

Board of Selectmen Meeting October 18, 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. Mr Manning stated that the first public forum regarding the Nahant Life Saving Station was an excellent start to open communication with the residents of the Town and is looking forward to the next one. Mr Mannaning advised the residents about an MWRA Scam that was being distributed around Town and assured everyone that our drinking water is safe,

MINUTES APPROVAL:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2012 Board of Selectmen's meetings.

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

SCHOOL UPDATE:

Ms Lisa Keanne of the school committee stated that the MCAS scores have improved and are now rated as a level 1 which is the best score to achieve, with 100% of students participating. She praised the students and the teachers for a job well done and thanked the Selectmen for their time. Mr Manning stated that the school is moving forward and requested the October enrollment list for budget purposes. Mr Lombard and Mr Barrosso agreed that this is positive and enlightening.

DOUBLE POLES:

Mr Lombard asked the Town Administrator if there was an update regarding the double poles in Town. Mr Bisignani responded that he heard from Verizon and National Grid and was promised they will get to it. He also stated that other companies are responsible for utilities on these poles and was assured this was being taken care of and he is in constant contact with them. Mr Lombard asked if there was a cost to plcing utilities underground. Mr Manning stated the Short Beach Master Plan has the figure.

CAUSEWAY UPDATE:

Jim Caputo thanked everyone for being patient during the construction and stated they are preparing to shift the outbound lane into the parking lot during the night and advised everyone to be careful driving. A detail officer will be on duty for a 24 hr. shift. He explained there will be two 10' lanes with barriers. The beginning of Phase 5 includes the median poles, electricity, in front of Tides with walkways and a garden. Machines will remain in the lot, and will be barreled off during beach season. Mr. Bisignani asked about the schedule. Mr

Caputo stated that all construction should be completed on 11/20/13. Mr. Bisignani questioned the dirt piles. Mr Caputo stated they will truck it out & re use it. Mr Riley asked about the Wave wall, and why there is curb in some areas. Mr Caputo stated that the wall has breaks in it due to the cost issue. Mr. Lombard asked if they could extend the wave wall? Mr Caputo suggested writing a letter for that request. Mr. Lombard thanked the contractor for their outstanding performance. Mr Caputo stated that the traffic pattern is a critical phase and will be done by January and pole bases and lights will be installed by May 31. Thank you all.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EXTENSION OF LIQUOR LICENSE:

Mr Lombard stated that the Knight of Columbus withdrew their petition to extend their liquor license.

EXIT CONFERENCE:

Mr. Matt Hunt of Sullivan, Rogers & Co. was present at the meeting to discuss the FY12 Audit that was completed in early August. Mr. Hunt stated that if the town's internal controls were not in order there would be no way for the town to have their audit completed so early when the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2012.

Mr. Hunt stated that this is the 10th year that Sullivan & Rogers has completed the audit for the Town of Nahant and gave a basic overview on the audit and management letter. Mr. Bisignani thanked the Town Hall staff and stated that it is always nice to hear from an outside source that they are doing a great job. Mr. Hunt stated that the employees at the Town Hall take their jobs seriously and that the team keeps getting stronger.

TOWN COUNSEL REPORT:

Mr. Riley stated that he has the revised edition of the annual Lobster Trap Lease and is ready to be sent out. Mr Manning stated that the fishermen are in favor of the new lease agreement and are happy to help the town maintain the site.

NLSS PUBLIC FORUM:

A motion was made to schedule the next NLSS public forum on November 8, 2012.

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

PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS:

A motion was made to revise the process of scheduling Public Hearings.

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

ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE:

A motion was made to have events apply for Entertainment Licenses as well as the Event Request.

Motion: Barrasso

Seconded: Lombard
Voted: Unanimous in favor.

BURIAL REQUESTS:

A motion was made to approve the request of Mr Basil and Mary Robinson to purchase a cemetery plot in Greenlawn Cemetery, Nahant at their time of death.

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

Mr Manning stated he received another request from a possible resident who would like to relocate her husbands remains if she moves into Town. Mr Manning stated this request does not qualify. The other members agteed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr Lombard suggested the Coast Guard Housing Committee be reconvened., a letter to Jim Caputo of Pihl construction be sent requesting extension of the Wave Wall located on the causeway, an update on the status of the water meter installations and the handicap parking spot at the library be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. Manning read the announcements as presented in the Board's packet.

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 9:06 p.m.

The minutes were prepared by Mary Lowe, Administrative Assistant.

The minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 1st day of November 2012.

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