Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, October 17, 2019 7:00 PM

Richard J. Lombard, Chairman
Francis J. Barile, Vice Chairman
Joshua A. Antrim, Recording Secretary
Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator

*Richard Lombard was absent from this meeting

1. **Meeting Opening 7:00 pm**
   Pledge of Allegiance

Josh Antrim shared a public service announcement regarding Xfinity. Customers will be receiving notices of these changes in advance as well.

Mr. Antrim mentioned that DPW and Police were busy this morning regarding (3) boats that washed up onto land.

TA thanked DPW, Police, Fire, Harbormaster and everyone from the Town that was involved with preparing for the storm.

Mr. Barile asked for everyone to say a prayer for Peter Dawson who underwent surgery yesterday. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts. Also, thanked DPW, Fire and Police for doing a great job during the storm.

a. Mr. Barile read aloud; Public Health Flu Clinic will be held at Town Hall : Wednesday, October 23rd from 3pm-6pm & Thursday, October 24th from 3pm-7pm
b. Mr. Barile read aloud; Winter Parking Ban: December 21, 2019 - March 20, 2020- All vehicles must be parked off the street during the hours of 12AM - 6AM
c. Approve Meeting Minutes from September 19, 2019

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the meeting minutes of September 19, 2019.
Seconded by Mr. Barile
Unanimous vote in favor

2. **New Business**
   a. Utility Liens (trash & water/sewer)

Mr. Barile made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve committing to the Board of Assessors unpaid utility and rubbish accounts in the amount of $79,775.83 to be added to the annual tax as a municipal charges lien to be subject to the provisions of the law relative to interest on taxes.
Seconded by Mr. Antrim
Unanimous vote in favor

b. Approve the Event Request for PTO Christmas Tree Fundraiser from 11/23-12/20 at Lowlands parking lot.

Mr. Barile made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Event Request for Johnson Elementary School's PTO Christmas Tree Fundraiser from 11/23-12/20 at Lowlands parking lot.
Seconded by Mr. Antrim
Unanimous vote in favor

c. Approve the Event Request for the Johnson Elementary School Holiday Concert on December 12, 2019 at Town Hall from 6pm-7:30pm

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Event Request for The Johnson Elementary School Holiday Concert on December 12, 2019 at Town Hall from 6pm-7:30pm.
Seconded by Mr. Barile
Unanimous vote in favor

d. Approve Debt Water Shift

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the water/sewer debt shift in the amount of $830,318 for fiscal year 2020
Seconded by Mr. Barile
Unanimous vote in favor

e. Planning Board Vacancy Discussion

TA; The Planning Board has one vacancy. They have proposed to have a joint meeting on Tuesday, Oct 29th with the BoS. Per our Town By-laws; it's a joint vote for the BoS and Planning Board to appointment someone to fill the vacancy for the remainder of that term. Tonight, we want to make people aware of the vacancy on this Board. If anyone is interested in applying to send their cover letter and resume to Bobbie-Jo bblair@nahant.org by Thursday, October 24th.

Mr. Antrim; resumes will be due the 24th and the meeting will take place on the 29th. In the event that Planning Board does not have quorum, we will host the joint meeting on Nov. 5th.

TA We can post something about this on the Town Hall Facebook page as well.

Mr. Barile; tonight at the conclusion of this meeting, he will officially be stepping down as a Board of Selectmen member. It is with mixed emotions. It has been his privilege and honor to

serve the people of Nahant for the past 4+ years. Tomorrow at 12noon he will be submitting his resignation letter to the Town Clerk.

3. Ongoing Business

a. Special Town Meeting Discussion

TA; Board of Selectmen can call for a Special Town Meeting (STM) or it can come through a citizen's petition. Chapter 39 Section 10 requires 200 signatures to call for a STM. Required by law to host that STM within 45 days of the request. We have a few weekends to consider. We have to post the warrant and get the FinCom's book out 14 days in advance.
A STM date discussion took place between the Board, TA and Nahant residents.

*A hold was put on the discussion. 7:30pm re-open tax classification hearing

f. Re-Open Tax Classification Hearing (continued from September 19, 2019)

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to recess regular session
Seconded by Mr. Barile
Unanimous vote in favor

Mr. Barile made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to re-open the Tax Classification Hearing
Seconded by Mr. Antrim
Unanimous vote in favor

Board of Assessors: Sheila Hambleton

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen confirm vote taken on September 19th, 2019 approving a Residential Factor of "1" and not to adopt a residential exemption or small commercial exemption for fiscal year 2020. And that the Assessors have informed us that the excess levy capacity for the current fiscal year is calculated as $_9,491.44_.
Seconded by Mr. Barile
Unanimous vote in favor

*A continuation of the Tax Classification hearing took place.

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn the Tax Classification Hearing.
Seconded by Mr. Barile
Unanimous vote in favor

Mr. Barile made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to re-open regular session.
Seconded by Mr. Antrim

Unanimous vote in favor

*A STM discussion continued.

4. Town Administrator Report

TA Thanked DPW, Emergency Management, Police, Harbormaster and all of those working through the night and day related to the snow storm.

Two Town Meeting's ago the Town appropriated a sum of money to help with flooding issues in the Castle Rd/Ward Rd/Foxhill Rd area. We have put out a bid for portable pumps. Bid is due 30th of this month. 6" portable pumps with hose to have in Town. Along with some dredging efforts.
Long term goal; we have submitted an application for a grant to perform a feasibility study and design on a secondary gravity and force pump outfall in the Castle Rd area.
MVP action grants are due in the next few weeks. We are looking to apply for funding to increase the resiliency of the Short Beach dune.
*A discussion related to pumps and dunes between the Board and TA took place.

TA Compost area; completed that $50,000 project.

TA Thanked Mr. Barile for all of his efforts, accomplishments and dedication to the Town of Nahant.

Mr. Antrim thanked Mr. Barile for all that he has done for this Town as well.

5. Citizen's Forum

Bea Rogers 44 Pearl Road- stated that there is another amendment; Mike Manning amendment. Suggested that the Town host one STM for both amendments.

Mr. Barile confirmed that both amendments will be at the same STM

Nancy Cary 23 Phillips Road- At the last Board of Selectmen meeting there was a request of Tony to prepare a list of expenses that arise at the hosting of every Town meeting. Requested if he could review this list with everyone.

TA- on average a STM cost roughly $8K-$12K per meeting.

*A discussion about hosting and the cost of STMs took place between the Board, TA and citizens.

*A discussion about legal fees took place.
Mr. Barile asked for TA to provide him/residents with a total on legal fees. Asked if we were over budget on our legal fees.

6. Adjourn:

Mr. Antrim moved for adjournment
Seconded by Mr. Barile
Unanimous vote in favor

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm
Meeting Minutes prepared by Bobbie-Jo Blair, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 19th day of Dec. 2019.

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