

**Board of Selectmen Meeting  
February 16, 2012**

*Present: Andrew Bisignani, Town Administrator      Charles Riley, Town Counsel  
Michael Manning, Vice Chairman      Richard Lombard, Secretary*

The meeting convened at 7:30 p.m.

**OPENING REMARKS:**

Mr. Manning welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that Ms Titus was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a previous engagement and wished her sister Christine a happy birthday. Mr. Manning stated that last year's annual "Run to Home Base", which is a fund raiser for injured veterans and is supported by the Boston Red Sox Foundation and Mass General Hospital, was a great success. He also stated Nahant supported Tara Butler last year and raised over \$1,700, and is held the weekend before Memorial Day. Mr. Manning encouraged the public to continue their support this year.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular session and executive session Board of Selectmen meetings of 2 February 2012.

Motion: Lombard  
Seconded: Manning  
Voted: Unanimous vote in favor.

**AUSTIN ANTRIM GRANT:**

Mr. Bisignani stated that the Fire department, specifically Austin Antrim, was successful in receiving a grant of \$717,250.00, which is 95% of the money requested, in order to purchase a new ladder truck for the Town and the Warrant Article is now requesting only \$60,000.00. Mr. Bisignani stated that he is an asset to the Town. Mr. Lombard commended firefighter Antrim and Chief Hyde for their outstanding work and wished others in Town would follow his initiative and apply for grants instead of going after other town departments for money. Mr. Manning agreed and thanked Mr. Bisignani for his letter.

**NATIONAL GRID PETITION:**

Mr. Bisignani stated that there was no National Grid representative present on behalf of the petition requesting to place an underground electrical conduit on Willow Rd. Mr. Lombard read the ad placed in the Item for the record.

Motion: Lombard

Seconded: Manning  
Voted: Unanimous vote in favor.

**VERIZON PETITION:**

Mr. Lombard read the legal ad for the petition from Verizon to relocate conduit along the causeway. Mr. Joe Gleason, a Verizon representative, stated that he is present for informational purposes only and explained the petition in more detail. Mr Richard Nagle, a Castle Rd resident stated that he thought this was a good opportunity to raise the issue of the double poles in Nahant and went on to explain how many are throughout the town and how slow the process is to have them removed. Mr Manning stated that this is not the first time this request has been made with no results so he will be voting against the approval of this petition. Mr Gleason explained that wires need to be removed from top to bottom first from all companies who have wires on the poles then the pole can be removed. He stated that he will check with Mr. Robert Grassier from the ROW Dept and will have forward an inventory list to Mr. Bisignani. The Board thanked Mr. Gleason and Mr. Nagle.

Motion: Lombard  
Seconded: Manning  
Voted: Lombard, yes; Manning no. The motion does not carry.

**WARRANT:**

Mr. Bisignani stated that the only new issue for the warrant is the zoning by law regarding the new Flood Insurance Rate Map., and that the Planning Board is following proper procedure for input. Mr. Manning asked if there was an article to accept the Short Beach Master Plan. Mr. Bisignani responded that it was not completed yet. Mr. Lombard agreed with Mr. Manning to include the youth commission by law in further discussion.

**WATER METER INSTSALLATION UPDATE:**

Mr. Bisignani stated that Weston & Sampson is in the beginning stages of the water meter installation process and Little Nahant will be the first area to receive these meters starting the end of April. He also stated the residents will be notified, CORI checks will be done on all installers and they will be wearing badges to identify themselves. Public announcements will be made and the process is on track. Mr. Lombard suggested a sample water meter be placed in town hall along with informational hand outs.

**REVISION OF YOUTH COMMISSION BY LAW:**

Mr. Manning read Article VIII sections 5 and 6 of the bylaws and stated that they are almost identical with a few exceptions and suggested they be combined into one committee. The

Youth Commission is appointed by the Selectmen and the Recreation Committee is appointed by the Moderator, which needs 2 more members to meet the current by law. Mr. Manning suggested that at Town Meeting, when the continuance of committees is voted on, a vote should be made to remove the overlapping committee assignments and that the Recreation Committee not be named as part of other committees.

Motion: Lombard

Seconded: Manning

Voted: Unanimous vote in favor to further explore merging the two committees into one.

**PARTY FOR TOWN HALL:**

Mr. Manning stated that Nahant would do anything for a party and back in 1911 the Town was upset when a local former military officer out organized a board appointed by the Selectmen and Daniel Finnerty organized torchlight parades to make sure the Town had a new Town Hall, which cost the then exorbitant sum of \$92,000 and was dedicated on November 9, 1912. Mr. Manning stated that the Selectmen should raise some money to plan now for a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the dedication in November of this year.

Motion: Manning

Seconded: Lombard

Voted: Unanimous vote in favor to have a party.

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY WARRANT:**

Motion: Manning

Seconded: Lombard

Voted: Unanimous Vote in Favor to sign the Presidential Primary Warrant as presented.

**ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE ST. THOMAS:**

Mr. Lombard read a letter from Mr. Skip Frary requesting a one day liquor license for St. Thomas Church for their Shamrock Shuffle to be held on March 10, 2012.

Motion: Lombard

Seconded: Manning

Voted: Unanimous Vote in Favor

**VACANCY ON TOWN OWNED LAND COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Manning stated that there is an Article on the upcoming Town Warrant that calls for a report from the Town Owned Land Study Committee, but there is a vacancy on that Committee that needs to be filled. He stated that anyone interested in filling the vacancy should write a letter to the Town Administrator.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Selectmen and enter into executive session, not to return to regular meeting.

Motion: Lombard  
Seconded: Manning  
Voted: Unanimous in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

The minutes were prepared by Mary S Lowe, Administrative Assistant.

The minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 1st day of March 2012.

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