25, 2018	Favorable Action	12-0-0

**MOTION: (Requires a majority vote)**

Moved by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Hayes to hear and discuss the committee report from the Cochituate Rail Trail Committee.

*The motion to hear and discuss the committee report from the Cochituate Rail Trail Committee passed by majority vote (by hand count).*

Moved by Ms. Evans, seconded by Mr. Munnich to hear a report from the Planning Board about the 2030 Master Plan. *The motion to hear this report passed by majority vote (by hand count).* Mr. Errickson, Director of Community and Economic Development gave the presentation on behalf of the Planning Board.

**ARTICLE 11: Rescind Authorized, Unissued Debt (Town Administrator)**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authorization for unissued debt that has been determined is no longer needed for the completion of various projects; or otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

ARTICLE	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
#11	September 13, 2018	No Action	9-0-0

**MOTION: (Requires a majority vote)**

Moved by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Hayes to take no action on the subject matter of Article 11.

*The motion to take no action on the subject matter of Article 11 passed by majority vote (by hand count).*

**ARTICLE 12: Unpaid Bills (Town Administrator)**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide for the payment of unpaid bills of previous years, incurred by the departments, boards and officers of the Town of Natick; or otherwise act thereon

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The Finance Committee recommends the following action:

ARTICLE	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
#12	September 13, 2018	No Action	9-0-0

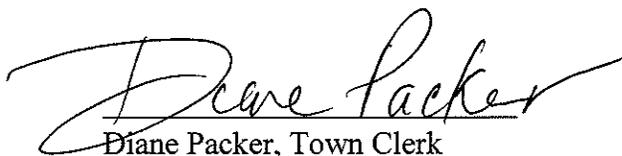
**MOTION: (Requires a majority vote)**

Moved by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Hayes to take no action on the subject matter of Article 12.

*The motion to take no action on the subject matter of Article 12 passed by majority vote (by hand count).*

Moved by Mr. Sidney, seconded by Mr. Jennett to adjourn. *The motion to adjourn passed by majority vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM until Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 7:30 PM.*

A record of the Third Session  
of 2018 Fall Annual Town Meeting  
October 23, 2018

  
Diane Packer, Town Clerk