

Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2015 7:30PM

Present:

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

Also Present: Dean Warren, Boy Scout

Meeting Opened: at 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance called by Mr. Lombard to be led by Boy Scout: Dean Warren

Opening Remarks: Mr. Lombard stated that after much thought he has decided to rescind his previous vote regarding storage of kayaks and other personal property at public beaches. Mr. Barile thanked the Town Admin, his son, the DPW, and himself for the Memorial Day trash pickup.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Mr. Barile made a motion to approve the 5/21/15, seconded by Mr. Lombard, it was a unanimous vote in favor.

Ongoing Business

Citizens Forum:

Solid Waste: Mr. Chelgren stated that starting tomorrow Waste Management will be coming in and taking over the waste collection and are a month ahead of schedule. Waste Management asked the public to have their trash out before 7 o'clock. On the website they have listed the various materials that can be put in the various waste containers. Mr. Lombard commented on the efficiency of the new waste company.

Town Administrator Report:

FY 16 Appointments: Mr. Barile made a motion to appoint the individuals and positions as identified on attached list beginning July 1st, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. Further the Town Administrator is authorized to appoint all remaining non-elected positions under the 1992 Town Administrator Special Act. Seconded by Mr. Lombard. Unanimous vote in favor to approve the appointment list as presented.

FY 16 Fee Schedule: Mr. Lombard made a motion to approve the FY16 fee schedule as presented. The fee schedule runs from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Mr. Barile seconded this motion. The fees include the standard fees that have been set for the Town. The Town Administrator has reviewed them and there are minimal updates. His plan for the future is to research more about these fees and make adjustments as needed. They will be voting for the annual fees at the December meeting, and discussion about two other fees that the town will look into include: a fee for pram rack space, and a fee for compost availability for local landscapers (\$5 dollars a cubic yard). Unanimous vote in favor to approve the FY16 Fee Schedule as presented.

Library Trustee Vacancy-Set application timeline: Janet Dolan gave notice that she is stepping down. Mr. Chelgren informed the selectman that the two trustees will be present for the next meeting, and applications and a letter for the job would have to be in by June 15, 2015. This notice will be on the website. The appointment of the new Trustee will be at the next meeting which is June 18, 2015.

Fire Chief Search-Update: Mr. Chelgren describes the two options in hiring a Fire Chief. One option is hiring in a traditional format which means posting it and going through the interview process and hiring. The second is to seek a consultant for a year to two years, and train one or two individuals to become Fire Chief. The second option would be within the current budget. Mr. Lombard made a motion for option two for seeking a temporary hire consultant of 1-3 years and understand that he or she will groom 1 or 2 internal firefighters for the Fire Chiefs position. Mr. Barile seconded the motion. Comments include Mr. Barile stating that internally is the way to go. Mr. Manning disagreed with the second option because they have a signed agreement with the fire department and that is that they will not hire, fire or promote except in accordance with civil service procedures. 2 to 1 vote. Mr. Barile and Mr. Lombard favored the second option, and Mr. Manning opposed.

DPW Director Search-Update: Mr. Chelgren stated that he is in the second round of interviews for the DPW superintendent candidates. Then he would like to take the recommendation from the Selectman. The new superintendent would most likely start around mid-July.

Nahant Emergency Management-resignation (David Walsh): Mr. Chelgren stated that Dave Walsh has submitted his resignation from the Emergency Management Committee and there is a current vacancy.

MEMA/FEMA Storm Reimbursement-Update: Mr. Chelgren stated that MEMA/FEMA are now willing to reimburse surrounding communities for the January 26, 2015 blizzard for capital items, therefore they have been working with the representative for the MEMA/FEMA. Mr. Manning asked if the MEMA/FEMA is representing state or federal money, and Mr. Chelgren replied with federal money. Mr. Chelgren explained the money is already appropriated.

Old Business:

Town Hall Drop Box: Mr. Lombard stated that he is in favor of a lock box, but prefers the box being at the front of the building. Mr. Manning disagreed with the lock box. Mr. Barile made a motion to install a Drop Box at or near the front entry of the Town Hall building. Mr. Lombard seconded the motion, and Mr. Manning opposed this motion. Two to one vote in favor of the lock box.

Human Resource Study - Next Step: Mr. Chelgren reviewed the Collins Institute recommendations. Mr. Manning suggested removing the section on benefits, and many things from the town personnel bylaws. After a brief discussion about benefits Mr. Lombard made a motion to hire the consultant, seconded by Mr. Barile, unanimous vote in favor to hire the consultant.

Military Housing- Update: Mr. Chelgren stated the Military Housing committee is scheduled to attend the meeting on June 18, 2015.

New Business:

Boy Scout Project - Dean Warren: Mr. Warren asked permission to place Bat Houses around Nahant, especially around the Low Lands area. Mr. Manning suggested placing them around the Little League field, and around the perimeter of Kelly Greens. The request was granted unanimously by the Board.

Grand Pram 2015 – Saturday, July 25, 2015: A request for the Grand Pram to be held on Short Beach was made. Mr. Lombard motioned that the Nahant Board of Selectman approve that the Grand Pram be held on

Short Beach the morning of Saturday July 25, 2015, seconded by Mr. Barile. Unanimous vote in favor to approve the Grand Pram 2015 event.

Bailey's Hill Park Complaint- Policy Direction Requested: The concern is the Oceanview holding multiple weddings at Bailey Hill's Gazebo area all weekend, every weekend for the next two years. Mr. Lombard stated that the agreement between Oceanview and the use of Bailey's Hill for weddings was never brought to the Board of Selectman for approval. This problem will lead to further discussions and meetings.

Approve Vet's One Day Liquor License: Mr. Lombard motioned to approve the request of the Nahant's Veteran's Association for a one day liquor license for June 14, 2015 from 4pm to 9pm, seconded by Mr. Manning. Unanimous vote in favor.

Closing Announcements

Fireworks Fund Raiser- Jen McCarthy: Summer in Nahant Some Aren't T Shirts are for sale for \$20 and can be mailed to Jen McCarthy at 19 Range Road in Nahant Ma, or call her at 781-592-5272, or email her at Nahantrec@hotmail.com. Mr. Lombard motioned to change the fireworks to Short Beach. Mr. Manning seconded his motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

Nahant Music Festival: These events have started at the beginning of June, holding music classes in the morning. There are music performances either at the Ellingwood Chapel or St. Thomas Aquinas Church throughout the summer months.

Mr. Lombard rescinded his vote for the kayaks, and Mr. Barile is willing to listen for reason for the kayaks. Mr. Manning seconded the motion for discussion at a future meeting. Mr. Manning and Mr. Barile oppose his request.

Mr. Barile announced that he will be at the Town Hall the following day at 12.30pm.

Adjourn: Mr. Lombard made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Barile seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9.10 PM.

The minutes were prepared by Mary Lowe, Administrative Assistant

The minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 6th day of August, 2015.

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