Town of Nahant, MA Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes 04 September, 2014 7:30

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

Also Present: (Residents) Dr. Brown, Vi Patek, Rob Tibbo, Bob Cusack, Dan Perpelitza, Peter Foukal, Peter Davis

Meeting Opened at 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Mr. Barrasso

Mr. Barrasso welcomed all to the meeting.

Opening Remarks: None

Approval of August 7, 2014 minutes: Mr. Manning made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Lombard. Unanimous vote in favor to approve.

Town Administrator Report

Appointment of Ann Hudson to Public Health Nurse:Mr. Cullinan recommended AnnHudson, RN, Nahant resident, and Johnson School Nurse to the position of Public Health Nurse.1stMr. Lombard2ndMr. ManningUnanimous Vote In Favor

Mooring Insurance: Mr. Cullinan presented outline of Coast Guard procedures in storm warnings and an example of a typical boat liability insurance policy. Mr. Manning has received a request from Mr. Foukal and the Dory Club asking that the Town require those requesting mooring permits to also have \$300k of liability insurance as part of hurricane preparedness. The argument they used is that if \$300k liability insurance is required for boat storage, so should it be for moorings. Mr. Manning stated that this is different – wharf storage is to protect Town property. For hurricane preparedness – liability insurance is not a requirement of FEMA/MEMA. It is a personal choice. Mr. Manning is not in favor. Mr. Barrasso stated that requirement to carry insurance. Mr. Lombard asked what the impetus for this request was. Discussion ensued with Mr. Foukal, Mr. Tibbo, Ms. Patek, Dr. Brown and Mr. Cusack about past storms, boat damage, leaking gas on beach, what mooring fee covers, harbormaster salary and costs.

Mr. Lombard made a move to table the discussion for review at a later date. Mr. Manning moved to not institute a liability insurance requirement for mooring fees. Mr. Barrasso seconded Mr. Manning's motion.

After more discussion, Mr. Barrasso made an amended motion to not require insurance for mooring permits and to charge the Harbor and Marine Advisory Committee to come up with an order of business in the event of a boat sinking.

1st Mr. Barrasso 2nd Mr. Lombard Unanimous Vote In Favor

Beach Testing: Mr. Cullinan stated he was Nahant representative to Metropolitan Beach Commission in 2006 and 2014 and beach testing was a hotly contested issue – most feeling that state regulations are too stringent. Mr. Manning explained that the existing regulations state that if a sample > 104 cfu/100ml it exceeds standard. If so, second testing is required. If second sampling >104, then " no swimming" notice must be posted. If you have a repeated past history, geometric mean of last 5 samples must be less than 35 cfu/100ml. Historical record for Short Beach shows 3 samples >104 – two in August. 8/11/14 = 650 cfu/100ml and 8/18/14 = 369 cfu/100ml. This high count caused geometric mean >35 so "no swimming" posted. Short Beach historically clean. Mr. Manning proposed to meet with BOH staff to review regulations next year. Proposed daily beach testing if high. Ms. Patek spoke to cleanliness of Short Beach and agreed with Mr. Manning. Mr. Barrasso stated that two high test results were anomalies and we should maintain current protocol of retesting 1x after high result. Ms. Patek asked that information on testing be shared with the public. Mr. Manning stated results are public on Nahant.org.

Nectar Place Water Main: Mr. Cullinan said Coughlin Engineers had completed design and bid package for water main and would like to publish bid to replace line on Nectar Place from Relay Yard to Gardner Rd. Plans call for adding hydrant in Relay yard.

Police Exam: Mr. Cullinan stated that Police officer entrance examination will be Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 9:00 AM Town Hall. Check in at 8:00 AM.

Town Counsel Report:

Scooters: Mr. Riley met with Chief Dwyer who is addressing motorized scooter by community policing – talking to parents when underage children are riding on roads. Chief feels by-law to address this is not necessary.

New Business:

Boat Storage Forms: Mr. Manning presented revised boat storage forms from Wharfinger. The changes are that owner represents and warrants that he/she is resident of Nahant. Excise tax has been paid, and no storage on trailers, only blocks and jack stands. This will eliminate smaller boats on trailers that can be stored elsewhere on private property. In addition, one cannot store loose objects or flammables.

Mr. Lombard made a motion to take under advisement and postpone implementing the new form until reviewed by the Harbor Advisory Committee. Mr. Manning: Nay. Mr. Barrasso: Nay.

Much discussion ensued about the no trailer regulation which would eliminate 6 resident's boats previously stored there. Mr. Manning said space and parking is a premium and time of the essence. Mr. Lombard objected to implementing the form without giving the trailered boats a say.

Mr. Manning made a motion to approve the form as amended, send letters to 6 individuals who stored on trailers, and issue new form. Mr. Lombard: Nay Mr. Barrasso: Nay.

Mr. Barrasso made a motion to table the new form until next meeting on September 18, keep the form the same and send letters to the 6 trailered boat residents so they can appear at next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lombard. Unanimous Vote In Favor

Reno Pisano Sculpture: Mr. Cullinan presented a photo of a sculpture that Mr. Pisano would like to donate to the Town of Nahant to be placed in front of Town Hall. Mr. Cullinan recommends it be placed before the Historical Commission before accepting as Town Hall is on the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Manning felt that the space on the Town Hall was currently already crowded and indicated that perhaps another site should be considered. He recommended the sculpture be considered for Johnson School, Community Center grounds, or eastern hillock of Lodge Park.

Chip Sealing: Mr. Cullinan read the list of streets for the final paving project of the year. Marginal Rd., Summer, Winter, Hood, Maolis, Cliff and Cary St.

Dune Grass: Mr. Manning presented draft of remaining dune grass planting for Short beach slated for October/November planting. Rope fence will follow. Planting discussion will be tabled until next meeting.

Closing Announcements

Trash day postponed until Saturday due to Labor Day holiday.

Adjourned at 09:15. 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 18th Day of September, 2014.

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