

TOWN OF NAHANT

Planning Board

August 18, 2021, 6 PM

LOCATION: ZOOM CONFERENCING, NAHANT, MA

Meeting Minutes



Dan Berman and Josh Antrim called the joint meeting to order in and around 6:25 pm after the Board of Selectmen meeting had commenced. Dan Berman stated that the meeting was properly noticed, and called the roll of those Planning Board members attending:

Daniel Berman, Chairman – Here
Calvin Hastings, Vice Chairman – Here
Shelia Hambleton – Not Present
Patrick O'Reilly – Here
J Shannon Bianchi – Here
Steven Viviano – Not Present
Rob Steinberg, Recording Secretary – Here

Board of Selectmen Members Present:

Josh Antrim
Mark Cullinan
Gene Canty

Among Other Persons Present:

Dan Skrip
Tony Barletta

Josh Antrim noted that the purpose of the joint meeting is to appoint two alternate members. Gene Canty asked for an explanation as to the role of alternate member. *Dan noted that the PB can act on a special permit only with members that were present for all sessions of the hearing and we may not have a quorum of members who participated through the whole process. . In the absence of a member, the Chairman can ask one of the alternate members to participate in deliberations.*

Tony Barletta then described the process under Section 9.08(I) for appointing the alternate member to the Planning Board. A joint vote would be taken for the first alternate position to determine who receives a majority of the votes of the 3 Selectmen present and the 5 Planning Board members present. The PB will first vote and then the Selectmen following. The terms are two years but expire each year, so one alternate position is for a one-year term and the other alternate position is for a two-year term. The Town solicited interest and 3 persons expressed interest – John Stabile, Kristen Standish, and Michael Collier.

Tony Barletta asked that the PB to first nominate the candidates and then the voting process would occur.

Gene Canty noted that John Stabile was a relative, and Dan Skrip asked that Gene describe the relationship which Gene said was half-brother. Gene was asked to abstain from a vote involving John Stabile.

Dan Berman then asked for a motion to nominate the candidates - John Stabile, Kristen Standish, and Michael Collier - for the alternate position with the term expiring June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023. The motion was made by Cal and seconded by Patrick. The vote was as follows:

Daniel Berman, Chairman – Yes
Calvin Hastings, Vice Chairman – Yes
Shelia Hambleton – Not Present
Patrick O'Reilly – Yes
J Shannon Bianchi – Yes
Steven Viviano – Not Present
Rob Steinberg, Recording Secretary – Yes

Dan Berman then asked for the vote of each member, which was as follows:

Daniel Berman, Chairman – Kristen Standish
Calvin Hastings, Vice Chairman – Kristen Standish
Shelia Hambleton – Not Present
Patrick O'Reilly – John Stabile
J Shannon Bianchi – John Stabile
Steven Viviano – Not Present
Rob Steinberg, Recording Secretary – John Stabile

The Board of Selectmen voted as follows:

Josh Antrim – John Stabile
Mark Cullinan – John Stabile
Gene Canty – Abstained

Tony Barletta announced the vote, 5-2, and declared that John Stabile had been elected.

Dan Berman then asked for a motion to nominate Kristen Standish and Michael Collier to the alternate term that expired in one year. Cal so moved, second by Shannon. The vote was as follows:

Daniel Berman, Chairman – Yes
Calvin Hastings, Vice Chairman – Yes
Shelia Hambleton – Not Present
Patrick O'Reilly – Yes
J Shannon Bianchi – Yes
Steven Viviano – Not Present

Rob Steinberg, Recording Secretary – Yes

The vote by the Planning Board was as follows:

Daniel Berman, Chairman – Kristen Standish
Calvin Hastings, Vice Chairman – Kristen Standish
Shelia Hambleton – Not Present
Patrick O'Reilly – Kristen Standish
J Shannon Bianchi -Michael Coller
Steven Viviano – Not Present
Rob Steinberg, Recording Secretary – Kristen Standish

The vote by the Selectmen was as follows:

Josh - Kristen Standish
Mark - Kristen Standish
Gene Canty – Kristen Standish

Discussion ensued among Dan Berman, Tony Barletta, and Dan Skrip on whether the vote needed to be a majority of those present or of all members including Dan Berman, Tony Barletta, and Dan Skrip. The determination was made that it was a majority of all members and a revote occurred.

The Planning Board and Selectmen then revoted for the two year seat.

The vote for the two year seat by the Planning Board was as follows:

Daniel Berman, Chairman – John Stabile
Calvin Hastings, Vice Chairman – Kristen Standish
Shelia Hambleton – Not Present
Patrick O'Reilly – John Stabile
J Shannon Bianchi – John Stabile
Steven Viviano – Not Present
Rob Steinberg, Recording Secretary – John Stabile

The vote for the two year seat by the Board of Selectmen was as follows:

Josh Antrim – John Stabile
Mark Cullinan – John Stabile
Gene Canty - Abstained

Dan Berman noted that John Stabile had been appointed to the two year seat by the vote. Dan Berman then noted that Kristen Standish had previously received a majority of the Planning Board and Selectmen vote and had been properly appointed to the one year seat.

Dan Berman then asked for a motion to close the meeting. Cal so moved, seconded by Rob. The Board voted as follows:

Daniel Berman, Chairman – Yes

Calvin Hastings, Vice Chairman – Yes

Shelia Hambleton – Not Present

Patrick O'Reilly – Yes

J Shannon Bianchi – Yes

Steven Viviano – Not Present

Rob Steinberg, Recording Secretary – Yes

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary Rob Steinberg.

Approved by Planning Board on September 3, 2021 (those areas in blue italics types were changed during the meeting before approval, and Dan Berman's full name replaced "Dan" to distinguish Dan Berman from Dan Skrip)