

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

**Meeting Minutes
January 19, 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. Barile offered condolences to Mr. Lombard and family on the death of their sister Maureen. Mr. Taylor offered condolences to the Alessi family on the death of their mother Barbara.
- b. **Approve Prior Minutes** of 01/5/2017 and release executive session minutes of 7/20/16, 8/3/16, and 8/9/16 – Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/5/17 and release the minutes of 7/20/16, 8/3/16, and 8/9/16 Mr. Barile seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

2. Ongoing Business

- a. **Citizen's Forum - Auction** (January 24th at Noon) – property at 25 Furbush. Roz Puleo, speaking for Nahant Preservation Trust, SWIM, and Mass Audubon wants to see the land preserved and will bid on it. Ben Zack, 18 Furbush Road resident also like to see it preserved as open space. Mr. Chelgren explained that deed restrictions on the purchase would prevent development. Mr. Clark from Furbush Road thanked the Selectmen for the auction and preserving open space.

3. Town Administrator Report

- a. **Forty Steps Revetment Project** – Mr. Coughlin, project engineer, gave an overview of the project. \$579,000 total with MEMA grant for 75% and town portion \$144,000. Aim is to develop a permanent solution to erosion of the slope at Forty Steps that would undermine the road and utilities. Three year project – Phase I is design and permitting. Phase II is construction which should start in the fall of 2017.
- b. **FY2018 Budget Presentation** – Mr. Chelgren presented a balanced budget with revenues exceeding expenditures for the first time in years and asked for a vote to send to FinCom. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to send to the Finance Committee the FY2018 Balanced Budget in order that the FY2018 Budget Development Process can be started. The budget, however, continues under review by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator and any resulting changes will be forwarded to the Finance Committee for consideration. Mr. Barile seconded for discussion. Mr. Taylor would like to wait until the full board is in attendance. Mr. Chelgren stated that sending to FinCom started their budget review but that changes could be made. Unanimous vote in favor to send to FinCom.
- c. **Annual Town Meeting Warrant** – Mr. Chelgren reviewed the draft warrant articles. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board of selectmen vote to Close the April 29, 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as follows:
January 20, 2017 – Closed for submittal of articles by Town Boards, Committees and Staff; and

January 30, 2017 – Closed for submittal of articles by the general public. Mr. Barile seconded for discussion. Mr. Taylor wanted clarification that the Board can add to the warrant at any time before it closes for printing. Mr. Chelgren confirmed this. Unanimous vote in favor to close the warrant.

d. **Ocean Rescue** – Mr. Barile made a motion to suspend Ocean Rescue for the winter. Mr. Taylor seconded for discussion. Mr. Barile stated that there was insufficient training and certification and better equipment was needed. Mr. Chelgren asked that the Board wait for Chief Feinberg. Vote called. Unanimous vote in favor to suspend Ocean Rescue for the winter.

e. **Snow and Ice – Authorization to exceed appropriation** - Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize the Town Administrator to exceed the Snow and Ice Budget by an additional \$50,000, increasing the overall authorization to a total of \$70,000. Mr. Barile seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

4. Old Business

a. **Wharf Wall** – Mr. Barile asked if the granite stones being removed will be replaced. Mr. Chelgren stated they would be.

b. **Trash** – Mr. Barile would like trash pickup monitored. Mr. Chelgren will contact Waste Management.

c. **Open Space Master Plan** – Mr. Taylor received a ruling from Town Counsel that if the Town dredges Lowlands with grant money as part of Phase I of OSMP, that it does not obligate the Board to accept all the plan. Discussion of flooding and fixes. Mr. Barile would like to see some of the grant money to go to repairs of catch basins and restore drainage to Fox Hill area.

5. Closing Announcements

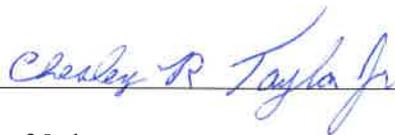
a. CG Housing Surveys – Due back Feb. 3, 2017

6. New Business

a. **Executive Session** – Mr. Taylor made a motion to move to executive estate for the purpose of negotiations and personnel issues, not to return to open session. Seconded by Mr. Barile. Unanimous vote in favor to move to executive session.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Mary Ellen Schumann, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 2nd day of February 2017.



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