

TOWN MEETING RESOLUTION
Honoring Thomas Hladick
October 11, 2022

WHEREAS the Natick Department of Public Works provides vital services to the community in maintaining and improving our roads and sidewalks, water and sewer, fleet and equipment, facilities and land and many other public assets, and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hladick has had a distinguished public service career totaling 40 years with the Town of Natick, beginning in 1982 as a School Custodian. He has served the community for 6 years as the Deputy Director of Public Works, 18 years as the Highway/Sanitation Division Supervisor, and 2 years as the Highway Division Supervisor; and is a 1982 graduate of Natick High School and Baystate Roads Scholar; and

WHEREAS, Tom as a member of the leadership team at the Department of Public Works has achieved well-earned state and national recognition for his achievements, and was named the 2017 Professional Manager of the Year for Solid Waste Management by the American Public Works Association, and

WHEREAS, Tom has earned the respect and admiration of his peers and the public, within and outside Town government for his professionalism, quality of work, calm demeanor and dedication, for his able service to the public, and his leadership on projects that have modernized the community's infrastructure maintenance, and who further possesses an unrivaled memory for the positive changes that have transformed the community, and

WHEREAS, Tom has retired in 2022 after decades of dedicated service, leaving a legacy of quality and continuous improvement, recognized by Town Meeting, the Select Board and all who serve in Natick Town Government, and whose many achievements include assisting with the closure of the West Street Landfill, construction of the Recycle Center, consolidation of the Highway and Sanitation Divisions, contributing to the town's programs to reduce solid waste and increase recycling, implementing best management practices for winter snow and ice removal, managing emergency response, preparing annually for the Boston Marathon, and improving the conditions of our roadways and sidewalks;

NOW THEREFORE Natick Town Meeting hereby thanks Tom Hladick for his outstanding service to our community, and wishes him a healthy and happy retirement in the company of Louis, his wife of 35 years, and their son Sean, daughter-in-law Nikki, and grandsons Hunter and Miles