

Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes
15, February, 2015 7:30

Present:

Perry Barrasso, Chairman
Michael P. Manning, Vice Chairman
Richard J. Lombard, Secretary
Mark Cullinan, Interim Town Administrator
Charles H. Riley, Town Counsel

Also Present: Brendon Ward, FinCom

Meeting Opened at 7:30 pm

Mr. Barrasso welcomed all to the meeting.

Opening Remarks: Mr. Lombard commended the DPW, Police, Reserves, Fire, and Call Fire departments for their outstanding performance during the past weeks cleaning up after the recent snow storms. Mr. Manning commended Linda Peterson, COA Director for using the Code Red system and reaching out to the community to acquire help from residents and to provide to residents help with shoveling and plowing during the recent snow storms. Mr. Barrasso agreed with the Board and reiterated the importance of community.

Approval of February 5, 2015 minutes: Mr. Lombard made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Manning seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor to approve the minutes.

Citizens Forum: Mr. Cullinan extended his apologies to the residents of the Town regarding the recent trash issues that have been occurring. He stated he spoke to Northside Carting personally letting them know of his disappointment in their performance and failure in communication with the Town.

Town Administrator Report:

Snow & Ice Deficit: Mr. Cullinan stated he asked Brendan Ward for the Fincom to attend this meeting tonight and thanked him for his efforts in supporting the Fire Departments request last night during his meeting. Mr. Cullinan reviewed the Snow & Ice expenditures on the enclosed spread sheets stating that the Town has options for paying this debt down. The first of which is to pay this Fiscal Year and the other is to wait until next Fiscal Year. After a brief summary the Board was pleased this is now open to the public and options are available. On a motion made by Mr. Manning and Seconded by Mr. Lombard it was a Unanimous Vote in Favor to authorize the Town Administrator to exercise his best judgment in authorizing his efforts to minimize the amount of money authorized for snow and ice removal, to keep an ongoing current total of this deficit and to notify the Assessors and FinCom that the Board intends to make payment of liabilities incurred during FY15 in excess of available appropriations by using reserve fund transfers, and by designating a portion of the deficit to next fiscal year's tax rate.

FY16 Draft Budget Review Continued: Mr. Cullinan stated there were minimal changes since the last meeting and will revise and present the changes to the Board soon.

FY16 Warrant Review Continued: Mr. Cullinan stated there was a change to Article 1. Mr. Manning suggested the Town Clerk post on the Town website the upcoming elections, who has taken out papers and for what seat they are running for and the deadlines for the election process.

Mr. Manning applauded Dennis Ball, Emergency Management Director, for securing equipment and man power in the cleanup efforts after the recent storms. Mr. Cullinan praised Mary Lowe and Mary Ellen Schumann, Administrative Assistants to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator, for their professionalism during the many phone calls handled in the office, some of which were taxing. The Board concurred. Mr. Manning indicated that the Town and its residents are co participants during these trying times and the main priority is clearing streets to allow for all emergency apparatus to have access to establishments and for residents to have passage as well. He went on to say the DPW does not intentionally plow the snow back at the end of driveways but is merely the process of plowing and asked residents not to call Town Hall requesting they return to remove that snow. He instead asked for everyone's patience and support during this type of event. The Board was in agreement.

Town Counsel Report

Abandoned Properties: 57 Breezy Hill Terrace - Mr. Riley stated that while he was away, he received an email from Bank of America and will get back to them and then report to the Board. Mr. Lombard wants to expedite the condemnation process and a date sequence to get the property down.

Old Business: None

New Business

Mr. Cullinan requested a motion to approve the One Day Liquor License Application for the American Legion. On a motion by Mr. Lombard, Seconded by Mr. Manning it was a unanimous vote in favor.

Closing Announcements: None

Adjourn: Mr. Manning made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lombard seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

The minutes were prepared by Mary Lowe, Administrative Assistant.

The minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 5th day of March, 2015.

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