

Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 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

- a. Opening Comments** - Mr. Taylor expressed his condolences to the Taylor on the death of Ken Taylor. The Board echoed his comments.
- b. Approve Prior Minutes of 10/5/17 and Ex Minutes of 9/27/17** - Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve both minutes. Mr. Lombard seconded the motion. Mr. Barile does not want to approve the ES 9/27/17 minutes. Mr. Taylor rescinded the first motion to accept both minutes. Mr. Lombard seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to rescind. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the 10/5/17 minutes. Mr. Lombard seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve.

2. Ongoing Business

- a. Citizen's Forum** – None
- b. Housing Authority Discussion** – Mr. Mickey Long of Nahant Housing Authority (NHA) described the \$1.6 M in improvements for construction of an elevator at Spindrift and for correcting non-compliant issues. He stated he is not officially speaking on behalf of the NHA. He thanked Dave Wilson and Knights of Columbus for painting projects. With only a part-time maintenance and administrative person, there are a backlog of maintenance projects at all the housing properties. The state audit report which outlined the non-compliant issues was instrumental in getting money from the Department of Housing and Community Development. Things have improved vastly in two years. Mr. Lombard suggested having a joint meeting with the NHA, Board, tenants, and volunteers to assess needs and clean up the properties. Discussion ensued about the settlement, the annuity and whether the Board rescinded their vote to buy an annuity. Mr. Barile stated the Board did not authorize payment of annuity. Mr. Chelgren disagreed. Mr. Long said looking forward is the positive way to go with all the renovations going on. Donations to the NHA are welcome.
- c. Waste Management – Policy and procedure** – Mr. Jim Nocella from Waste Management was present at the request of the Board. Mr. Barile stated there are a lot of missed trash complaints and the one man trucks are too much for one person. Mr. Nocella replied that one man trucks are common practice. He cited % of missed pick-ups is very small, the lowest in all Waste Management's towns. If residents don't call Town Hall or Waste Management, they can't correct the issues. Mr. Barile will make sure residents email Town Hall.
- d. Wharf Project – Construction Project Discussion** – Mr. Barile questioned the absence of the engineers. Mr. Chelgren replied that Childs Engineering is in the Gulf Coast on assignment with hurricane issues until November. VM Consultants had prior engagement and was involved with the procurement side only. Mr. Bill Gear from Unified Contracting was present. Mr. Barile does not want to hear from Mr. Gear because engineers are absent. Mr. Ball, DPW Superintendent stated that he has a solid signed agreement with Unified and is confident the project will be done at agreed upon contract date in December. Mr. Barile does not want to discuss and dismissed them.
- e. Kite Surfing – Doggy beach** – Dylan Dobbins representing the kite surfing community was present. He said the fire and police chief's recommendation is to not take formal action on kite

surfing restrictions at Doggy Beach. Similar towns – South Boston, West Dennis, Chatham – allow the kiting community to police and place voluntary restrictions on themselves. Mr. Dobbins recommends putting safety rules in place when landing and launching. Mr. Lombard fears for safety issues and suggested Long or Short Beach. Mr. Dobbins replied with a west facing wind, Doggy Beach is the safest. If Doggy Beach is prohibited, surfers would use the MDC ramp for launching and surf down to Doggy Beach. Mr. Taylor is in favor of keeping Doggy Beach open with the proper restrictions. Mr. Barile is also afraid of injury. Mr. Lombard made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to table the discussion until next meeting when Police and Fire Chiefs appear and give recommendations. Mr. Barile seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

f. Public Pathway Enforcement – Mr. Chelgren presented an enforcement cover letter with surveys attached, approved by town counsel that will go out to residents who are infringing on public ways. Mr. Barile would like the letters to go out and the Town to remove infringements as soon as possible.

g. Town Counsel – Legal settlement – Mr. Barile stated that the Board had no idea that the Benkert settlement was going on. The Board agreed to buy the annuity but then voted to rescind their vote in executive session. He then read the minutes rescinding the vote. Mr. Chelgren stated that the minutes were incorrect. Mr. Skrip, Town Counsel stated that he gave the Board the annuity agreement and they approved it. Mr. Barile disagrees and wants Mr. Chelgren to undo it. Mr. Chelgren and Mr. Skrip disagree with Mr. Barile that the Board didn't know about. Mr. Barile stated he was bamboozled.

3. Town Administrator Report

a. Forty Steps Beach Revetment Project Appeal – Review of Strategy – Mr. Chelgren said the Special Counsel Nylan recommends going for a variance from DEP restrictions on the revetment project. Variance should be ready by November and then our representatives can put political pressure on DEP to get variance approved.

b. Appoint Alison Ackerman MAPC representative. – Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the appointment of Alison Ackerman as MAPC representative. Mr. Lombard seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve. Mr. Barile spoke highly of Ms. Ackerman and will recommend her to fill Planning Board vacancy.

4. Old Business

a. Winter Parking Ban - Mr. Chelgren presented the Police Winter Parking Policy. Discussion about winter parking. Mr. Lombard would like to add "ice" as well as snow. Mr. Taylor would like to see a system of flashing blue lights during snow emergencies. Mr. Ball stated that since you can't forecast the weather, just pick a date for the parking ban. The Board will postpone vote on the winter ban until next meeting when Chief Dwyer is present.

Mr. Barile thanked Green Community Committee and Nick Bokron who was present. He is working on purchasing street lights from National Grid with grant money.

5. New Business

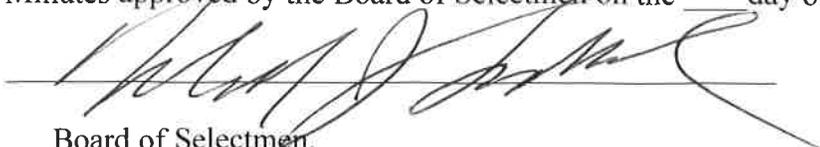
a. Executive Session – contract negotiations strategy – This was postponed.

Mr. Lombard thanked Mr. Ball for fixing water leaks and saving the Town Money

At 9:35 pm the recording stopped.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Mary Ellen Schumann, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the ____ day of ____ 2017.


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