

Town of Nahant, MA  
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes  
24 July 2013 7:00pm

Present:

Richard J. Lombard, Chairman  
Perry Barrasso, Vice Chairman  
Michael P. Manning, Secretary  
Andrew Bisignani, Town Administrator  
Charles H. Riley, Town Counsel

**Meeting Opened** at 7:00 pm.

**NLSS Special Permit Request**

Selectman Lombard welcomed those present including Mr. Jeffrey Musman and other representatives of the Nahant Preservation Trust, members of the American Legion and their attorney, Stephen Smith, representative owners of neighborhood properties and other citizens. The most recent version of the proposed request for a special permit (version 9) was discussed. Mr. Lombard and others discussed certain provisions including porta-potties, hours for various kinds of events, the number of events to be held and other items already specifically set in the draft written agreement.

Selectman Manning suggested the following changes to the draft Special Permit Application (v9) offered by representatives of the NPT:

1. (on page 1, start of paragraph 3) Change to read: “By this application, the Town of Nahant, as the Owner, and the NPT, as the current lessee, seeks a special permit and ...”
2. (on page 3, start of Standard Condition 4) Change to read: “Should any substantial modification to the approved.....” And add following sentence: “Substantial modifications shall not include filings with the Conservation Commission or permit requests of the Building Inspector to plant dune grass or other dune planting materials or to install or to repair fences or signs which are not directly related to the uses or parking specifications for which the Special Permit is sought.”
3. (on page 7, second paragraph) Change the existing part of 4 to read: “(d) The existing signage on the main building, including the current “Nahant Life Saving Station” signage and the signage of the American Legion (shown as 1 and 2 respectively on the Sign Table) shall be retained and maintained. In addition from time to time, large decorative signage (e.g. black bow tie, large wreath) may be placed on the tower of the NLSS on a temporary basis. In the future, two interpretive historical markers (shown as 3 and 4 respectively on the Sign Table) shall be added to present historical narrative, illustration and context for pedestrian viewers. These signs shall be no more than 2 foot high by three foot wide. The sign behind the front fence line (shown as 3 in the Sign Table) shall be free standing on a pole with a 45 degree tilt for pedestrian viewing and not more than 4 feet above grade at its highest point. The second

interpretive historical marker (shown as 4 in the Sign Table) shall be wall mounted on the building near the rear pedestrian entrance.”

4. (on page 7, last paragraph) Change the existing part of 5 to read: “(d) Unless at least one Parking Attendant, who shall be an adult of at least 21 years of age, ...”.

5. (on page 9, at the top) Add the following: “The Board of Selectmen, in applying for this Special Permit do so as fiduciaries to execute the intent of prior Town Meeting votes to grant the current lease the NLSS to the Nahant Preservation Trust. The conditions suggested for this Special Permit have been requested by the lessee, the Nahant Preservation Trust, and are being allowed by the Board of Selectmen as representatives of the owner, so as to allow the lessee to use the property in a manner the NPT wishes, consistent with the existing lease. As the Town Meeting has the power in the future to elect new selectmen, new planning board members, and to revise or replace the existing zoning by laws of the Town of Nahant in accordance with the Town Charter and applicable State and Federal Laws, The Board of Selectmen, as representatives of the Town Meeting, do not set precedent or intend to limit the actions or choices of future Town Meetings or future boards after the expiration of the current lease.”

After the discussion, Mr. Barrasso moved that the request for a special permit be amended as above and until it met the approval of the Board and Town Counsel, Town Administrator, Counsel for the Legion, and Counsel for the NPT, and then be presented at a future meeting before submission to the Planning Board for a hearing.

1<sup>st</sup> Barrasso 2<sup>nd</sup> Manning Unanimous Vote in Favor

**Verizon Double Poles** – Mr. Bisignani stated that he met with National Grid today and is working to have the double poles removed as soon as possible. Mr. Manning requested that the current double pole inventory be presented at all future meetings on the subject.

**Approved the Following Appointment** - Donnalee Leonardo as Associate Member of ZBA

1<sup>st</sup> Barrasso 2<sup>nd</sup> Manning Unanimous Vote in Favor

Mr. Manning stated that many changes to the agenda are being made after it is posted and that is not a good example to the other Town Boards and Committees. He requested that what is posted on Tuesdays at noon will be the agenda heard.

**Doggie Beach** – Mr. Lombard stated this matter will be heard at the next meeting.

**Adjourned** at 9:03 pm.

The minutes were prepared by Mary Lowe, Administrative Assistant.

The minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 22nd day of August 2013.

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