

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

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 27, 2018 7:00 PM

**Chesley R. Taylor Jr., Chairman
Richard J. Lombard, Vice Chairman
Frank Barile, Recording Secretary
Gerry Perry, Acting Town Administrator**

1. Meeting Opening 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance - led by Mr. Taylor

- a. **Opening Comments** - Mr. Barile stated that the "Moving On" ceremony for Johnson School graduates was a success. Mr. Taylor praised Chief Dwyer and the police for doing a great job
- b. **Approve minutes of 6/13/18** - Mr. Barile made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the minutes. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve.

2. New Business

b. **Town Administrator Search Committee** - Chairman Michael Manning distributed a packet with the three recommended finalists. He introduced the members of the committee: Jen McCarthy and Debra Murphy who were present, and Colleen O'Leary, Dan Fiore, Gordon Hall, James Ward, Joe Donovan and Laurie Giardelli. Mr. Manning described the search process. Forty resumes were received. Essay questions sent to the 6 finalists. They interviewed 4 and recommended the following:

1. Antonio Barletta
2. Robert Curtin
3. Joseph Domelowicz

Board will meet 7/7 to interview candidates individually. Then they will interview in open meeting on 7/10 and vote to select a candidate. The Board thanked the committee for all their hard work.

c. **Vote for Approval of Sale of Bonds and Signing of Associated Paperwork.** Mr. Barile made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to adopt and approve the votes provided by Bond Counsel and attach them as an exhibit to the minutes as written. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve.

3. Ongoing Business - Return to Open Session

- a. **Citizen's Forum** - Christian Bauta of 35 Swallow Cave Road gave a "Keep Nahant Wild" update. Group has hosted resident informational sessions and have hired a land use attorney to recommend strategies outside of eminent domain. They are not opposed to Northeastern U but to their expansion plan. Various fund raising events planned.

3. Town Administrator Report

- a. **Approve Historical Society East Point Lecture 7-29-18 Town Hall 2-4PM** - Mr. Barile made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Historical Society East Point Lecture. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.
- b. **Reconsideration of Ellingwood Chapel Grant** - Mr. Perry recommended voting for reconsideration. A public hearing is required by the past town meeting vote to put a preservation

restriction on Ellingwood Chapel and hearing will be 7/10/18. Mr. Barile made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to reconsider the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Ellingwood Chapel Grant. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion.

c. **Update on Activities** - Mr. Perry gave the following updates:

- Fourth of July - all departments ready. Thanked Jen McCarthy for her fund raising and hard work every year. Ms. McCarthy said she was near goal and still accepting donations.
- Tudor Beach/Wharf and other storm damaged areas - Coughlin awarded engineering bid and in process of drawing specs and permitting for procurement.
- Fire Department - Chief Feinberg and firefighters working well together to revise their policies and procedures.
- Insurance - John Doherty, Hub International executive will do analysis of town's policies and recommend how town can save money - at no cost to the town.
- DPW Superintendent - in negotiations with Tim Lowe to step in as interim superintendent. Keith Olbash will step up as foreman, contingent on his obtaining his licenses.
- Perry Schedule - He is nearing the end of his contracted hours and wants to reserve some hours for the Town Administrator transition. He will be on vacation 6/29 to 7/5 then 7/14 to 7/29. Chief Dwyer is Acting Town Administrator in his absence. The Board thanked Mr. Perry for his hard work.

5. Old Business - Mr. Barile said that the Municipal Vulnerability Committee will be signing a contract with Clarion Hill Consulting to assess the town's vulnerability to rising sea levels and thus be eligible for state grants. He asked for volunteers to serve on the committee and to attend a workshop in the fall.

6. Closing Announcements

a. Town Hall will be Closed for the Wednesday, July 4th holiday

7. Adjourn - Mr. Barile made a motion to adjourn at 8:01PM. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion.

Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Minutes prepared by Mary Ellen Schumann

Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 10th day of July 2018



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