

Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes
17 October 2013 7:30pm

Present:

Richard J. Lombard, Chairman
Perry Barrasso, Vice Chairman
Michael P. Manning, Secretary
Andrew Bisignani, Town Administrator
Charles H. Riley, Town Counsel

Meeting Opened at 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Mr. Lombard.

Mr. Lombard welcomed all to the meeting. In opening comments, Mr. Manning praised the DPW crew that was working on the Tudor Beach seawall stating that this wall has been improved significantly. He further stated that this type of repair work should be accomplished as an annual maintenance project. The Board agreed.

- 1. Approve:** prior meeting minutes. Mr. Lombard overlooked this request and will be revisited at the October 18th meeting.
- 2. Discussed:** Administrator Evaluation Objectives: Mr. Lombard stated he will review this at a later date.
- 3. Report on parking Signage:** Mr. Bisignani stated that signs have been ordered to replace the faded and illegible ones around Town and he will keep up on the issue. Mr. Manning stated that he has seen improvement on this matter in the Lowlands area.
- 4. Bed & Breakfast Rules and Regulations:** Mr. Bisignani stated that this issue has been going on for months and that he has had discussions with the Health Agent and Building Inspector. He has received a written report from the Health Agent and a Zoning Enforcement Request for the Building Inspector tonight and recommends this be turned over to Town Counsel for review and further action if required. Mr. Riley stated he agrees with the Health Agent's report stating that the operator should apply for the Bed and Breakfast License or cease and desist all operations. Mr. Barrasso made a motion to notify the not duly licensed bed and breakfast operator of 76 Fox Hill Rd to either continue the process of application or cease and desist all operations. Seconded by Mr. Manning for discussion. Mr. Manning explained that in the past 20 years only two applications for bed and breakfasts have been applied for and quoted from a 2005 Board of Selectmen's Meeting minutes referring to a unanimous vote that these regulations should be abolished. Mr. Riley then pointed out that 2 years later in 2007 the Board issued a Bed and Breakfast License to Mr. Burke of Lafayette Terrace not abiding by their own vote of 2005. Mr. Manning noted that the license was first issued in 2004 and the 2005 discussion noted that it would be grandfathered. Mr. Lombard questioned where the Building Inspector's report was. Mr. Bisignani stated it has not yet been completed but that Mr. Bisignani has been in contact over the last several weeks with the Building Inspector who is working on a report. Linda Tanfani, owner of 76 Fox Hill Rd, was present and stated that she was never notified of previous meetings regarding her property and would appreciate she be notified in the future. Mr. Lombard agreed to notify her. She also stated she is not running a bed and breakfast nor

does she want to. She is simply renting out rooms of her home and abiding by Section 4.06 of the zoning by laws. Mr. Lombard suggested the current motion be withdrawn in order to get all information and reports in order and to have a joint meeting in the future. Mr. Manning stated he believes Ms. Tanfani was notified due to the fact of the Health Agent had been showing up at her door to inquire about a bed and breakfast. Mr. Manning stated that Ms Tanfani's statement that she did not want to run a bed and breakfast was an additional reason to revoke and rescind the bed and breakfast rules and regulations of 1993. Mr. Lombard stated he does not want to do that without further information. Mr. Barrasso agreed. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tibbo were also present. Mr. Tibbo cited Section 4.06 of the zoning by laws and stated Ms Tanfani is not abiding by the bylaw specifications. He handed out packets of online advertisements for the premises to the Board. Mr. Manning made a motion to revoke and rescind the existing Board of Health bed and breakfast regulations. Seconded by Mr. Barrasso for discussion. Mr. Barrasso stated that he wished to review all information prior to making such a decision. Mr. Manning stated that he hoped that all information be available at the next Board meeting so a speedy decision can be made. The Board agreed. Mr. Manning made a motion to table the motion until next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Barrasso. Unanimous Vote in Favor

5. **Calantha Sears:** Mr. Lombard stated he is looking for ideas on how the Board should honor Calantha for her award she recently received and will follow up on this matter.
6. **Board Vacancies:** Mr. Lombard stated he will follow up on this matter.
7. **Approved:** One Day Liquor License Request from Nahant Veteran's Association for the following dates: 10/25/13, 11/9/13, and 11/11/13. On a motion made by Mr. Barrasso, Seconded by Mr. Manning, Unanimous Vote in Favor.
8. **Town Auditor Reports Exit Interview:** Mr. Lombard questioned where the Town Accountant, Treasurer, Finance Committee, School Committee and Superintendent of Schools were. Mr. Bisignani stated everyone was invited and mentioned the accountant and treasurer do not always attend. Mr. Lombard stated he has not had a chance to review the audit and did not receive it electronically and suggested this interview be put off at a later date until everyone can attend.
9. **Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee:** Mr. Manning stated that that he has opened the discussion with the Town Administrator relative to waste and recycling and suggested appointing current staff members, the Town Administrator, and two Town residents to this committee in regards to the billing and account maintenance aspect of the topic. Mr. Lombard asked the public to contact the Town Administrator if anyone is interested in serving on the committee. Mr. Manning also clarified the focus area of this particular Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee stating that there are two such committees: one is for the yard waste composting and the other is for trash and recycling operations.
10. **Correspondence:** An email request was made by Mr. Michael Remondi to Mr. Lombard for a sculptural art installation project to temporarily install a memorial to commemorate Greek immigrants in Nahant. A motion was made by Mr. Manning to have the Town Administrator reply to this request stating the Town cannot accommodate this request at this time. Seconded by Mr. Barrasso. Unanimous Vote in Favor.
11. **Announcements:** Mr. Lombard stated that the last Boat Hauling Day will be held on October 18th, the fall leaf pick up dates are Mondays, 21st and 28th, and Dine with the Vet's will take place on November 9, 2013 at the Nahant Life Saving Station from 6pm to 10 pm.

12. Adjourned at about 08:35 pm. On a motion by Mr. Barrasso, seconded by Mr. Manning,
Unanimous Vote in Favor

The minutes were prepared by Mary Lowe, Administrative Assistant.

The minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 7th day of November 2013.

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