

**NATICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**School Committee**  
**May 1, 2017**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Ed Dlott Meeting Room - 2nd Floor Town Hall**  
**Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen**

**Posted In Accordance with Provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Sections 18-25**

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*Agenda items will be addressed in an order determined by the chair.*

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**ITEM SUMMARY:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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Selectmen's Agenda - May 1, 2017	Agenda.pdf	Cover Memo
Questions for Legislators	Ltr_to_Legislators_RE_Topics_of_Discussion_05.01.17_Mtg_(1).pdf	Cover Memo

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Edward H. Dlott Meeting Room  
AGENDA  
May 1, 2017  
6:00 PM

Open Session Begins at 6:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S NEW

1. Director, Bacon Free Library: MathWorks Grant-Little Free Libraries

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Charles River Rotary Fifth Annual Scoopapalooza Ice Cream Festival 6/24/17 (Rain Date 6/25/17)
  - a. Approve Use of Town Common Pending Approval by Recreation and Parks Commission
  - b. Approve Reserved Parking and Bagging of Meters on West Side of Pond Street
  - c. Approve Banner Request 6/19-6/25/17
3. Approve Permit Request for DMSE Sports/Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk 9/24/17
4. Approve Proposal for Paul R. McKinley Memorial Circle
5. Approve Permit Request for 2017 MS Journey of Hope Charity Walk 5/13/17

APPOINTMENTS

6. 7:00 PM-Joint Meeting of Board of Selectmen and School Committee with Massachusetts Legislators
7. Alyssa Springer: Interview for Appointment to the Community Development Advisory Committee
8. Treasurer: Authorize Bond for MWRA Borrowing
9. Affordable Housing Trust: Authorization to Remove Trees in the Vicinity of 299 Bacon Street
10. Public Hearing: Change of Address from 24 Prime Parkway to 24 Superior Drive
11. Eli's BBB Inc.: Application for a Common Victualer's License
12. Public Hearing: Eli's BBB, Inc. - Application for a Restaurant

Wine and Malt Beverage License

13. Interviews for Appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals
14. Charles Cicalis: Request to Waive Street Opening  
Moratorium for Installation of Gas Line-43 Pitts Street

#### DISCUSSION AND DECISION

15. Camp Arrowhead Update
16. Discussion on Potential Medical Marijuana Dispensary Public  
Meetingo

#### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR NOTES

#### SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS

#### CORRESPONDENCE

# *Town of Natick*

*Massachusetts 01760*  
*Home of Champions*



Jonathan Freedman, Chair  
Susan G. Salamoff, Vice Chair  
Richard P. Jennett, Jr., Clerk  
Michael J. Hickey  
Amy Mistrot

April 25, 2017

Senator Karen Spilka  
State House, Room 511C  
Boston, MA 02133

Senator Richard Ross  
State House, Room 520  
Boston, MA 02133

Representative David P. Linsky  
State House, Room 146  
Boston, MA 02133

**RE: Discussion Topics with Board of Selectmen and School Committee at May 1, 2017 Meeting**

Honorable Senators and Representative:

The Board of Selectmen and School Committee have compiled the following list of topics for discussion at their joint meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. We appreciate each of you taking the time to discuss these and other issues and to update us on pending legislative initiatives. Discussion topics that have been identified by Board and Committee Members, as well as the Town and School Administrators, are as follows:

1. Please discuss the outlook for the State budget and impacts on municipalities in general, and Natick specifically, including the following:
  - State funding for roads and sidewalks (Chapter 90 funds) which have generally been level-funded for many years, whereas labor and material costs associated with this work have increased substantially, as has the need for road improvement work and associated community expectations.
  - Increases in unrestricted local aid and Chapter 70 funding, as well as the status of Senator Diaz-Chang's recent bill to amend the current funding.
  - Pending budget cuts to the Mass Cultural Council (MCC), which will negatively impact the arts community across MetroWest. Given the special and influential role that the arts community has played, and will continue to play, in revitalizing Natick Center, promoting our growing business community and enhancing Natick as a whole, the prospect of losing MCC support is of deep concern.
2. The current Eversource rate case proposes alternative electric rates for solar energy which, if approved, would have serious and negative implications for solar customers. It appears that these issues are not getting the attention they warrant due to the focus being on other aspects of Eversource's proposal. The biggest solar-related issue that could cause financial harm to the Town's municipal budget is a change to the B5 rate, which is the rate class we are currently using to generate net metering credits for our solar arrays. The Eversource proposal asks the DPU to (among many other things) consolidate more than 40 rate classes into 10, eliminating the B5 rate altogether. Eversource representatives have indicated we could see the B5 rate fall from its current value of 25

cents to as low as 3 cents, which would cause our solar projects to operate at a loss. It is our understanding that nearly all other commercial solar customers (public and private) would be in the same situation. We find it profoundly unfair for Eversource to even propose such a change which would effectively punish the many private, commercial and government customers that installed solar with certain expectations of its value; and discourage new installations. The Town of Natick and many others would lose a lot of money if this change is approved, and we are greatly concerned that this aspect of the rate case is being overlooked. We hope our legislative delegation will give this issue the attention it warrants and urge their colleagues to do the same.

3. We would also ask for your leadership and collaboration in the development of policies, incentives and initiatives in support of affordable housing, with priority for senior housing, and particularly programs designed to keep seniors in their own communities.
4. Please discuss programs to help elders remain in their homes, including property tax relief and support for low-interest home repair programs.
5. We would ask for your partnership with the Town of Natick and other communities in fighting the opioid addiction issue; provide additional resources to communities; keep the topic of addiction, particularly opiate abuse, at the forefront of the legislative agenda; and provide briefings on efforts already active at the State level.
6. Please discuss a multi-pronged, state-wide approach to human trafficking, involving prevention and awareness education, crisis intervention and social services, medical/public health screening and referrals, law enforcement partnerships, and regulatory strategies, the concern being that a "town-by-town" approach is ineffective.
7. Please discuss additional legislation being considered relative to the following:
  - Recreational marijuana
  - Charter schools

Again, thank you for the service and support each of you provides to the Natick community and its residents. We look forward to our upcoming meeting.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Freedman  
Chairman, Natick Board of Selectmen

JF/to

cc: Natick School Committee