

Board of Selectmen Meeting
August 15, 2012

Present: Andrew Bisignani, Town Administrator
Michael Manning, Chairman
Richard Lombard, Vice Chairman
Perry Barrasso, Secretary
Charles Riley, Town Counsel

The meeting convened at 7:30 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS:

Mr. Manning welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no opening comments.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2012 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Motion: Lombard
Seconded: Barrasso
Voted: Unanimous in favor.

PAY AS YOU THROW:

A motion was made to open discussion on the pay as you throw topic.

Motion: Manning
Seconded: Barrasso
Voted: Unanimous Vote in Favor

Mr. Manning stated that since the Board set the FY13 Trash rate they have received letters from several residents opposing the new rate and suggested this be put on the agenda for the next Town Meeting. Mr. Lombard stated that he is against the increase for single and two person households especially seniors and asked the Board to reconsider their vote. Mr. Barrasso stated that you can't please everyone all the time and thought the fee was fair. He also stated that it is not only about the tonnage but includes other services that are provided. Mr. Barrasso stated that assistant assessor, Sheila Hambleton was very helpful in getting the 41C qualified seniors a cost savings and that new ideas will be considered in the future. Mr. Manning stated that the fee is already in place, the bills have been sent out and he is not in favor of reconsideration of this fee. He also stated that over the past few years several efforts were made to notify the residents as to what exactly is included in this fee and suggested the residents should decide how to set the rate at the next Town Meeting.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Bisignani stated that he spoke to Mr. Jim Hosker of Goddard Drive, and is in the process of reconvening the Coast Guard Housing Committee and invited residents to the September 26, 2012 meeting to attend.

Mr. Bisignani stated that a joint meeting will be held with the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and FinCom regarding the 3 audits that were done at the school and invited all to attend on August 21, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Mr. Bisignani stated that Women and Wishes, New England Chapter, will be holding a comedy night on Friday, September 14, 2012 from 7:00pm – 10:00 pm at the Nahant Country Club and encouraged everyone to attend.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT:

Mr. Riley stated that Chief Dwyer is in touch with other towns regarding how they issue by law violations. He also stated that many towns do it differently such as having a universal fee, specific to the offense fee, or adjust the fee accordingly and some Town's have a committee to determine the wording on the ticket and he will keep the Board up to date in this process.

CERTIFY SURPLUS EQUIPMENT:

Mr. Bisignani stated that the list of equipment presented is beyond its life expectancy and can no longer be used and asked the Board to certify this equipment as surplus.

Motion; Barrasso
Seconded: Lombard
Voted: Unanimous Vote in Favor

STATE PRIMARY WARRANT:

A motion was made to sign the State Primary Warrant.

Motion; Barrasso
Seconded: Lombard
Voted: Unanimous Vote in Favor

SKUNKS:

Animal Control Officer, Michael Kairevich, stated that he has received numerous calls regarding skunks and raccoons in the Town and suggested everyone do their part to keep trash receptacles tightly locked and stored out of the range of animals. Health Agent, John Coulon agreed and also suggested not to put trash out the night before if possible. He also stated that the local food establishments are doing a commendable job of storing their trash in the dumpsters and there is

no problem with these facilities. Mr. Manning stated that the Town of Nahant does have a bylaw as to what container should be used for the storage of trash and a suggestion was made to notify the residents in the next billing cycle of these bylaws. Mr. Lombard commended Mr Coulon and Mr Kairevich for their outstanding work.

APPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made to approve Mr. Bisignani's appointment of Kathryn Kougis as assistant treasurer/collector effective July 16, 2012.

Motion: Lombard
Seconded: Barrasso
Voted: Unanimous Vote in Favor

TRANSFER OF BURIAL PERMITS:

The Board voted to add Peggy Barile as an additional authorized signer for burial permits in accordance with the procedures of the Board of Health under the supervision of the Health Agent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Lombard stated the regular schedule will resume in September holding two meetings a month on the first and third Thursdays which will be September 6, 2012 and September 20, 2012.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Lombard
Seconded: Barrasso
Voted: Unanimous in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

The minutes were prepared by Mary Lowe, Administrative Assistant.

The minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 13th day of September 2012.

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