

Town of Nahant, MA  
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes  
19 December 2013 7:30pm

Present:

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

Also present: Gretchen Benkert, Resident, Richard D'Orlando, Resident, Walter Spinelli, Town Employee

**Meeting Opened** at 7:30 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by Richard Lombard

Mr. Lombard welcomed all to the meeting.

**Announcements:**

1. Mr. Manning recognized Lieutenant Tom Hutton for starting and organizing the annual Christmas parade. This is his last year as master of ceremonies. A motion was made by Mr. Manning to thank him for his efforts. Motion seconded by Mr. Barrasso. Mr. Lombard praised Roz Puleo, too, and would like to honor Lt. Hutton at 1/23 BOS meeting. Unanimous Vote in Favor.
2. Mr. Lombard presented a certificate of appreciation and lifetime achievement as well as a lifetime gold sticker to Walter Spinelli. He recognized him for 28 years of service to the DPW as well as his service as Town dog officer.
3. Motion by Mr. Manning to postpone approval of 12/5/13 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Barrasso. Unanimous Vote in Favor.

**Ongoing Business:**

1. **School Agreement for Town Expenses:** Mr. Bisignani recommended that the Board approve and sign the agreement between the Town and School for charge backs for Town supported services. The fact that there was no agreement last year was an audit finding. Town and School differed in allocation amounts and agreed to split the difference. The agreement states that the allocation will be reviewed when a majority of both Boards agree to review it. Mr. Barrasso made motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Lombard. On a call for the vote, Mr. Manning voted no. Mr. Lombard and Mr. Barrasso voted yes. Motion approved.
2. **Used Car Dealer Licenses 2014:** Mr. Barrasso made a motion to approve Enzo's Nahant Garage and Seaside Auto. Seconded by Mr. Manning. Unanimous Vote in Favor
3. **Common Victualler Licenses 2014:** Mr. Manning made a motion to approve licenses for the following establishments: Functions, d/b/a Oceanview, Tides, Nahant Country Club, Goodell's Inc., d/b/a The Bayside, Nahant Knights of Columbus Building Assoc, d/b/a Nahant Knights of

Columbus, Seaside Pizza, Dunkin' Donuts Café, and Kelley Greens. Seconded by Mr. Barrasso. Unanimous Vote in Favor.

- 4. Entertainment Licenses 2014:** Mr. Barrasso made a motion to approve the licenses for the following establishments: Nahant Knights of Columbus, Nahant Country Club, Functions, Inc., d/b/a Oceanview, Goodell's, Inc., d/b/a The Bayside, Tides at Nahant, Inc. and Kelley Greens at Nahant, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Manning. Unanimous Vote in Favor.
- 5. Liquor Licenses 2014:** Mr. Manning made a motion to approve the licenses for the following establishments: Nahant Country Club, Nahant Knights of Columbus Building Association Inc, Goodell's Inc, d/b/a/ Bayside Restaurant, Functions, Inc., d/b/a Oceanview, R & C Convenience Store, Inc., d/b/a Seaside Variety, Tides at Nahant, Inc. and Kelley Greens at Nahant Inc. Seconded by Mr. Barrasso. Unanimous Vote in Favor.
- 6. Extended New Years Eve Extended Hours:** Mr. Barrasso made a motion to approve 2:00 AM opening on January 1, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Manning. Unanimous Vote in Favor.
- 7. Town Accountant's Contract:** Mr. Manning made a move to take the contract under advisement and delay consideration to the next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Barrasso. Unanimous Vote in Favor.
- 8. Appointment to Historical Commission:** Mr. Bisignani stated that he would like to appoint Mark Cullinan to the Historical Commission because of a recent resignation. Mr. Manning moved to approve the appointment made by the Town Administrator, effective immediately. Seconded by Mr. Barrasso. Unanimous Vote in Favor.
- 9. FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant:** Mr. Bisignani announced that FEMA had awarded a \$30,875.00 grant for a new exhaust system for Fire Department. Estimated cost is \$32,500 leaving a \$1,625 match to be funded by the Town. He recognized Austin Antrim for driving the grant process. Mr. Manning cited him in being instrumental in the grant for the new ladder truck as well. The Board all applauded him for his extra efforts.
- 10. Follow-up Items:** Mr. Bisignani reported that the fence at NLSS was replaced. The storm damaged lights at Veterans Park will be replaced with FEMA funds. Double poles are being eliminated, and a tally sheet of progress from National Grid was requested. Mr. Manning made a move to invite the pole players involved to BOS meeting. Seconded by Mr. Barrasso. Mr. Bisignani also stated that he was negotiating with DPW, Fire and Police on new union contracts. Budgeting is on schedule. First pass will be ready the beginning of January.
- 11. FEMA Storm Damage Funds:** Mr. Manning requested a spreadsheet showing FEMA funds applied for, approved, received and the usage plan. Mr. Bisignani will provide and also stated that the Town applied for \$653,000 in Wharf and Boat ramp repairs, and he is confident approval will be received.
- 12. New Business:** Gretchen Benkert, resident brought up a letter she sent to BOS expressing concerns about Spindrift construction, access, and fire drills. Mr. Lombard stated she should direct her complaints to the Nahant Housing Authority, the elected body responsible for addressing her concerns. Richard D'Orlando, resident also spoke requesting consideration of her concerns.
- 13. Announced:** Winter Parking Ban in effect 12/21/13 to 3/20/13. Annual Census will be mailed at the end of the month, and Mr. Lombard stated it was very important all residents return them. Mr. Lombard also thanked all Town employees for their hard work and wished all a Merry Christmas.

**Adjourned** at 08:49 pm. On a motion by Mr. Barrasso, seconded by Mr. Manning, it was a Unanimous Vote in Favor to adjourn.

The minutes were prepared by Mary Ellen Schumann, Administrative Assistant.

The minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 9th day of January 2014.

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