

**Town of Nahant, MA
Joint Meeting
Board of Selectmen
And
Finance Committee**

**Meeting Agenda
April 28, 2016 7:30pm**

**Michael P. Manning, Chairman
Richard J. Lombard, Vice Chairman
Frank Barile, Secretary
Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator**

Also present: Finance Committee members: Brendan Ward, Perry Manadee, Ken Carangelo, Henry Clausen, Laura Giardella, John Fulghum, Kathleen Marden and Robert Vanderslice. Furthermore, Dan Script, and Dave Conlin.

1. Meeting Opening 7:30 pm
Pledge of Allegiance

Mike Manning asked if there was any other business before proceeding with the review of Town Meeting articles. Mr. Chelgren identified that there was one other item but that that could be taken up at the end of the meeting.

2. Moderator Meeting

Dave Conlin, Town Moderator, reviewed the warrant using the Executive Summary document provided. The Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Town Administrator, and the Town Counsel participated in a discussion of all 34 warrant articles, the related motions, and any other relevant details to be considered at this meeting. After discussion on each of the articles, advisable changes were noted and a revised executive summary was to be prepared for use at the Town Meeting on April 30th.

3. New Business

- a. FEMA Flood Map – Action to authorize phase II of contract (LOMR) – Frank Barile identified that Phase I of the Woods Hole Group contract was completed by Leslie Fields, consultant, and that the identified errors had been significant enough to warrant the Town proceeding to phase II. Mr. Barile then went on to explain that phase II of the contract would involve the contractor preparing and submitting what is called a LOMR, which is a letter to FEMA requesting that the identified errors be modified and included in a revised FEMA FIRM map for Nahant. After a brief discussion it was moved by Richie Lombard that the Selectmen authorize Phase II of the Woods Hole Group contract to proceed. It was seconded by Mike Manning and approved by unanimous vote.

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Dave Conlin- That's one of the things that I love about this...is the common denominator of democracy. So we will look forward to that. And um article 34 is to see if the Town will vote to accept gifts. And I have a feeling I know how that is going to go so uh if we can reach that in a reasonable way/reasonable time we will have committed great success for the Town and I appreciate the opportunity to discuss this with everyone and again I applaud the Finance Committee they are doing a superb job this year. A lot of complex stuff. That is my input. I give the meeting back to the Selectmen.

Mike Manning- Super. Well I think that we have covered what we need to cover and it looks like it will be an interesting meeting. We'd like to welcome the Town's people and insure they come here promptly at 12:30 so we can start on time and move expeditiously through this so that we can wrap it up in one day.

Dave Conlin- Yes, and may I say if you find yourself in a rush on Saturday and you don't have time to cook yourself a nutritious lunch, you will never have a better hot dog then you're gonna get out of the Council on Aging downstairs and if by the way you actually come and partake of that, then theoretically you will be immune to the wonderful smells coming up. So please come, come on time if you can so that we can get an early start and we look forward to seeing everybody and we'll have some fun.

Jeff Chelgren- the Selectmen have one other piece of business that we have to take a look at.

Mike Manning- ok

Jeff Chelgren- and that has to do with the FEMA report and Enzo will you give us an update of what we have before us

Francis Barile- Sure. Leslie Fields from The Woods Hole Group has come back with her phase one report on the mapping of the Town and it came back in a very positive way. Some areas that again will be reduced significantly so **(MOTION)** I am going to move that the Board of Selectmen authorize Woods Hole Group of East Falmouth Mass to proceed with phase two of their proposal dated July 30, 2015 a copy of which is attached to the minutes as part of the permanent record.

Mike Manning- Second

Mike Manning- Discussion

Francis Barile- First of all, I am going to release the actual report and the map the day of the Town meeting. I'm gonna have it here so I'm gonna make people come to Town meeting to get it. I think that is a good idea. It will get people to come up here and I think they are gonna be happy it see what we have done and what she's done and she's clearly in her emails stated that FEMA really kind of dropped the ball and made a lot of mistakes. So I want to commend my committee. I have one member here that would be Lisa Scourtas. And of course the rest of them that couldn't be here. That would be Frank McArdle, Jack Ballantine (I'm drawing a blank here) Jack Ballantine is on the committee, Lisa, Kristin Kent, Kevin Mar. They have done a tremendous job. We worked hard on it. We got it done. And now we are gonna go to phase two which is the actual loaner where she will submit to FEMA and hopefully they will accept it. She has had very good success with that so I think it will happen. 3 or 4 months from now the map will change, hopefully.

Mike Manning- My only question would be on the 3 months- I thought the letter by the Woods Hole Group indicated that if they got a go ahead from the Board of Selectmen it would take approximately 6 months to prepare the LOMR and the backup for it and send it to FEMA and then FEMA would take some time to consider it. So I would think 6 months would be the minimum...the earliest we would hear something back from FEMA on it but basically the numbers prepared by the consultant would say some fraction of the 50 people who were introduced to the flood plain by virtue of the latest maps will be outside that flood plain by virtue of change when FEMA approves it and then be able to go to the insurance companies and say they no longer wish to purchase flood insurance. But it's a good thing, certainly for the people who will get the benefit and I think the price for phase two was only between \$4-\$5 thousand dollars so an expenditure that's well worth it and I think the total expenditure was only about \$30,000. Right?

Francis Barile- The actual phase two will be \$4,480. The total will be roughly \$28,000.

Mike Manning- So for \$30,000 we saved 50 (or some fraction of 50) homeowners in Town a good bit of headache. And it will certainly pay for itself over a number of years of flood insurance premiums. But that being said, is there any further discussion?

Francis Barile- I just wanted to add it was only going to be 6 transects that were gonna be done and she did 8. And she was gonna do more. So she really worked hard of this and she clearly said in her email that there were a lot of mistakes so I'm happy and I have no more further discussion on it. We got our monies worth out of it.

Mike Manning- That being said, all in favor

Francis Barile- I

Mike Manning- I. Unanimous vote in favor

Mike Manning- and I think that concludes our business for tonight.

Francis Barile- I move that we adjourn

Mike Manning- Second. All in favor

Francis Barile- I

Mike Manning- I. Unanimous vote in favor.

4. Adjourn - the meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Meeting Minutes prepared by Donna Bagarella, Temporary Administrative Assistant

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Board of Selectmen

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