

Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes
06 March 2014 7:30pm

Present:

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

Also present: William Scarpatti, FST Eng.

Meeting Opened at 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Richard Lombard. Mr. Lombard welcomed all.

Opening Remarks: Mr. Lombard stated the DPW Superintendent submitted his resignation letter.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Barrasso to approve the 02/27/14 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Manning. Unanimous Vote in Favor.

Ongoing Business:

- a. **Citizen's Forum-:**
- b. **Five -Year Pavement Plan:** Mr. Scarpatti of Fay, Spofford and Thorndike Engineering reviewed the current 5 year pavement plan stating that it may need to be updated due recently completed work to the streets and additional new information. After a brief discussion, Mr. Barrasso made a motion to postpone briefly future road work, and have the Town Administrator enter into an agreement with FST to review the current plan, contract and act as quality control for any future road work. Seconded by Mr. Manning it was a Unanimous Vote in Favor. On a motion by Mr. Manning, Seconded by Mr. Barrasso, it was a Unanimous Vote in Favor to have the Town Administrator send a list of streets that will be worked on in the next two years to local electric gas and other utilities so they may schedule their work accordingly.
- c. **Discuss Sign at Entrance to Town:** Mr. Bisignani presented the Board with a picture of a sign from another community as an example and asked the Board for specific direction. The Board suggested he contact both professional sign contractors and respective Town Committees for their input. Mr. Manning asked and the Board agreed that if the Town decides not to reuse the old Welcome to Nahant Sign, That it be given to the Nahant Historical Society or Nahant Preservation Trust

Town Administrator Report:

a. Appointments:

On a motion by Mr. Barrasso, seconded by Mr. Manning, there was a Unanimous Vote in Favor to approve the appointment by the Town Administrator of Danny Gauvain as step 2 skilled laborer to the DPW effective March 3, 2014.

On a motion by Mr. Manning, seconded by Mr. Barrasso, there was a Unanimous Vote in Favor to approve the appointment by the Town Administrator of Bob Cusack to the Community Preservation Committee effective March 6, 2014.

- b. Discuss Compost Site:** The Town Administrator asked for discussion on the future direction of the work in the compost area. Mr. Manning pointed out that the Advisory and Finance Committee is questioning both the operational manpower requirements and the equipment rental and material removal costs and how they would be financed. The Town Administrator stated that he had options but no plan. Mr. Lombard questioned why he did not have a plan. On a motion by Mr. Barrasso, seconded by Mr. Manning, it was a Unanimous Vote in Favor to have the Town Administrator to solicit some bids for the removal of the current non compostable material on site. The discussion continued on the linkage between the costs associated with cleaning up the compost area and the increases in the trash fee. Mr. Bisignani stated that he would endeavor to identify other funds to complete the work in the compost area by the next meeting and then the question of which articles can be funded may be answered.
- c. Updated Warrant:** Mr. Bisignani stated there were minor changes to several Articles and there will be an additional article added for Fiber Optic cable connection to the Fire House and Police Station for ambulance and fire dispatch for an approximate amount of \$87,000.
- d. Discuss Water Main at Nectar Place:** Mr. Bisignani stated he received a report from Coughlin Environmental stating the water main at Nectar Place should be replaced by next winter.
- e. Discuss Surplus Equipment Bid:** On a motion by Mr. Barrasso, seconded by Manning it was a Unanimous Vote in favor to declare the listed items as surplus and to authorize the Town Administrator to dispose of the listed equipment by bid auction and to require to report back to the Board on the receipts from the auction when completed.
- f. Discuss Open Meeting Law Complaint:** Mr. Bisignani stated he received the findings of the Attorney General regarding the open meeting complaint of December 10, 2013 explaining the complaint has been addressed and resolved.

Town Counsel Report:

- a. None

New Business:

a. Approve Charles Kelley Scholarship Date:

On a motion by Mr. Barrasso, seconded by Mr. Manning, there was a Unanimous Vote in Favor for this application deadline for the Charles Kelley Scholarship to be April 4, 2014.

b. Causeway Sign – 35 mph before Wilson Road at entrance to town

Mr. Manning requested that the Town Administrator request the Causeway Project resident engineer to place a 35 mph speed limit sign on the causeway approximately 500 feet before the turn at Wilson Road.

Announcements:

Adjourned at 09:52 pm. On a motion by Mr. Barrasso, seconded by Mr. Manning there was a Unanimous Vote in Favor to adjourn.

The minutes were prepared by Mary Lowe, Administrative Assistant.

The minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 20th day of March 2014.

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