

Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2016 7:30pm

Michael P. Manning, Chairman
Richard J. Lombard, Vice Chairman, not present
Frank Barile, Secretary
Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator

1. Meeting Opened at 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Manning.

a. Opening Comments-Mr. Barile extended his praise and appreciation to the DPW for the outstanding work they did during the major water break that happened this past week.

b. Approve Prior Minutes of December 17, 2015 and January 7, 2016-On a motion by Mr. Barile, seconded by Mr. Manning it was a unanimous vote in favor.

2. Ongoing Business

a. Citizen's Forum-None

b. Library Report – Library Director-Sharon Hawkes reviewed the upcoming Nahant Reads Together project.

3. Town Administrator Report

a. Fire Chief – Confirmation of Hire Vote Requested-On a motion by Mr. Barile, seconded by Mr. Manning for discussion, Mr. Manning stated he was going to vote against this recommendation even though all three candidates were qualified, he felt the candidate from Nahant was better qualified due to his knowledge and understanding of his home town. With that being said, Mr. Barile explained his disagreement with Mr. Manning. Mr. Chelgren stated due to the absence of Mr. Lombard, he submitted a written proxy vote in favor of Mr. Chelgren's recommendation. Mr. Manning stated this vote will be recognized and assume the vote is as follows: Mr. Manning- Nay, Mr. Barile and Mr. Lombard- Aye, 2-1 the Ayes voted to confirm the recommendation of the Town Administrator to hire Michael Feinberg as the new Nahant Fire Chief. Mr. Manning went on to say this vote is conditional upon the confirmation of a re-vote at the next Selectmen's meeting on February 4, 2016 when Mr. Lombard is present.

b. Surplus Declaration – Assessing Department-On a motion by Mr. Barile, seconded by Mr. Manning, it was a unanimous vote in favor to declare surplus the following equipment: 1 Dell Server (assess Pro) Power Edge T300.

c. Annual Town Meeting Warrant-

- **Vote to Close Warrant**-On a motion by Mr. Barile, seconded by Mr. Manning, It was a unanimous vote in favor to close the April 30, 2016 Annual Town Meeting

Warrant as follows: January 22, 2016-closed to all Town Boards, Committees and staff. January 29, 2016-closed to the general public.

- **Review draft Warrant-** Taken out of order, commenced after Library Report-Mr. Chelgren reviewed the draft warrant.

d. Fee Schedule – Take action-On a motion bay Mr. Barile, seconded by Mr. Manning, it was a unanimous vote in favor to approve the recommended fee schedule changes as presented and that the fee proposal be attached to the minutes as part of the public record.

e. Quarterly Financial Report-Mr. Chelgren reviewed the revenue and expenditure reports with the Board stating there are few variations but in all are in order.

f. FY2017 Budget – School contribution Discussion (review of alternatives)-There was a very long discussion by Mr. Chelgren, The Board of Selectmen, members of the School Committee, members of the Finance Committee and the general public.

4. Old Business-None

5. New Business-None

6. Closing Announcements-Mr. Barile updated everyone on the FEMA Committee that they are moving forward with the survey of the Town.

7. Adjourn- On a motion by Mr. Barile, seconded by Mr. Manning, it was a unanimous vote in favor to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Mary Lowe, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by vote of the Board of Selectmen on the 11th day of February, 2016.

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