

**Town of Nahant  
Joint Meeting  
Board of Selectmen, Board of Health and Board of Assessors  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday October 20, 2021 at 6:30pm via Zoom  
Joshua A. Antrim, Chairman  
Eugene Canty, Vice Chairman  
Mark P. Cullinan, Recording Secretary  
Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator**



**Attendance: Joshua A. Antrim (JA), Eugene Canty (GC), Mark P. Cullinan (MC), Antonio Barletta (TA)**

**Attendance: (Board of Assessors): David Hunt, Kathryn Sherber, Sheila Hambleton**

**JA:** Opened the meeting at 6:33pm on Wednesday October 20, 2021.

**1. Meeting Opening**

**a. Coronavirus update**

**TA:** From October 3<sup>rd</sup>-October 16<sup>th</sup> we had 349 residents tested for COVID and 4 of them were positive. Those 4 people who were tested are college aged students who are not currently living in Nahant. Right now we have no positive cases.

**2. Opening Comments**

**JA:**

- Compost area open on Wednesday and Saturdays
- Curbside leaf pick up will be on Mondays during October and November
- MVA excise tax due today
- Last day of the year for metal recycling will be October 30<sup>th</sup>
- HOOMPA Nickel 5 mile road race October 30<sup>th</sup>
- Water/Sewer bills due November 8<sup>th</sup>
- Job Posting-COA Director

**3. New Business**

**a. Event Request Approval**

**Motion:**

**MC:**

I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Event Request for the Johnson School Halloween Bash on Saturday October 23, 2021 from 5:00-8:00pm at the Flash Road Playground

**GC: second**

**Roll call vote:**

**GC: yes**

**MC: yes**

**JA: yes**

**b. Vote to approve FY21 Utility liens for trash, water, and sewer**

**Motion:**

**MC:**

I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve committing to the Board of Assessors unpaid utility and rubbish accounts in the amount as presented by the Treasurer/Collector to be added to the annual tax as a municipal charges lien to be subject to the provisions of the law relative to interest on taxes.

**GC: second**

**Discussion:**

**TA:** 120,673.63\$ is the combined amount of water/sewer/trash

**Roll call vote:**

**GC: yes**

**MC: yes**

**JA: yes**

**c. FY2022 Tax Classification Hearing**

**Motion:**

**GC:** "I move that the Board of Selectmen with the Board of Assessors open the FY2022 Tax Classification Hearing"

**Dan Skrip (town counsel):** The Board of Assessors should open the hearing.

**Motion:**

**David Hunt (Board of Assessors):** I move that the Board of Assessors and the Board of Selectmen open the FY2022 Tax Classification Hearing

**Kathryn Sherber (Board of Assessors):** second

**Roll call vote;**

**David Hunt:** yes

**Kathryn Sherber:** yes

**Sheila Hambleton:** There is a small difference from prior years and there is a new exemption that we did not have an opportunity to look at or have ready for the Annual Town Meeting in May 2021. We will look into it for next year. This is called the senior means exemption. That is part of your motion for tonight and to set a residential factor of 1 and not adopting some other exemptions.

**JA:** asked the board of assessors to explain the senior mean exemption.

**Sheila H:** I'm not exactly sure. It has to be adopted at Town Meeting and there is certain language about percentages. I only have the bill, I do not have the legal team summary and how it will impact us. This will need more investigation.

**MC:** Does it also require Town Meeting vote to to discount the open space?

**Sheila:** No b/c we don't have open space. No land is classified as open space.

**MC:** If someone had a large piece of property that exceeded zoning requirements, can they dedicate a portion of the land to open space and get an exemption?

**Sheila:** No, that would something like conservation restrictions. It would be something like the golf course if it was privately owned.

**MC:** So open space can not be privately owned?

**Sheila:** It can but we don't have any open space, there is a requirement with the amount of acres. There is a possibility but there is no open space. Then you would have to vote if you would grant an exemption for open space.

**JA:** I would like to look into that as a means for discouraging over development.

**GC:** What is a residential factor of 1?

**Sheila:** It is making sure all classes of property are taxed at the same rate. Industrial and personal.

**Motion:**

**MC:** I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve a Residential Factor of "1" and not to adopt the following: a residential exemption, a Small Commercial Exemption, a Senior Means Tested Exemption, and not grant a discount for Open Space for fiscal year 2022. And that the Assessors have informed the Board that the excess levy capacity for the current fiscal year is calculated as \$941.48.

**GC:** second

**TA:** Opened the hearing for any public comment:

There were no comments or questions from the public

**Sheila:** The tax classification LA5 form will need to be signed by going into the gateway online. The BOS and Town Clerk will need to sign.

**Roll call vote**

**GC:** yes

**MC:** yes

**JA:** yes

**Motion:**

**MC:** I move that the Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors close the FY22 Tax Classification Hearing

**GC:** second

**Roll call vote:**

**JA:** yes

**GC:** yes

**MC:** yes

**Motion:**

**David Hunt:** I move that the Board of Assessors close the FY22 Tax Classification hearing.

**Kathryn Sherber:** yes

**Roll call vote:**

**David Hunt:** yes

**Kathryn Sherber:** yes

**4. Ongoing Business**

**a. RNAV Study**

**TA:** Dan, myself and our CAC Rep. Bob D'amico had a brief meeting the other day. We have been in touch with Swampscott TA, Congressman Moulton's office, Senator Crighton's office, and Rep. Capano. I have a call with Rep. Giannino from Revere and have spoken with the Better Beaches Bureau. We are trying to take a regional approach to expressing our concerns on the proposals. We would like a meeting with CAC and MIT to discuss the plans and alternatives are available and hope to push for a study that would calculate the environmental impacts to us.

**5. Preserving East Point**

**JA:** Northeastern was challenging the Con Com's decision. The Con Com found that Northeasterns NOI did not comply with our local wetlands bylaw so they were rejected. Northeastern are now suing individuals on the ConCom. Northeastern submitted a site plan review to the Planning Board and they rejected it. Northeastern is now suing individuals on the Planning Board as well.

## **6. Town Administrators Report**

**TA:** We had the ribbon cutting at Spring Rd. Basketball court. We had a few great community events the last few weeks with the Farmers Market and the Police and Fire Softball game. We got a Community Compact grant a few years ago to have joint HR services with Swampscott. We began starting this and having training, then we both had some changeover and COVID hit. I spoke with Swampscott to get this going again. We had a technical meeting with MEMA about a statement of interest we submitted to BRICC about drainage and the short beach dune resiliency project. This was a pre application discussion and to make our application as complete as possible.

We are close to finalizing the contract with P. Gioioso for the sewer main project.

We received a draft estimate for scope of services from Stantec for a sign audit. They offered to include an update to our sidewalks and ramps. Hopefully we can put this in motion and pay with Chapter 90 funds. The study should be done by February so we can take any of the capital infrastructure upgrade from the study and include in our budget to bring to town meeting. November 17, 2021 MASS DOT will be hosting a meeting about the Northern Strand design update.

**Coast Guard Housing Update:** We have been speaking to Hayes Engineering who was hired by the town to create the subdivision plan. The next step is for that to be submitted to the planning board.

**Dan Skrip:** The biggest hurdle was that 12 foot strip in question and if it was given back to the town. We expect to have that part finalized and signed and sent to the planning board. Letters to current residents in those dwellings have been sent out on when they need to move out.

**TA:** We missed a part of opening comments. The COA director position has been posted.

## **7. Citizens Forum**

**Shannon Bianchi (14 Harborview Rd);** Question about masterplan on the lynnway. Are there going to be bike lanes on both sides of the lynnway?

**Cora:** Flash Rd and recycling area look good. Is there an update on when flash rd will be finished and if there was thought to put an overhang on the courts.

**Motion:**

**JA:** Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm

**MC:** so moved

**GC:** second

**Roll call vote:**

**GC:** yes

**MC:** yes

**JA: yes**

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristin Taylor, Administrative Assistant on November 10, 2021.

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**\*\*Meeting minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen via Zoom Video**