

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

**Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 15, 2018 7:00 PM**

**Chesley R. Taylor Jr., Chairman
Richard J. Lombard, Vice Chairman
Francis J. Barile, Recording Secretary
Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator**

Attendance: Chesley R. Taylor, Richard J. Lombard, Francis J. Barile & Antonio Barletta (T.A.)

1. Meeting Opening 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance- Led by Chairman, Chesley R. Taylor Jr.

a. Opening Comments

- 1) Mr. Lombard thanked Public Works for setting up Veteran's Day platforms and for the residents attending these ceremonies. Mr. Lombard thanked the American Legion for honoring the Veteran's
- 2) Mr. Barile thanked Heather Goodwin & (sister) Kerry Collins for the hard work at the Flash Road Park Shack.
- 3) Town Hall Clerk- Voting Recap: Margaret Barile stated – out of 2,700 registered voters we had 2101 cast a ballot. Excellent turnout at 77% participation. Margaret Barile also thanked everyone involved with helping set up and break down of the voting

- Mr. Taylor requested for the T.A. to send a thank you letter to the election workers and Tommy Mazzaferro from the Board of Selectmen

b. T.A Chief Dwyer and Tony Pierantozzi worked together for an equipment and technology grant. Congratulations to Nahant Police Department – Grant Award \$20,000 excellent example of our department heads working together and finding alternative sources of funding to invest in our committee.

c. Nahant Police Department hosting a fundraiser “Cops for Kids with Cancer”. Non-profit organization that offers financial aid to families that are battling the disease.

d. Thank you Penny Morse- Penny has been working with the Council on Aging & Linda Peterson for the past 3 years. She is retiring Nov. 30th. We thank her for her tremendous work.

- Mr. T asked T.A. to send a nice letter to Penny Morse from the BOS

e. Approve minutes of November 1, 2018 & Executive Session Meeting Minutes from October 4, 2018 - Mr. Barile - I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the meeting minutes of November 1, 2018 & Executive Session Meeting Minutes from October 4, 2018

Seconded by Mr. Lombard

Mr. Barile obtained from voting (since he was not at the last BOS meeting)

Unanimous vote in favor

2. Citizen's Forum

a. Linda Pivacek 41 Little Nahant Road- Read aloud a letter that was sent to Northeastern University and The Nahant Board of Selectmen from Board of Directors of Brookline Bird Club. Regarding the Northeastern University expansion- they have a strong opposition. Significant negative impact on habitat and wildlife. “Please do not risk the loss of five decades of nature's work”. Should the project go ahead, they would like to offer their input into helping minimize any disturbance to breeding and migrating birds.

- Mr. Taylor requested a copy of the letter for each Board of Selectmen

a. Peter Rogers 44 Pearl Road – Asked for the Board of Selectmen to take a pledge that everyone in the wet lands area is notified by mail about those ConCom hearings

Mr. Barile made a motion that we do a mass mailing to all of the houses of Nahant with explanation of regulations and that our attorney's (Copeland and Paige) weigh in on this & work with the Conservation Committee and the Planning Board. Mailing should go out before the hearings. Town Hall pays for letter/postage

Mr. Lombard seconded for discussion

Mr. Lombard stated that he thinks that the Board of Selectmen and T.A need to have a meeting with the Conservation Committee and Planning Board right away.

Mr. Barile stated that the whole town gets to vote on it so the whole town should get a letter.

Mr. Taylor stated to hold on this motion.

Pete Rogers continued to speak- stated that he is making a simple request- the effected homeowners should be notified by mail. Are you people going to support or not?

Mr. Taylor thanked Pete Rogers for his comments.

- b. Kristin Kent 19 Emerald Road- Chair of Conservation Commission- Stated that they have a \$750 budget and don't have the funding for mailings. The regulations have been delayed due to the Board of Selectmen deciding whether to have a special town meeting or not. Stated that they have had only one filing that feel within the yellow zone. Seawall repairs have been held up by DEP. Stated that you do need an engineer for a seawall repair. Stated that she would love to have support of legal counsel from the town (not a consultant, they need an attorney).

Mr. Lombard stated that she should go to Tony for a budget transfer for mailing. Also stated that if she needs legal advice, we can send our town counsel and his team to see you.

Mr. Lombard stated that he is going to ask for a joint meeting with Conservation, BOS and T.A and planning board so everyone can get on the same page.

(Regarding the motion on the table) T.A. suggested to not be so specific in using the \$10K for the planning board until we have bond counsel review that we can use those funds.

Mr. Taylor stated that we will vote on the mailing and asked for T.A. to look further into specifics on funds.

Mr. Lombard asked if we are notifying certain people in the town or the whole town.

Mr. Taylor responded- whole town.

Mr. Lombard stated that we need to have town counsel write this letter and give a copy to the conservation so that they can review it at the same time.

Kristin Kent continued to speak- she thinks the commission should set the dates in a meeting first so that the information can go out in the letter. So that we don't have half the information going out.

Mr. Lombard stated that anytime the conservation has come in front of the board they have always supported them and they will always continue to support them. If you have any questions you don't need to wait until a meeting. Just pick up the phone and call us.

Mr. Taylor brought the motion back on the table.

Asked for those in favor

Unanimous vote in favor

Mr. Taylor stated that the Board has not voted yet, we have discussed rescinding in the April Town Meeting. T.A stated that they rescinded the original vote to have a December town meeting. There is an opportunity to add that article to the April Town Meeting, but that it technically hasn't been done yet.

Mr. Lombard made a motion that one of the articles for the upcoming April Town Meeting is to rescind that by-law

Mr. Barile seconded it for discussion

Mr. Barile stated that he thinks we should wait until January

Mr. Taylor asked for those in favor for further discussion

Unanimous vote in favor

- c. Jennifer McCarthy- 19 Range Road- 4 topics:

- 1) Approve a road race for June 19th: requesting a fb or all call notification in the future.
- 2) Recycling on Sherman Ave was not picked up today. Grading/paving may have something to do with this, but requesting that the truck goes down this street tomorrow for trash pick up
 - i. Mr. Lombard stated that we will make sure a Public Works truck picks it up.

- ii. Mr. Barile requested that T.A. speak with the rubbish company again.
 - 3) Recognize our teams in town; Swampscott High Girls Varsity Soccer Team won D3 North Championship. Boys Varsity Football Team won D5 North Title
 - 4) Nahant Village Church- Gratitude Sunday- please come join us! Service starts at 10:30am
- d. Christine Johnson-Liscio 15 Foxhill Road-Interested in hearing projected timelines for finishing the project.

Mr. Taylor explained the history behind the project and its numerous road blocks. We can't give a timeline because we are still waiting to get moving.

Mr. Barile suggests that we speak with Town Council to see what our options are and to do it quick because winter is coming.

T.A. Stated short answer: unfortunately, we don't have a timeline. This topic has been a huge priority of the Board of Selectmen & myself. We have \$175K appropriated for 3 efforts: pump, dredging and clearing the outfall pipe. Also have \$20K grant for mosquito control in that area and \$10K grant for Heritage Trail which is for dredging as well. The issue is how we can access that area of the property? We have 10 feet of easement and it is very tight for a piece of equipment necessary to do this job. We are trying to access the easement from another angle of the homeowner's property. We are also trying to make sure not to hurt the close by seawall. So we are working with the homeowner to come up with a plan of attack. Our next step is already to meet with the homeowner over the next week, depending on the holiday.

Mr. Barile thinks that the pipe is the priority

- e. continued Christine Johnson-Liscio - would like to suggest, if we don't have the funds, that in addition to opening the pipe that we entertain some kind of article to add addition funds, at the April Town Meeting. Stated that they also need to have a completion date.

T.A. We are looking at a MAPC Resiliency Accelerator Grant of \$50K to hire a consultant to make suggestions on how to improve that entire system.

Mr. Taylor suggested that someone in Christine's neighborhood be the person to speak with T.A. Not Board of Selectmen.

- e. Emily Potts 114 Pond Street- Would like to remind everyone that there will be an Art auction this Saturday at Town Hall from 6:30pm-9:30pm. Sunday art will be in the same main hall of Town Hall from 12pm-3pm. We hope everyone will come and enjoy.

3. New Business

- a. Approve KIPP Massachusetts Inc. 10K Road Race June 9, 2018- Mr. Lombard stated; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve KIPP Massachusetts Inc. 10K Road Race June 9, 2018
Seconded by Mr. Barile
Unanimous vote in favor
- b. Approve Annual Tree Lighting at Town Hall December 1, 2018- Mr. Barile stated; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve The Annual Tree Lighting at Town Hall December 1, 2018
Seconded by Mr. Lombard
Unanimous vote in favor
- c. Approve Annual Turkey Shoot November 17, 2018 – Mr. Lombard stated; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve The Annual Turkey Shoot November 17th sponsored by the Nahant Lions
Seconded by Mr. Barile
Unanimous vote in favor

- d. Approve One Day Liquor License – Mr. Barile stated; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve A One-Day Liquor License for the “Art Show” event on November 17th at Nahant Town Hall

Seconded by Mr. Lombard

Unanimous vote in favor

4. Town Administrator Report

- a. Tax Rate – repeating that Tax rate of \$10.91 was approved by the Department of Revenue and so real estate tax bills went out on November 1st and are due December 3rd. Also, water bills went out on October 30th and are due November 29th. Water bills were more than a typical reading because there was an extra month included, water and sewer rates did increase a little and consumption tends to increase over summer months.

- b. Storm Damage Update-

- 1) Tudor Beach – This week met with contractor Tudor Beach storm damage repairs. They will begin mobilizing the week after next but possibly as early as next week. Work will begin on the Valley Road side of Tudor Beach and work their way down to the wharf. Work at the wharf includes reappointing the wall. Work will be happening between the hours of 7am and 7pm unless otherwise advanced notice. There will be a 6 ft fence surrounding the work site with some equipment remaining on site (inside the fence). DPW will temporarily remove the memorial benches to avoid any potential damage. Project is being proposed to be done by early spring but with winter weather, it could have an impact.

Mr. Barile asked about Little Nahant

T.A responded – Engineering hasn't been sent out for Little Nahant yet but it is included on their damage inventory which is going to finalized tomorrow with FEMA.

Mr. Barile asked for T.A. to keep him posted on plans for Little Nahant.

- c. Benefits Fair – staff put together a benefits fair a week ago. Was extremely successful. Aflac, Essex Regional retirement and SMART Plan folks were present. They had one on one opportunities with the town employees. T.A commending staff members who hosted the fair and commended the employees that participated in attending the fair. Next year will be bigger and better.
- d. Thanksgiving Hours – Wednesday Town Hall will be closed to the public & used for internal purposes only. Thursday and Friday the Town Hall will be closed.

5. Ongoing Business

6. Closing Announcements

- a. Veteran's Day Recap Mr. Lombard stated Thank Johnson Elementary School students & faculty
- Last Friday (11/9) meet and greet hosted by the 5th and 6th grade classes followed by songs, poems and choral readings
Thank American Legion Post 215
 - Last Sunday (11/11), The American Legion Post 215 conducted ceremonies at;
 - WW I monument
 - Veterans monument
 - Veterans Park
 - Lastly, a community wide collation was then conducted at the Nahant Lifesaving Station
- b. Thanksgiving- Trash & Recycling Collection- Mr. Barile stated Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, trash and recycling collection will be on a (1) day delay and will occur on Friday (11/23) and Saturday (11/24) as opposed to Thursday (11/22) and Friday (11/23)
- c. The Winter Parking Ban – Mr. Barile stated that the winter parking ban goes into effect December 21st to March 20th. Residents with hardships that need to apply for a parking waiver can pick up their applications from the Police Department on or after December 1st.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn
Mr. Barile seconded
Unanimous vote in favor

Meeting adjourn 8:30pm

Meeting Minutes prepared by Bobbie-Jo Blair, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the _____ day of _____ 2018.

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Selectmen