

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

**Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2018 7:30pm**

**Frank Barile, Chairman  
Chesley R. Taylor Jr., Vice Chairman  
Richard J. Lombard, Secretary**

**1. Meeting Opening 7:30 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

- a. **Opening Comments** - Mr. Taylor thanked the citizens and all departments for their performance and endurance during recent storms. Mr. Lombard thanked Police, Fire, DPW and would like to do something to thank them. Mr. Barile thanked residents on Fox Hill Road that kept pumps working to drain the area. Mr. Barile also offered condolences on the death of Steve Toomajian
- b. **Approve minutes of 3/1/18** - Mr. Taylor said there was no audio at last meeting and wanted to repeat three motions he made that were all voted unanimously. 1. To draft letter of opposition to the chairman of the board of trustees and the president of Northeastern University. 2. To install 25mph speed limit signs from the cemetery to Swallow Cave Road. 3. To meet with Town Counsel to draft a letter to DEP requesting an environmental audit of the waters around Northeastern. Mr. Lombard then made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the minutes of 3/15/18. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**2. Ongoing Business**

- a. **Citizen's Forum** - Mr. Dave Aldrich - 163 Willow Road representing 16 property owners read a letter asking the Town to address the flooding at Summer St. and Willow Rd. The residents request that the seawall along Willow Road be raised 3-4 feet with adequate scuppers, and that it be included in the FEMA storm repairs. John Anderson - 152 Willow Road states it is the perfect time to raise the walls with all the destruction. Mr. Taylor stated that Fox Hill Road, Ward Road, Bass Point Road also need remediation. Mr. Lombard immediately wants the drains cleaned at Tudor Beach and jersey barriers at the ramp. He is contacting our elected officials about barriers along the beach. Mr. Barile discussed a vulnerability study program from the state that will result in grant money and will form a committee to get this process started.

**3. Interim Town Administrator Report**

- a. **Emergency Spending, Ch. 44 Sec. 33** Mr. Perry explained emergency spending vote needed to pay the bills Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve under the guidelines of C 44 S31 of MGL the deficit expenditure (liability in excess of appropriation) of an amount yet to be determined for removal of storm related debris, emergency repairs, and other needs of the community related to this storm. Mr. Lombard seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Mr. Lombard made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to declare an emergency situation due to the March 2nd, 2018 storm. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Unanimous vote

b. **Approve Field Day - Johnson School PTO 6/12/18** from 8:00AM - 1PM Mr. Lombard made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Johnson School Field Day on 6/12/18 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

#### 4. Old Business

a. **FY2019 Budget Review** (continued)

- i. Budget - Mr. Perry said that the FY19 budget can be balanced by using free cash but the long term future is cause for worry. Town should not be dependent on free cash to balance. The problem is not expenditure but revenues. Town has a very low tax rate. Mr. Barile stated that the town is dependent on revenue from CG Housing and Golf Course that should not be used for expenses. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint Wayne Wilson to the CG Housing Design & Development Advisory Committee. Mr. Lombard seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.
  - ii. **Capital Plan / Comm. Preservation Comm.** Mr. Barile read the CPC recommended projects.
- b. **Annual Town Meeting Warrant** - Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to set the warrant for the 2018 town meeting. Mr. Lombard seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

#### 5. New Business

a. **Appoint Acting Town Administrator, Gerry Perry** - This was taken out of order after meeting opening. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint Gerry Perry as Acting Town Administrator. Mr. Lombard seconded for discussion. Discussion and praise for Mr. Perry, former DLS Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Perry stated it was an honor and privilege to serve the town where he grew up.

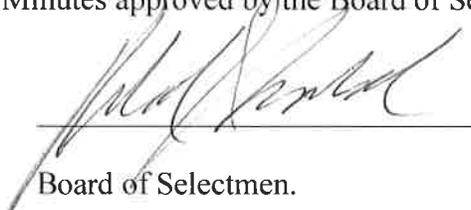
#### 6. Closing Announcements

- a. Charles Kelley Scholarship 4/6/18 due. See website or town hall.
- b. NVA Scholarship 4/13/18 due.

7. **Adjourn** - Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn. Mr. Lombard seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM

Minutes prepared by Mary Ellen Schumann, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018



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