

Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes
19, March, 2015 7:30PM

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: Ken Carangelo, Carl Easton, Jen McCarthy, Jeff Musman, Colleen O’Leary, Michael Quigley, Dave Walsh, Jim Ward-all members of the Town Administrator Search Committee; Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator candidate, and residents of Maolis and Cliff Street.

Meeting Opened at 7:30 pm

Mr. Barrasso welcomed all to the meeting.

Opening Remarks: Mr. Manning thanked the Town Administrator Search Committee and Mark Cullinan. Mr. Lombard also praised the work of the committee and the excellence job Mark Cullinan has done in the interim. He also welcomed Jeff Chelgren. Mr. Barrasso announced Jim Cashman’s passing and praised him as a gentlemen and man of great integrity and service to the Town.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Mr. Manning made a motion to approve the 3/5/15 minutes and 3/5/15 executive session minutes and the 3/12/15 minutes with the following correction: The firefighter who was cited for aiding a citizen was Austin Antrim not Joshua Mahoney.

Citizens Forum: Residents of Maolis Road: Susan Tracey, Jerry Alimenti, Lauren Sherlock, Sarah Christie, Thomas Peterson, Anne Spirn, Mark O’Malley, and Susan Casseviso requested that the chip sealing surfacing on Maolis Road be removed and repaved. Laura Erlich of Cliff Street also spoke. The consensus is that the surface is harmful to pets, and rough so that wheelchairs, bikes, skateboards, strollers, and children cannot move/play on it. Mr. Manning made a motion to have Mr. Scarpati of FST who manages the pavement plan for the Town to inspect and give his evaluation. Mr. Lombard seconded for discussion. He feels paving should be immediate. Mr. Lombard made a new motion to remove and hot top immediately. Mr. Barrasso made a motion to have engineer review and make recommendations at April 2 meeting. Mr. Manning seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

Town Administrator Report

Town Administrator Discussion: Mr. Cullinan stated that he received a letter from Sean Fitzgerald withdrawing himself from consideration for Town Administrator position. He presented the contract. Although the final report from the Search Consultant is not ready yet, he heartily recommend approving the contract with Jeff Chelgren. Mr. Lombard made a motion to approve the contract for Jeff Chelgren subject to submission of final report of the Search Consultant. Mr. Manning seconded the motion. He noted the modification to the contract with the salary year one of \$104,850 – budgeted amount and \$115,850 year two – then thereafter not to be less than the % increase of union/nonunion employees. Unanimous vote in favor to approve Jeff Chelgren’s contract. Mr. Cullinan offered his help in the transition. Mr. Chelgren thanked him and stated he would work 100% for the Town of Nahant.

FY16 Budget and Warrant: Mr. Cullinan stated there are no major changes. Town meeting should go smoothly. He thanked Brendan Ward and the Finance and Advisory Committee.

Town Counsel Report: None

Old Business:

Parking Stickers: Mr. Manning stated that parking stickers are available online. The process is simple and takes a week start to finish so plan accordingly. Mr. Lombard wants the stickers available at Town Hall especially for seniors. Mr. Barrasso explained that there is a form available at Town Hall for residents to fill out and pay at Town Hall and then have the stickers mailed to them. Mr. Lombard made a motion to have stickers available at Town Hall immediately as in the past. Second: Nay. Nay. Motion Failed

New Business:

Town Hall Hours Complaint: Mr. Barrasso read an email from a resident complaining that the new Town Hall hours; open at 7:30 am but closed on Thursday evenings, does not allow him access. Mr. Barrasso said this was the only complaint since the February 1 change. Treasurer's office states that there is more traffic in AM now than there ever was on Thursday evenings. Mr. Barrasso will continue to monitor.

Approve Lobster Trap Leases: Mr. Lombard made a motion to approve the 12 lobster trap storage leases as presented. Mr. Manning seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor of approving the lobster trap leases.

Earl Hanson One Pitch Tournament: Mr. Barrasso read a letter requesting approval for 12th annual "One Pitch" Tournament to benefit the Hanson family – Saturday June 27. Mr. Lombard made a motion to approve the Tournament. Mr. Manning seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor. Mr. Manning made a motion to send a letter to the Little League informing them so there is no double booking of the fields. Mr. Lombard seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

Approve Annual Town Report Covers: Mr. Manning made a motion to approve the covers. Mr. Manning seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

Approve Snow & Ice Expenditure: Mr. Manning made a motion to approve payment of liabilities for snow and ice removal pursuant to Chapter 44 S31D in the amount of \$230,000. Mr. Lombard seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

Adjourn: Mr. Barrasso made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lombard seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.

The minutes were prepared by Mary Ellen Schumann, Administrative Assistant

The minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 2nd day of April, 2015.