

Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes
12 June 2014 7:30pm
Perry Barrasso, Chairman
Michael P. Manning, Vice Chairman
Richard J. Lombard, Secretary
Andrew Bisignani, Town Administrator
Charles H. Riley, Town Counsel

Also present: David Santana, National Grid, Stan Usovich, Verizon, Chris Stevens, Daily Item, Gretchen Benkert, resident, Bob Risch, "01908", Britte Roosien "01908"

Meeting Opened at 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Mr. Barrasso

Mr. Barrasso welcomed all to the meeting.

Opening Comments:

Approval of May 1, May 15, 2014 Minutes: Mr. Manning has not reviewed the minutes and made a motion to postpone approval until next meeting.

Ongoing Business:

Citizens Forum: Mr. Risch and Ms. Roosien discussed a proposed August 2 grand pram race. It will be the same as in the 1970's with addition of a few categories – charcoal grill under a tent on the beach and sodas will be available for contestants. A token can of beer may be thrown during the adult race to those 21 and over from a midway boat as proof that the contestants reached the halfway point. Mr. Manning noted that the regulations remained that alcohol consumption on the beach is not allowed. He also requested that recycling and trash barrels be provided near the food tents. Proceeds to benefit sailing program. Each entrant must sign a liability waiver approved to form by the Town Counsel. The selectmen commended the 01908 group on their community efforts.

On a motion by Mr. Lombard and a second by Mr. Manning, there was a Unanimous Vote In Favor.

Town Administrator's Report:

Double Poles: Mr. Usovich presented a summary status from Verizon and Mr. Santana from National Grid – 15 poles left. National Grid has made almost no progress in the last five months. Comcast is current with their assignments and will be off all poles by September.

Verizon has not completed their current tasks. Mr. Manning stated that there were 20 double poles a year ago and 15 now. The Board encouraged all utilities to be more diligent and accelerate the process of clearing these repairs. Mr. Barrasso thanked all parties.

Coughlin Engineering General Services Contract: Mr. Bisignani gave an update on the contract development status and Mr. Riley said he had reviewed and edited the current draft. A motion made by Mr. Lombard to table the discussion was seconded by Mr. Manning. Unanimous Vote In Favor.

Coughlin Engineering Contract for W/S Capital Infrastructure Assessment: A motion made by Mr. Lombard to table the discussion was seconded by Mr. Manning. Unanimous Vote In Favor.

Estimate from Coughlin Engineering for Nectar Place Water Main: A motion made by Mr. Lombard to table the discussion was seconded by Mr. Manning. Unanimous Vote In Favor.

DPW Superintendent Search Committee: A motion made by Mr. Lombard to table the discussion was seconded by Mr. Manning. Unanimous Vote In Favor.

Resignation of Veteran's Services Officer – Thomas O'Brien: Mr. Bisignani noted that Mr. O'Brien had submitted a letter of resignation. Mr. Bisignani thanked him for his services and the Board will look to fill the vacancy.

Cable TV Advisory Committee: Mr. Bisignani reported that there are two Nahant brothers from Swampscott High School who will video meetings. Mr. Barrasso said this was a temporary fix and needed a long term solution. On a motion by Mr. Manning seconded by Mr. Lombard there was a Unanimous Vote In Favor to have the Board to meet with Cable TV Advisory Committee to establish a process.

Reno Pisano request for headstone/sculpture at Greenlawn: On a motion by Mr. Manning seconded by Mr. Lombard there was a Unanimous Vote In Favor to send the request to the Cemetery Committee.

Americans with Disabilities Proclamation “(ADA) Day” July 26, 2014: Mr. Barrasso read proclamation. On a motion by Mr. Manning seconded by Mr. Lombard there was a Unanimous Vote In Favor of the proclamation.

Town Counsel Report:

Mr. Riley requested permission to register and record the dimension of High Street Extension as taken in 1898. On a motion by Mr. Manning seconded by Mr. Lombard there was a Unanimous Vote In Favor of authorizing Town Counsel to register the appropriate plans at the Salem Registry of Deeds.

New Business:

Approve North Shore Riders Road Race: On a motion by Mr. Manning seconded by Mr. Lombard there was a Unanimous Vote In Favor of authorizing this annual race as long as police details were provided as declared necessary by the police chief.

Causeway Traffic: Mr. Barrasso summarized letter from Chief Dwyer. It is a work in process – signs, etc. are a step in the right direction. Mr. Manning proposed to monitor the next hot day to see if a sterner letter needs to be sent to DCR. Mr. Lombard suggested stopping cars at the rotary from entering Nahant. Mr. Barrasso said safety was main concern, praised Police Department and will stay on top of the situation.

Communication to Town Administrator from the Board: Mr. Bisignani acknowledged communication from the Board (attached) and tendered his letter of resignation effective July 1, 2014 to the Board (attached). There was mutual praise and thanks. On a Motion by Mr. Lombard seconded by Mr. Manning, the letter of resignation was accepted by unanimous vote in favor.

Town Administrator Search Committee: On a Motion by Mr. Lombard seconded by Mr. Manning, there was a Unanimous Vote In Favor of notifying the Moderator to appoint and form a Town Administrator Search Committee as set forth in the Special Act.

Adjourned at 08:35. On a motion by Mr. Lombard, seconded by Mr. Manning, it was a Unanimous Vote in Favor to adjourn.

The minutes were prepared by Mary Ellen Schumann, Administrative Assistant.

The minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 26th day of June, 2014.

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