

Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes
11 December 2014 7:30

Present:

Perry Barrasso, Chairman
Michael P. Manning, Vice Chairman
Richard J. Lombard, Secretary
Mark Cullinan, Interim Town Administrator
Charles H. Riley, Town Counsel

Also Present: John Jankoski, National Grid

Meeting Opened at 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Mr. Barrasso

Mr. Barrasso welcomed all to the meeting.

Opening Remarks: Mr. Lombard thanked the DPW for their efforts during the storm. He also commended “01908” volunteers for the tree lighting ceremony. Mr. Manning and Mr. Barrasso also thanked “01908”.

Approval of November 20, 2014 minutes: Mr. Manning made a motion to adopt the minutes with typos corrected. Mr. Lombard seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor to approve minutes.

National Grid Petition: Mr. Barrasso took the agenda out of order to introduce Mr. Jankoski from National Grid. Mr. Jankowski presented a petition to install a 7’ x 14’ two way manhole and 30’ PVC Conduit @ 10 Ward Road Substation to improve reliability of electricity to Nahant. Mr. Lombard made a motion to approve the petition as presented. Mr. Manning seconded for discussion and expressed concern about the location of gravity lines. Mr. Cullinan stated lines would not interfere. Dig safe will be called. Mr. Barrasso asked for a vote on the petition. All voted Aye. Unanimous vote to approve.

Citizens Forum: Mr. Manning made a motion for BOS consider moving the Citizen’s Forum to an “as needed” basis. Citizens can go to the Town Administrator first with issues and then if unresolved, attend citizen’s forum. Mr. Lombard seconded for discussion. He likes the open forum. Mr. Barrasso wants to leave the open forum but noted that citizens do not have to wait for BOS meetings but can go to Town Administrator if need be. Mr. Barrasso called for a vote to change the citizen’s forum. Mr. Manning: Aye Mr. Lombard Nay. Mr. Barrasso Nay. No change to citizen’s forum.

Town Administrator Report

Sharon Kishida – DEP Technical Assistance Grant: Mr. Cullinan stated the Town has a grant for technical assistance to review our rubbish options as our contract with Northside Carting expires at the end of this fiscal year. He has asked Sharon Kishida, our local DEP expert, to look at the following options. First we should send out RFPs for our current system – recycling and rubbish but with tipping fee segregated. This could be from one contractor or we could use separate contractors for pick-up and disposal. Second option would be a flat fee for two 35 gallon barrels for trash and recycling with additional bags/stickers purchased. We will consider using same contractor as Swampscott as their contract is also up at end of fiscal year. We would have separate contracts. Mr. Manning asked that we look at all options – one barrel flat fee as well.

DOR – Local Services Division Draft: Mr. Cullinan presented a draft letter to DOR asking them to review our policies and procedures. Mr. Manning had written the letter, and Mr. Cullinan had edited it. Mr. Manning made a motion that the Board take it under review and forward comments to Mr. Cullinan. Mr. Lombard seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

Approve Kelley Greens 2015 fees: Mr. Cullinan presented calendar year 2015 fees and recommended approving them. The fees same as current except for 9 hole replay fee increased \$1.00. Mr. Lombard made a motion to approve 2015 Kelley Greens fees. Mr. Manning seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor. Discussion ensued about the need for capital planning. A two month abatement is given to Kelley Greens annually to be used for capital improvements but it is often used for piecemeal repairs. A master plan is needed. Mr. Cullinan will meet with new Open Space and Recreation Committee for their input to coordinate a master plan.

Town Counsel Report:

Update on vacate properties: Mr. Lombard called a meeting last week with building inspector, police chief, and fire captain, DPW, and Health Inspector about vacant properties.

25 Furbush Road: Mr. Riley spoke with the executrix and she will be putting the property up for sale.

41 Seaview Avenue: Mr. Riley read a letter addressed to owner's representative in Colorado asking them to bring the property up to code or the Town will demolish the building. Kevin Duran is still the owner and the taxes are paid. The representative will bring it to the attention of higher-ups and respond.

57 Breezy Hill Terrace: Bank of America foreclosed on the property. Attorneys in charge of the foreclosure will get a Bank of America contact next week. If no response, Mr. Riley will have the Police Chief contact Bank of America.

New Business

Recycling: Mr. Barrasso asked Mr. Cullinan to investigate why Northside Carting is missing a number of recycling pickups in the last several weeks.

Closing Announcements:

Santa Parade Fundraiser: Saturday, December 13, 2014 Tides 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Santa Parade: Saturday, December 20, kick off at 5:45 pm from Village Church

Adjourned at 08:34. On a motion by Mr. Manning seconded by Mr. Lombard, 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 18th day of December, 2014.

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