

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

**Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2017 7:30pm**

**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 Moderator Dave Conlin

- a. **Opening Comments** – Mr. Barile thanked N. Granese & Sons and DPW for performance during recent sewer main breaks. Mr. Taylor invited the residents to come to town meeting to support the Board as they begin the process of selling Coast Guard housing units as single family homes.
 - b. **Approve minutes** of 4/6/17 & 4/8/17 – Mr. Barile made a motion to approve minutes of 4/6/15. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve. 4/8/17 minutes need editing.
- 2. Citizens Forum** - Resident Dan Perepilitza raised question about public usage during Tudor Wharf boat slip construction. Mr. Lombard stated work will start 5/15/17 and finish 7/1/17. Slip will be closed. Mr. Barile won't sign revised contract without a penalty clause. He wants contractor and engineer to appear before next BOS meeting. Mr. Conlin stated many boaters launch boats after 5/15/17 and with tall ships in June, it's important to have boats in the water. Mr. Chelgren will put together details and discuss at 5/4/17 meeting.
- 3. Moderators Meeting** – Dave Conlin, FinCom, Attorney Dan Skrip, Town Clerk Peggy Barile, Carl Easton for CPC and Richard Snyder for Planning Board reviewed the articles to determine type of vote and any potential contentious issues. The following articles had discussion.
- a. **Article 8** – Ambulance Enterprise – FinCom recommends postponing article – Fire Chief supports it. Discussion expected.
 - b. **Article 9** – CG Housing – Rescind vote. Mr. Conlin stated if 2008 vote was majority vote than rescind vote must be the same. Mr. Chelgren and Mr. Skrip will investigate.
 - c. **Article 10** – CG Housing – Sale – FinCom recommends indefinite postponement – BOS support it. Debate/discussion expected.
 - d. **Article 13** – Omnibus – FinCom and BOS budgets differ. FinCom did not support Asst. Treasurer/Collector position and DPW position. FinCom cutting costs by eliminating positions through attrition. BOS will defend these positions on meeting floor.
 - e. **Article 33** – Community Preservation –
 - a) **33Q** – Open Space – Matching funds for demolition of 25 Furbush. Mr. Ward states there has been opposition on Facebook
 - b) **33R** – Life Saving Station study – Mr. Taylor has heard opposition about spending \$10,000 for design study. Mr. Easton explained study is needed because drawings required because of the complex historical nature of the building.
 - f. **Article 35 – Zoning** – Mr. Snyder explained the ordinance was to preserve local input into future development in Nahant. It allows town site plan review to modify future proposals.
 - g. **Article 36 – Storm Water Bylaw** – Mr. Snyder explained this merely adds specific language that was missing to bylaw that passed in 2015 according to Attorney General's office.

h. Continue Committees – Discussion of need for continuation of Coast Guard Housing Committee. Committee make-up defined by 2005 town meeting but members can be changed. Committee still needed. This lead back to article 9 & 10. Which previous vote to rescind – 2005 town meeting, 2008 town meeting or 2008 special town meeting. Mr. Skrip will review. Mr. Conlin recommended FinCom and BOS further refine and define “dispose of” in Article 10 to avoid prolonged discussion and questions on the town meeting floor.

Mr. Conlin thanked all for their preparation and hard work. He feels with modification on Coast Guard Housing motions they could finish by 5:30 – 6:00pm. All left and back to regular BOS meeting

- i. **Charles Kelley Scholarship** – Mr. Barile made a motion to increase the scholarship from \$500 to \$1,000. Mr. Taylor seconded for discussion. Selection is a blind vote. All agreed to make it \$1,000 starting this year. Unanimous vote in favor.
- j. **Sewer Break** – update/overview – Mr. Chelgren explained Willow Rd and Lynnway sewer breaks cost approximately \$270,000. Mr. Barile stated catch basin put on top of sewer main on Lynnway and town should pursue insurance or the state for reimbursement.
- k. **Event Request** – Johnson School – 6th grade moving on. 6/20/17 at 6:00 PM – Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Barile seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve.

4. Old Business - None

5. New Business


- a. Executive Session – Postponed until 5/4/17.

6. Closing Announcements – Mr. Lombard stressed the importance of getting the Coast Guard Housing articles correct and clear.

7. Adjourn – Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Barile seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 9:52

Meeting Minutes prepared by Mary Ellen Schumann, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 27th day of April 2017.



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