

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

**Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2017 7:30pm**

**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. Barile**

- a. **Opening Comments:** Mr. Taylor complimented the Johnson School's Christmas play. Mr. Barile encouraged residents to return the Coast Guard Housing Survey with the census.

2. **Ongoing Business** Approve Prior Minutes of 12/15/2016 - Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Barile seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve.

**3. Town Administrator Report**

- a. **Approve Application of Oceanview Extension of Premises** – This item taken out of order. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Oceanview Extension of Premises Liquor License Application for 2017 to be approved by the ABCC. Mr. Barile seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve.
- b. **Budget/Annual Town Meeting Timeline Review** – Mr. Chelgren gave an overview of the budget and timeline.
- c. **Draft Warrant Articles** – Mr. Chelgren reviewed the standard annual articles and the potential articles. He presented statistics on Greenlawn Cemetery showing 11-15 more years of capacity, so the warrant article for expansion of cemetery not immediately warranted. Mr. Barile asked that the Cemetery Committee meet, review the data and confirm the statistics. Discussion of \$10,000 consulting fee for Coast Guard Housing consultant as unnecessary. Mr. Chelgren explained that it was merely a placeholder for a warrant article and needed approval of the Board.
- d. **Town Administrator Budget Presentation** – Mr. Chelgren presented preliminary budget, revenue, and capital worksheets. He stated they were very much a work in process. Department heads will present their budgets to the BOS on 1/11/16.
- e. **Rodent Control** – Mr. Chelgren said that \$4,000 has been spent in Little Nahant year to date, and A-1 recommended discontinuance of control for lack of activity until spring. Mr. Taylor made a motion to suspend rodent control until the spring and then review the rodent control needs of the entire town. Mr. Barile seconded the motion. Unanimous in favor to discontinue until spring.
- f. **Golf Course Lease Update** – Mr. Chelgren has walked through the construction being done to the building and restaurant and good progress is being made. Mr. Barile wished former lessee Mr. O'Callaghan and new lessees Mr. Moore and Mr. DeDominicas much success.
- g. **FEMA Update** – Mr. Barile stated that FEMA has accepted the towns LOMR – 52 certified letters were sent out to the property owners affected by the revision. Once received and sent to FEMA, changes will go into effect in 90 days. Mr. Barile is having informational sessions the next three Fridays to explain the changes. Most owners will see their insurance rates reduced. Next

steps will be to use FEMA's community rating system that will entitle the town to insurance discounts. Two more houses are being reviewed and then the town can take advantage of the system. Mr. Chelgren applauded Mr. Barile for all his efforts with the FEMA committee. Mr. Barile stated that it was a group effort and thanked all the committee members.

Mr. Chelgren stated that he would like to use the \$20,000 Community Compact Open Space Grant – Phase II to dredge lowlands and the golf course per Phase I. Mr. Taylor made a motion that Mr. Chelgren get a written legal opinion from Town Counsel to make sure that acceptance of \$20,000 Grant Phase II does not obligate the Board to accept the entire Open Space Plan Phase I. Mr. Barile seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor. Mr. Barile stated that the Open Space Master Plan will be presented on 1/10/17 and was available for viewing on nahant.org.

h. **Community Garden Update** – Mr. Chelgren said there are spaces available through the Library or online for plot rentals. The School, DPW, and Garden Club will be working together to manage it.

i. **Police Appointments** – Upon recommendation of Mr. Chelgren and Chief Dwyer, Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the appointment of Brian Palangi to full-time police officer. Mr. Barile seconded the motion for discussion and stated that Brian was highly recommended. Unanimous vote in favor to approve the appointment. Upon recommendation of Mr. Chelgren and Chief Dwyer, Mr. Barile made a motion to approve the appointment of Joseph McCarthy as Reserve Police Officer. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve the appointment.

#### 4. Old Business – None

5. **New Business** – Public Health Nurse wanted. Mr. Taylor read the ad for public health nurse and thanked Ann Hudson who resigned for a full-time position.

Mr. Taylor officially thanked Mr. Barile for all his hard work on the FEMA committee.

6. **Closing Announcements** – Town Hall will be closed on 1/16/17 for Martin Luther King Day. Winter Parking Ban in effect 12/21/16 – 3/20/17 from 12:00 AM to 6:00 AM.

Mr. Taylor read a letter from Bill Szczawinski commending Lt. Palumbo and Firefighter Barreda for their conduct after a recent fall.

Mr. Barile requested putting “Ocean Rescue” and “Fire Station Architectural Study” on the next agenda.

#### 7. Adjourn

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Barile, meeting was adjourned at 8:26

Meeting Minutes prepared by Mary Ellen Schumann, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 19th day of January 2017.

  
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