**TOWN OF NAHANT**

**Planning Board**

**October 21, 2021, 6 PM**

**LOCATION: ZOOM CONFERENCING, NAHANT, MA**

**Meeting Minutes**

Dan Berman called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm, stating that the meeting was properly noticed, and called the roll of those members attending:

Daniel Berman, Chairman – Here

Calvin Hastings, Vice Chairman – Here

Sheila Hambleton – Here

Patrick O’Reilly – Here

J Shannon Bianchi – Here

Steven Viviano – Here

Rob Steinberg, Recording Secretary – Here

Kristen Standish (alternative member) – Not Present

John Stabile (alternate member) - Here

Dan Berman opened the meeting by noting that he made a post-filing correction list. The Board reviewed the document and recommended a couple changes all of which are identified on the document accompanying these minutes. Dan determined to defer this issue for further consideration at a later meeting.

Dan then asked members to review the minutes of October 19, 2021.

Shannon moved to approve the minutes of October 19, 2021, and Cal seconded. The Board voted as follows:

Daniel Berman, Chairman – Yes

Calvin Hastings, Vice Chairman – Yes

Sheila Hambleton – Yes

Patrick O’Reilly – Yes

J Shannon Bianchi – Yes

Steven Viviano – Yes

Rob Steinberg, Recording Secretary – Not Present at meeting and did not vote

Dan asked about whether there was any update on the cell tower issue and there was none.

Shannon said he drafted a letter regarding a potential opportunity for an Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project for Bear Pond. Shannon noted that he sent to the PB two letters, one to the Selectmen letting them know about the opportunity and one to the Corps of Engineers that the Selectmen would send. Dan asked if there was a cost to the study for the project and Shannon said there were costs but the Corp would conduct the initial study and it would likely cost less than $100k (if the Corps needed more money (which Shannon said would be unlikely), it would ask the Town). Shannon noted in the draft letters that he and Josh Antrim would be the point persons, but Shannon stated that the Selectmen could change that. Shannon said the way the cost sharing works is that the Corps could pay for the survey and wetland delineation and a plan to rehabilitate the pond, and the Corps would present their findings and determinations to the Town. The Town would need to determine whether to pursue it. That would kick in the cost sharing of 35% of the Town and 65% of the Corps. Shannon noted in the draft letters that the State might want to contribute to the 35% Town share and Shannon said he confirmed that the Corps works with localities to lower the financial impacts on the community. Dan said we will consider this more fully at a later meeting.

Steve asked for more information on projects of this type, and Shannon said he would send a link.

Dan then asked for a motion to recess the meeting in view of the public hearing and then we would open an executive session after the conclusion of the public hearing and not return to a public meeting. Sheila so moved, seconded by Cal. The Board voted as follows:

Daniel Berman, Chairman – Yes

Calvin Hastings, Vice Chairman – Yes

Shelia Hambleton - Yes

Patrick O’Reilly – Yes

J Shannon Bianchi – Yes

Steven Viviano - Yes

Rob Steinberg, Recording Secretary – Yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary Rob Steinberg.

Approved by Planning Board on December 7, 2021.