

Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Agenda
20 March 2014 7:30pm

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

Also present: Fire Chief Ed Hyde, Police Chief Bob Dwyer, Paul Boudreau, President of All-Comm, Gretchen Benkert, State Representative Steve Walsh and State Senator Tom McGee, Assistant Treasure/Collector Kathi Kougiouis

1. Meeting Opening (7:30 p.m.)
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Lombard.
 - b. Opening Comments: Mr. Manning shared a thank you letter from the Doran Family to the DPW for their help during a difficult time. The Board recognized Tom McGee and Steve Walsh for their dedication to Nahant and the causeway project.
 - c. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Barrasso to approve the 03/20/14 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Manning. Unanimous Vote in Favor.

The agenda was taken out of order to discuss the warrant:

Discussion on Warrant: New Article 23(Fiber Optic Network Upgrade)-After Mr. Boudreau's explanation of the upgrade and input from Chief Hyde and Chief Dwyer, Mr. Barrasso made a motion to include an article in the warrant asking for full funding of approximately \$58,000 on this project. Seconded by Mr. Manning. Unanimous Vote in Favor.

Article 25. New wording was presented for the article to appropriate \$80,000 for cleaning and removing material from the compost area. The Board discussed and approved the new wording.

Article 26. (Compost Area) and Proposed FY15 Rubbish Collection Fee. There was significant discussion on the current level of the trash fee and the rate it was increasing. Mr. Lombard indicated to the Town Administrator that he needed to act promptly to increase management of this spiraling fee. The submission of the article as worded, voted unanimously. Setting the trash fee was deferred until after the Annual Town meeting. A state consultant will meet shortly with the Town Administrator to discuss ways to reduce solid waste generation and adopt incentive fees.

2. Ongoing Business

a. Citizen Forum – No

b. Entrance to Town Sign: A motion was made by Mr. Barrasso, Seconded by Mr. Manning to accept the recommendation of the Town Administrator and Garden Club for the design of the Welcome to Nahant sign. Unanimous vote in favor. Mr. Manning extended compliments to the Nahant Garden Club and the Beautification committee for the excellent work.

3. Town Administrator Report

a. Discussion on New Medex Health Plan for Retirees-After a brief discussion with Kathi Kougias, Asst Treasurer/Collector, A motion was made by Mr. Manning to adopt the proposed Med Ex 2/Medicare Rx at a cost of \$321.40 per retiree per month effective July 1, 2014 as recommended by the Town Administrator and the Health Insurance Advisory Committee. Seconded by Mr. Barrasso. Unanimous Vote in Favor. Mr. Manning and Mr. Barrasso thanked Ms. Kougias and the remainder of the committee for their timely action to save both the Town and each retiree a significant amount of money.

b. Snow and Ice Deficit, MGL Chapter 44 Section 31D on a motion made by Mr. Manning, Seconded by Mr. Barrasso, it was a unanimous vote in favor to approve the deficit spending under chapter 44 section 31D for snow and ice removal in the amount of \$60,000 for FY14.

4. Town Counsel Report

a. Mr. Riley stated that the violation notices are in and there will be an additional meeting at the Town Hall for all of the inspectional service officers on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 9:00 am. Violation Notice: On a motion by Mr. Barrasso, seconded by Mr. Manning, there was a unanimous vote in favor of approving the form of the new citation for violation of local bylaws by non-criminal disposition as approved at the last Annual Town meeting.

5. New Business (as may arise)

a. Mr. Manning made a motion to approve a revision as follows: **ARTICLE 31. (Continue Committees)** To see if the Town will vote to continue the standing committees to June 30, 2015: Community Preservation Committee, Cable TV Advisory Committee, Veterans Memorial Committee, Sailing Committee, Cemetery Advisory Committee, Tennis Committee, Town Owned Land Study Committee, Military Housing Design and Development Committee, Nahant Alternative Energy Committee, Golf Course Management Advisory Committee, and to reconstitute the Open Space Management and Land Acquisition Committee as the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee, with five members, jointly appointed to one year terms by the Moderator and the Board of Selectmen, and to have goals and objectives as delineated in the State Executive Office of Environmental Affairs website for such

municipal committees, or take any other action relative thereto. Seconded by Mr. Barrasso. Unanimous Vote in Favor.

b. Mr. Bisignani reported that he had a volunteer for the Open Space Committee and that he had recently appointed a committee to select a new Superintendant of Public Works.

c. Mr. Bisignani reported the Transportation Committee had favorably reported on the Transportation Bond Bill which included \$480,000 for Tudor Wharf. He will await passage and work with the Seaport Advisory Committee to ensure completion of the necessary repairs.

6. Board of Health

a. None

7. Closing Announcements/Adjourn

Mr. Lombard read the announcements as presented.

a. Charles Kelley Scholarship Deadline-4/4/14

b. 01908 Day-4/12/14

c. Mr. Manning made a motion to proclaim the month of April as "Donate Life" month along with the Lions Club. Seconded by Mr. Barrasso. Unanimous Vote in Favor.

d. Mr. Manning also proposed changing the wording in the current wording in the Warrant on the Community Preservation Committee to read exactly as worded in the warrant last year. Seconded by Mr. Barrasso. Unanimous vote in favor.

e. Motion to close warrant. On a motion by Mr. Barrasso, seconded by Mr. Manning, there was a unanimous vote in favor of closing the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

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 3rd day of April 2014.

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