

Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2017 7:30pm

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

1. Meeting Opening 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Mr. Barile. Mr. Lombard absent.

- a. Opening Comments – Mr. Taylor wants to discuss Doggy Beach later.
- b. Approve Prior Minutes of 9/21/17 Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the minutes of 9/21/17. Mr. Barile seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve.

2. Ongoing Business

- a. **Citizen's Forum – Kite Surfing** Mr. Dylan Dobbins addressed kite surfing concerns (taken out of order from below). Mr. Barile explained that in light of three serious incidents of injury at Doggy Beach by kite surfers, he wants to prevent further injury. Mr. Dobbins stated incidents occurred because of reckless behavior by those surfers. The kite surfing community is capable of setting guidelines and policing themselves. Closing Doggy beach will only make surfers move to other beaches. Mr. Barile is concerned with safety and liability. He wants to hear from Police and Fire chiefs and will postpone discussion until next meeting.
- b. **Quarterly billings – Taxes, W&S, trash.** Mr. Barile stated that a "Technology Committee" has been formed and will address quarterly billings. He will set up a meeting and will invite Zobrio.

3. Town Administrator Report

- a. **Verizon License** – Ongoing review – Mr. Chelgren presented the contract and CATV budget which pays for videographer and equipment. 81 cents a month is the pass through to residents. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the contract. Mr. Barile seconded the motion for discussion. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve.
- b. **Appointment of Daniel Sullivan** – Call Firefighter – Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Town Administrator's appointment of Daniel Sullivan as call firefighter upon Chief Feinberg's recommendation. Mr. Barile seconded the motion for discussion. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve.
- c. **Approve Event Request PTO tree sales 11-25-17 to 12-17-17 Lowlands.** Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the event request for PTO tree sales. Mr. Barile seconded the motion for discussion. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve.
- d. **Approve Event Request PTO Halloween Bash 10-21-17 Soccer Fields** Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the event request for PTO Halloween Bash. Mr. Barile seconded the motion for discussion. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve.
- e. **Approve Event Request Soccer Clinics Flash Rd Soccer 9/1/17 – 11/14/17** Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the event request for Soccer Clinics Mr. Barile seconded the motion for discussion. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve.

4. Old Business - None

5. New Business

- a. **Petition – Reduce speed on Castle Road** Mr. Barile asked why the petition stamped 9/4 is just being presented to the Board now. Mr. Chelgren stated that the police have been working with residents with increased police patrols, ticketing, and signs. He presented Chief Dwyer's recommendations. Mr. Taylor would like to see Flash Road reduced to 20 mph. Mr. Barile made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the recommended changes of Chief Dwyer: (attached) Reducing speed off causeway from 35mph to 25mph. Reducing speed for Castle Rd. from 25 to 20 mph. Post 2 signs (one in each direction) additional speed limit signs between 4 and 100 Castle Rd. Post 2 "Slow proceed with Caution" signs and Mr. Taylor's recommendation of reducing speed on Castle Rd to 20 mph. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve.
- b. **Town Vehicles** – Mr. Barile wants a policy on town-owned vehicles. Mr. Chelgren will flag when contracts are up.
- c. **Winter Parking** Tickets, Policy, Procedure – Mr. Barile will table until next meeting
- d. **Public Works** – Lawn cutting – Mr. Chelgren said this originated as a means to remove goose droppings – quotes sought. DPW has solved this problem.
- e. **Kite Surfing** – Addressed above
- f. **Doggy Beach Rules** – Mr. Barile feels this was never formally voted at Town Meeting but intention was it was for Nahant residents only. Will table until next meeting.
- g. **Open Position** – Public works - Mr. Ball explained that open position was not funded for this fiscal year at town meeting. Mr. Ball needs a new hire with specific skill set and will put forth a staffing plan. Mr. Taylor stated he didn't vote to not fund. Mr. Barile wants all who contractually need licenses and certificates to have them.
- h. **Fire Building Assessment** – Mr. Barile stated that \$15K spent on Architectural Assessment of station hasn't produced any changes. Accommodations to fire station need to be made for the new fire engine. Mr. Chelgren said Fire Station Committee is meeting to decide options for station remodel and will present to Board.
- i. **Wharf Project** – Mr. Barile would like to see a detailed construction timeline. He would also like Mr. Chelgren to reach out to Lt Governor to intervene with DEP about 40 Steps Revetment. Attorney Nylan recommended the town apply for a variance and is working with Mr. Coughlin, engineer for the project and the Town. Mr. Chelgren will contact the Lt Governor after pursuit has been understood.
- j. Executive session – contract negotiation strategy - Postponed

6. Closing Announcements

- a. Columbus Day Holiday – Town Hall closed Mon., Oct. 9, 2017
- b. Hazardous Waste Collection Day Saturday, Oct 21, 2017 Lynn DPW 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- c. Coffee With a Cop – Oct 7, 2017 9AM-11AM Donkin Donuts
- d. SWIM Short Beach Cleanup, Sat Oct 14 from 10:00AM to 2PM
- e. Boat Hauling 10/7 and 10/9 Jocelyn Marine 978-462-9717

Mr. Barile pointed out that the FEMA maps will be loaded on nahant.org with instructions for residents on how to locate their address. When calling FEMA they should ask for flood compliance office.

7. Adjourn

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn at 8:46pm. Mr. Barile seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Meeting Minutes prepared by Mary Ellen Schumann, Administrative Assistant

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



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October 2, 2017

To: Jeff Chelgren
Town Administrator

Re: Castle Road/Speed Petition

Mr. Chelgren,

Early September the police department received a complaint from a resident about speeding vehicles on Castle Road. Immediately after receiving this complaint the police took the following corrective action to remedy the issue.

- Increased patrols and visibility in the area.
- Aggressive Traffic Enforcement on Castle & Nahant Road. (Lidar/Radar)
- Sign Board deployed. (Message-Slow Down, Speed Limit 25mph, Strictly Enforced)
- Speed Trailer deployed. (Radar set to current speed limit of 25mph)
- Facebook post asking all residents and visitors to slow down, and adhere to the posted speed limits in town.
- 30 motor vehicle stops have been conducted in this area from September 1 – October 2.
- 9/30/2017 – Brief meeting with two Castle Road residents. We discussed the above as well as our traffic enforcement efforts going forward.

Recommended Changes:

- Reduce the speed coming off the causeway from 35mph to 25mph. (Hopefully this will reduce the speed of vehicles turning on to Castle Road from Nahant Road)
- Reduce the speed for the entire length of Castle Rd from 25mph to 20mph.
- Post two (one in each direction) additional speed limit (20mph) signs between 4 Castle Road & 100 Castle Road.
- Post two (one in each direction) “Slow Proceed with Caution” signs.

The Nahant Police Officers are committed in keeping the community safe, we will continue our efforts to catch irresponsible drivers who choose to ignore the town’s speed limits.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Dwyer
Chief of Police

