

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

**Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2016 7:00pm**

**Richard J. Lombard, Chairman
Frank Barile, Vice Chairman
Chesley R. Taylor Jr., Secretary
Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator**

1. Meeting Opening 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Lombard

- a. **Approve Prior Minutes of October 4, and October 6, 2016.** Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Barile seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.
- b. **Recognition of Paul Caira and Community Gardeners** The entire Board of Selectmen, past Town Administrator, Mark Cullinan, former Town Administrator Perry Barrasso, and teacher Terri Brown thanked Mr. Caira for all his community service and his volunteers: Cindy Dalpe, Helene Rossert, Jim Dolan, Maureen Sharkey, and Tom Mazzaferro and Elaine Caira.

2. New Business

- a. **Investigation under MGL Chpt. 41, Sec. 23B** Mr. Cullinan started to discuss the investigation of issues under his term as Town Administrator. Mr. Lombard stopped him. He does not want to discuss the matter in open session until after the investigation is made. Mr. Barile stated they needed to vote on whether to authorize the review/investigation before discussion. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize an investigation of budget expenditures within various departments under the authorization granted by Mass. General Law Chapter 41, Section 23B Mr. Barile seconded for discussion and asked for a roll call vote. Mr. Barile – Yes. Mr. Taylor Yes. Mr. Lombard Yes. Unanimous vote to go forward with the investigation.

Mr. Cullinan recommended that before the investigation begins, that he meet with the Board, and auditors individually or collectively before they decide to go forward. Mr. Lombard made a motion to rescind the previous vote to go forward with the investigation. Mr. Barile seconded for discussion. Mr. Barile voted No – Mr. Taylor voted No – Mr. Lombard voted Yes to rescind the previous motion to proceed with the investigation. Motion to rescind failed 2-1.

Mr. Taylor made a motion that after the investigation was over, with hard core findings, to meet with Mr. Cullinan, Town Counsel, Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen to discuss findings. Mr. Barile seconded the vote with the amendment that only Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel meet with Mr. Cullinan to review findings. Mr. Taylor amended his original motion to include only Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel with Mr. Cullinan to discuss findings. Mr. Taylor voted yes. Mr. Barile voted yes. Mr. Lombard voted no. Motion carried 2-1.

3. Ongoing Business

- a. Citizen's Forum - None
- b. Town Clerk – Mrs. Barile announced early voting schedule.

4. Town Administrator Report

- a. **Approve One Day Liquor License Nahant Veterans Assoc** Mr. Barile made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the issuance of a one-day, all-alcohol liquor license for the Nahant Veterans Association for the November 11, 2016 Veterans Day ceremony and fund raising dinner at the Nahant Life Saving Station from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. and 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.
- b. **Approve Essential Media – Documentary Film** Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Use Request Form for Essential Media and Entertainment for the use of East Point/Lodge Park for the filming of a documentary on either November 2 or 3, 2016 between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Barile. Unanimous vote in favor.
- c. **DPW Director – Confirmation of hire** Mr. Barile made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to confirm the Town Administrator's recommended hire of Dennis Ball as the new DPW Director effective immediately. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

5. Old Business

- a. **Coast Guard Housing Committee** Mr. Lombard thanked the Committee for their efforts. Mr. Barrasso as chair of the committee looks forward to working with the BOS as they move forward. At previous BOS meeting, the Board voted to submit an article in the April warrant to sell the units as is individually. Ms. C Kendall expressed confusion over the vote at Special Town meeting and asked that consideration be given to other options. Discussion – “overlay district” was defeated at Special Town Meeting – not the proposal. Mr. Mark Cullinan explained that prior Town Meeting vote still stands to develop the units and they should consider the CGH Committee's recommendation. Mr. Taylor made a motion to solicit input from everyone during open forum. Mr. Barile seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.
- b. **Golf Course Committee Appointments** Mr. Barile made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint to the Golf Course Committee the following members: Jennifer McCarthy, Daniel Kane, Peter Fitzpatrick, Daniel Fiore, James O'Connor, Joanne Dunn, Bobby Silva (newly appointed) Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

6. Closing Announcements

- a. Fall Leaf Pickup Schedule – Mondays (starting at 7:00 a.m.) throughout November.
- b. National Police Drug Take Back Day – Oct 22 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm) Police Station

Closing Comments: Congratulations to the four Nahant Eagle Scouts who had their ceremony this past week. Mr. Carl Easton urged the Selectmen to commission a study of 40B – and Nahant's 1% land area defense. Mr. Chelgren, Mr. Barile will research it along with Mr. Easton.

7. Adjourn

On a motion by Mr. Barile, seconded by Mr. Taylor, public meeting was adjourned at 9:07 and moved to executive session

Meeting Minutes prepared by Mary Ellen Schumann, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 10th day of November, 2016.



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