

**Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen**

**Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:00 PM**

**Chesley R. Taylor Jr., Chairman
Richard J. Lombard, Vice Chairman
Francis J. Barile, Recording Secretary
Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator**

Attendance: Chesley R. Taylor, Richard J. Lombard, Francis J. Barile & Antonio Barletta (TA)

1. Meeting Opening 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance- Led by Chairman, Chesley R. Taylor Jr.

a. Opening Comments-

b. Approve February 7, 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes: Mr. Barile made a motion: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of February 7, 2019.

Seconded by Richie

Unanimous vote in favor

2. Citizen's Forum

Alice Court- 7 Valley Road- Read aloud a document: Evaluation from Northeastern University's responses (see attached).

Kristin Kent- read aloud a letter that she wrote regarding wetland bylaw article (see attached).

3. New Business

a. Community Preservation Act Overview-

1) Assistant Assessor, Sheila Hambleton- provided a worksheet to the Board and TA (see attached) to explain the calculation of CPC tax. Offered to put example on the website.

i. Sheila Hambleton provided a second sheet for the Board and TA (see attached) regarding exemptions.

There is a qualification for exemptions. You can pick up this exemption form (bright green) outside the assessor's office on a rack. Fill it out and schedule an appointment with Sheila. Applications are due April 1st. This is a yearly application. You have to apply every year. This is private/not open to public inspection.

Sheila committed \$241,503.94 of CPA taxes for FY19

- 2) Lynne Spencer- chair to community preservation
 - i. History/background to community preservation – a real estate tax surcharge at 3% (the highest rate you can receive). In the beginning (13 years ago) the state matched at 100%.
 - a. 3 purposes to community preservation;
 - Open space and recreation
 - Community housing
 - Historic preservation
 - ii. (14) grant applications were received this year
 - a. State match has gone down from 100% to roughly 60%, over the last few years
 - b. Budgeting purposes, looking at 30% (conservative)
 - c. 10% every year needs to be allocated to community housing, open space/recreation and historic preservation
 - d. Balance (70%) allocated by recommendation of the committee to the Town Meeting

4. Town Administrator Report

- a. Updated warrant – New language regarding;
 - 1) Annual Town Meeting: will occur at Nahant Country Club Sat April 27th, 2019. Town wide election will be a Town Hall (downstairs) as normal
 - 2) Typical authorization of COA and cemetery revolving funds- article will insert these revolving funds into the Town's by-laws
 - 3) 2 citizen petition articles regarding;
 - i. Amending animal control by-law
 - ii. No new utility infrastructure for 5G networks in Nahant until the Town has a public discussion and vote on the issue

Mr. Barile : I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to open the April 27, 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant for submittal of articles by all Town Boards, Committees, personnel, and the public for consideration of placement onto the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Seconded by Mr. Lombard

Unanimous vote in favor

Mr. Barile moves that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept and close the Annual Town meeting warrant as presented and to send it to the finance committee to begin taking positions with the understanding that ongoing review will occur by the Board of Selectmen that modifications may occur at a later time.

Mr. Lombard seconded

Unanimous vote in favor

Mr. Taylor Suggested we call and present an override budget. We then come up with a date to have a referendum vote for the override sometime in June. His recommendation- at Town Meeting- people discuss, not vote. In June, we actually vote.

TA – The idea here is that you vote for a no override balance budget and vote to approve a contingency budget, should the override pass at the polls. If at Annual Town Meeting it is not approved (contingency budget) then there is no need to go to the polls. This is a way you can show the Town what both budgets would look like with and without an override. We could vote at Town Meeting this year to amend the charter so that next year and moving forward Town Meeting would be roughly May/June. That article is not in our current warrant.

Mr. Taylor asked that this topic be put on the agenda for the next BOS meeting (3/7).

5. Ongoing Business

Coast Guard Housing- Mr. Taylor asked TA to provide an update:

TA- sounds like they would like to present something prior to the end of March at a Board of Selectmen meeting. 3/21 would be their preference. If an article is to be added to the warrant regarding this topic, it needs to be submitted by the end of March.

Mr. Lombard made a motion to reserve a space in the warrant for Coast Guard Housing to add an article

Mr. Barile seconded

****No vote was taken****

a. Lobster Traps Storage Approval

Mr. Barile made a motion- I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the attached Lobster Trap Storage Leases as presented and further, that the release of said leases are subject to the payment of all outstanding fees, fines, and payments to the Town of Nahant.

Seconded by Richie

Unanimous vote in favor

6. Closing Announcements

Mr. Taylor would like 15 minute parking along 40 steps beach. Asking for people to think about it. Mr. Taylor asked that TA check with the Chief regarding this topic.

Mr. Lombard suggested that we put this on the agenda (3/7) for a vote.

Citizen (did not provide name/address) made a comment that the curve on Nahant Rd at 40 Steps Beach is a danger curve.

Mr. Barile -asked Tony to reassure people in Little Nahant that we are working on getting bids out for Fallon Way and Parrot Road (seawalls).

TA we are in the final stages of the damage inventory process with FEMA. They would like for us to provide them engineer conceptual design by May-will double check though. It's a critical

need and we are working hard to get through this process. As soon as we can get bids out, we will.

a. Charles Kelley Scholarship

Mr. Taylor read aloud: We are accepting essay's in regards to our annual Charles Kelley Scholarship until Monday, April 1st.

Applications can be found on our Town website or you can pick up a hard copy at Town Hall in our Selectmen's office.

The winner of the scholarship will be announced at Annual Town Meeting on April 27th

Mr. Lombard would like for Tony to remind everyone of all the existing scholarships that are available to the students of Nahant. Northeastern University has 2 half scholarships.

Mr. Taylor thanked Mr. Lombard for getting the Charles Kelley scholarship up to \$1,000

Mr. Taylor read aloud: To Adjourn to Executive Session not to return to Regular Session under MGL c.30A, section 21 (a) (6), to discuss the potential purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, if the Chairman declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the town. A vote regarding whether to go into executive session is expected, and votes may occur during executive session.

Mr. Lombard seconded

Unanimous vote in favor

7. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourn 8:02pm

Meeting Minutes prepared by Bobbie-Jo Blair, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the _____ day of _____ 2019.

Board of Selectmen