

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

**Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 31, 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, 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-

- 1) Mr. Barile-would like to send his condolences to Marilyn Clausen's family. Marilyn passed away a few weeks ago. She will be truly missed.
- 2) Mr. Taylor- Once again DPW did a marvelous job clearing the roads. Thank you.
- 3) Mr. Taylor read aloud a letter from Secretary William Galvin awarding the Nahant Public Library an emergency grant in the amount of \$70,000.
- 4) Mr. Taylor thanked and congratulated Diane Monteith regarding her accomplishment with Green Communities.

b. Approve January 24, 2019 BOS Meeting Minutes: Mr. Taylor would like to hold off on approving minutes until next meeting.

2. Citizen's Forum

a. Christian Bauta 3 Swallow Caves Road- wanted to know if the Town has heard anything from Northeastern University regarding answers to their questions. If they have responded they would love to have a written copy.

Mr. Taylor responded that he opened his email before this meeting and their response arrived today. He hasn't read it yet, but saw that its 8 pages long. Mr. Taylor thinks it's a good idea to put the answers on our Town website and have paper copies at Town Hall

T.A responded that he agrees; we can put the answers on the website and have copies in the Selectmen's office at the Town Hall tomorrow.

Mr. Barile stated that he thinks that we should put the appraisal out there too. This information was approved during Executive Session.

T.A. would like to just run it by Town Council before releasing.

3. Ongoing Business

a. Approve Annual Tobacco Licenses Mr. Barile stated- I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve, Tobacco License renewal applications, with an expiration date of January 31, 2020, for Nahant Market, Richland and Seaside Variety.

Seconded by Mr. Taylor

Unanimous vote in favor

b. Close the Warrant: T.A stated that it is in our Town By-law that we close the warrant by the last day of January. Pointed out that back in Nov/Dec the Board voted to appeal the Wetlands By-law that was adopted in the August 27th Special Town meeting. Given the number of people that attended the August Special Town Meeting, we are preparing our Annual Town meeting for similar attendance, therefor we will be hosting our Annual Town Meeting at the Nahant Country Club. The capacity at Town Hall is roughly 300 people. The Country Club can host above 550 people for this meeting. We are thankful to the Country Club for hosting us. T.A confirmed that the elections will still be hosted at Town Hall.

T.A mentioned any citizen's petitions that came in today are not currently included on the warrant. Signatures have to be certified by Town Clerk and petitions have to be reviewed by our attorneys.

Mr. Barile stated that he 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. Taylor seconded

Unanimous vote in favor

T.A. believes that Coast Guard Housing Committee will be attending the BOS meeting on the 7th to provide an update/recommendation.

Mr. Barile would like for TA to look further into a Charter Commission/fixing the charter with our Town Council.

4. Closing Announcements

5. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourn 7:25 pm

Meeting Minutes prepared by Bobbie-Jo Blair, Administrative Assistant

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

Board of Selectmen