

Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes
18 September, 2014 7:30

Present:

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

Also Present: Christine Stevens, Janet Dolan, Sheila Hambleton, Meaghan Kramer

Meeting Opened at 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Mr. Barrasso

Mr. Barrasso welcomed all to the meeting.

Opening Remarks: Mr. Manning voiced his concerns regarding the absence of a Town Administrator Search Committee to date stating it has been over 100 days since the former Town Administrator resigned and would like it placed on the next agenda. On a motion by Mr. Lombard, seconded by Mr. Manning, it was unanimously voted to send Chief Dwyer and Interim DPW Superintendent, Bob Ward, letters of commendation for their outstanding work over the summer regarding beach traffic control at the causeway and the upkeep of the Town, maintaining its beauty throughout the summer months, respectively.

Approval of September 4, 2014 minutes: Mr. Lombard made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Manning. Unanimous vote in favor to approve.

Ongoing Business

Citizen's Forum: None

Boat Storage Update: After a brief discussion and on a motion by Mr. Lombard to accept the boat storage form as presented for the calendar year 2015, seconded by Mr. Barrasso, it was voted: Aye- Lombard & Barrasso, Nay-Mr Manning. The motion passed.

Town Administrator Report

Tax Class Hearing: Assistant Assessor, Sheila Hambleton and Meaghan Kramer, third member of the Board of Assessors were present and stated that they have set the tax rate for next year and suggested the Board approve the tax classification as a Residential Factor of 1. On a motion by Mr. Lombard, and a second by Mr. Manning, the Board approved a residential factor of 1.0, did not adopt a residential or small business exemption for 2015 and authorized the Assistant

Assessor to electronically sign the LA5 Form for submission to DOR, by a unanimous vote in favor.

Library Grant: Janet Dolan, member of the Library Trustees, stated to the Board that the library received a \$90,000 grant which requires signatures on paperwork to be submitted by an October deadline. Mr. Lombard suggested the Library Trustees attend the next scheduled Board of Selectmen's meeting of October 2, 2014 to jointly discuss this matter.

Water/Sewer Liens: Mr. Cullinan stated that this is a normal procedure at this time of year and needs to be voted by the Board. On a motion by Mr. Lombard and seconded by Mr. Manning it was unanimously voted that the list of accounts in arrears be submitted to the Assessors for addition as a lien to this Fiscal Year's tax bill.

Special Town Meeting: Mr. Cullinan stated he had tentative dates of November 25, 2014 and December 2, 2014 and asked the Board for their input. After a brief discussion it was agreed upon that December 2, 2014 was a better date.

Dune Grass: Mr. Manning stated the remaining dune grass planting for Short beach will take place in November.

Coast Guard Housing Leasing Status: On the recommendation of Mr. Cullinan, Mr. Manning made a motion to extend the leases of the Coast Guard Housing units for another year with The Hall Company remaining as the property manager. Seconded by Mr. Lombard and voted unanimously.

Seaside Variety Extension of Sunday Hours: Mr. Cullinan stated the ABCC has approved a 10:00 am start on Sundays for sales of alcoholic beverages at package stores beginning October 23, 2014 and that Seaside Variety has requested the LLA to approve his request to change his hours of sales from noon to 10:00 am. On a motion from Mr. Barrasso, seconded by Mr. Lombard this was unanimously voted.

Town Counsel Report: None

New Business:

Unfinished Business: Mr. Cullinan stated that there are a number of unfinished items that were brought to the Board's attention previously but were never resolved. He presented the Board with a list and suggested they make a plan and schedule to get these items completed.

Board of Health: None

Closing Announcements: Brain Cancer Walk, Solimine Vets Memorial

Adjourned at 08:43. 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 Lowe, Administrative Assistant.

The minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 2nd Day of October, 2014.

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