

**Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen**

**Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2016 7:30pm**

**Michael P. Manning, Chairman, present via Skype
Richard J. Lombard, Vice Chairman
Frank Barile, Secretary
Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator**

Also present: Dan Skrip, general counsel
Austin Antrim, resident and full time firefighter
Sharon Hawkes, Librarian
2 unidentified persons in audience

1. Meeting Opening 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Lombard.

- a. Opening Comments Mr. Lombard stated the last scheduled meeting was cancelled and took the opportunity to remember Mr. Steeves who recently passed away and each member recalled fond memories of him.
- b. Approved Prior Minutes of January 21, 2016. On a motion by Mr. Lombard, seconded by Mr. Barile it was a unanimous vote in favor.

2. Ongoing Business

- a. Citizen's Forum--None

3. Town Administrator Report

- a. Fire Chief contract – Authorization to Sign (introduce new Chief)-Mr. Chelgren stated a re-vote was needed to confirm the town administrator's recommendation to hire Michael Feinberg as the new fire chief and to approve and sign the proposed contract.

On a motion by Mr. Barile, seconded by Mr. Manning for discussion: Mr. Manning stated that he voted against this recommendation initially and will vote against this motion again today stating all candidates were well qualified but wanted to see a town resident to be approved for this position. Mr. Lombard stated his disappointment on this decision. Mr. Lombard stated the applicant turned down the proposal citing the salary was too low and the next candidate accepted. Voted: Lombard-Aye, Barile-Aye, and Manning-Nay to confirm the recommendation of the Town Administrator to hire Michael Feinberg as the new Nahant Fire Chief. The motion carries

On a motion by Mr. Barile, seconded by Mr. Lombard it was voted: Lombard-Aye, Barile-Aye Manning-Nay, the motion carries to approve the fire chief contract between

Michael Feinberg and the Town and that the Selectmen and Town Administrator sign and execute said document.

- b. Town Administrator Budget Presentation – Mr. Chelgren stated the FinCom is in the process of reviewing the budget presented to them. Mr. Chelgren briefly summarized it for the Board.
- c. Annual Town Meeting Warrant – Article review and vote to set warrant (send to Fin. Com.)-On a motion by Mr. Barile, seconded by Mr. Manning it was a unanimous vote in favor to set the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, as presented, and to send it to the Finance Committee to begin taking positions. Mr. Barile stated a new petition has been presented. Mr. Manning stated it was past the due date and should not be accepted. On a motion by Mr. Barile, seconded by Mr. Manning for discussion: Mr. Manning stated he will vote no because the petition was filed after the due date of January 31, 2016 and should not be included in the warrant. It was voted Lombard-Aye, Barile-Aye, Manning-Nay to include the new petition as presented into the warrant.
- d. Snow and Ice – Authorization to exceed appropriation (added \$30,000) On a motion by Mr. Barile, seconded by Mr. Manning, it was a unanimous vote in favor to authorize, in accordance with MGL 44, Section 31D, the deficit spending of the FY2016 snow and ice appropriation by the sum of \$50,000 (for a total of \$70,000), subject to an affirmative vote of the Finance and Advisory Committee.
- e. Approved Library – Use Request for Town Hall, Thurs. March 24th – 6-9 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Barile, seconded by Mr. Lombard, it was a unanimous vote in favor to approve the event request of the library as presented.
- f. Coast Guard Housing process update-None
- g. Abandon Housing and Tax Title – Update-Mr. Chelgren updated the Board regarding the abandoned houses and stated progress is being made, however, slowly.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

- a. Approved Third Annual Lynn YMCA 5K Road Race – Sat, May 21, 2016 at 8:30a-On a motion by Mr. Barile, seconded by Mr. Manning, it was a unanimous vote in favor to approve the Y 5k road race as presented.
- 6. Closing Announcements-None-**A resident from Fox Hill Rd requested a copy of the School Department Budget. Mr. Chelgren stated it at the FinCom now and is changing continually and should check the website for updates.
- 7. Adjourn-**On a motion by Mr. Barile, seconded by Mr. it was a unanimous vote in favor to adjourn at 8:08 pm

Meeting minutes prepared by: Mary Lowe, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by vote of the Board of Selectmen on the 3rd day of March, 2016.

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