

Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2016 7:30PM

Michael P. Manning, Chairman
Richard J. Lombard, Vice Chairman,
Francis “Enzo” Barile, Secretary
Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator

Also Present: Bob Dwyer, Gabe Federico, Deb Waters, and Mike Feinberg

Meeting Opened: at 7:30 pm

Richie Lombard started the meeting by asking Gabe Federico to present the DPW budget. After a brief conversation regarding the budget and related capital, the Selectmen approved the Highway Department Budget with a vote of 2-1. The approved capital included two DPW trucks and the MWRA borrowing of \$134,000.

Mike Feinberg then sat before the Selectmen to present the Fire Department budget. After a brief discussion of the budget and the related capital, the Selectmen approved the Fire Department Budget and two capital items that included a new Ambulance and radio system upgrades.

Bob Dwyer was next and he walked the board through the Police Department budget. He also presented his capital budget which included the replacement of a Tahoe vehicle with a Crown Victorian being given to the Fire Department for use as the new Fire Chief’s vehicle. The Selectmen discussed this budget briefly and voted to approve the budget and related capital.

Jeff Chelgren then walked the Selectmen through the rest of the budget. There was general conversation regarding the need for increased “sustainability” in the overall budget, concerns with the annual increases in the Water and Sewer rates, and the increased reserve fund balance designed to address the additional risk within the budget due to the level funding policy and the 5% expense cut. The Selectmen then voted to approve the overall budget with a vote of 2-1. Additionally, the Selectmen considered the final capital which involved the installation of a new security door at the Johnson School. The Board voted to approve the security door.

Mr. Chelgren then went on to review the existing warrant. It was identified that the Finance Committee had requested that Article 8, Omnibus, be moved to article 28 due to the need to have the budget approved after action had been taken on all financial articles. The Selectmen reviewed the request and voted to keep Article 8 in its current location. The Board also reviewed various articles throughout the warrant and took positions and/or recommended that action be taken to indefinitely postpone where appropriate.

Finally, Mr. Chelgren presented a legal opinion and an excerpt from the recent DLS financial audit, both recommending against the formation of a Personnel Board. The Selectmen discussed the matter and Mike Manning and Enzo Barile spoke in favor of the concept. After some discussion, Richie Lombard suggested that the matter be placed on the March 17th meeting agenda and that Mr. Chelgren and Mr. Barile both provide a recommendation on how many members should be included on the committee and the composition of those members.

Enzo Barile made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lombard seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

The minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 17th day of March, 2016.

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