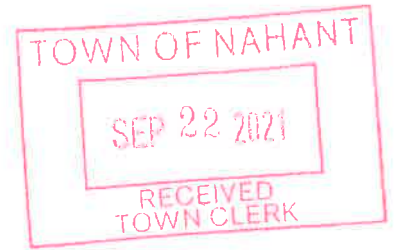


**Town of Nahant
Joint Meeting
Board of Selectmen and Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom
Joshua A. Antrim, Chairman
Eugene Canty, Vice Chairman
Mark P. Cullinan, Recording Secretary
Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator**



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

1. Meeting Opening

JA: Opened the Joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health on Wednesday July 14, 2021 at 6:01pm.

a. Coronavirus update

TA: The state has not updated their date since July 6, 2021 so stats are the same since last meeting. We have no active COVID cases and 82% of residents are vaccinated with their first dose and 77% of residents fully vaccinated.

JA: Vaxmillions Giveaway in Massachusetts. Gave info on how to register and who can enter.

TA: We are keeping a close eye on the Delta Variant of COVID

John Coulon (Health Officer): We put posters up through town about encouraging residents to get vaccinated. We are one of the highest communities that are vaccinated in the state.

2. Opening Comments

MC: Spoke about accessory dwelling units in Nahant and thinking about putting together a small advisory group for housing issues in town. There are also no swimming signs at tudor beach.

TA: We test all of our swimming beaches every day and we are triggered to close the beaches we will and will continue testing until the tests are in a healthy limit to swim. One of the main causes for tudor beach shutting down is due to all the rain the last few weeks.

GC: Do all of our outfalls/manholes drain to the ocean? Not the sewer system?

TA: Correct our storm water system is independent from our sewer system

GC: And we don't have a combined sewage outfall?

TA: Correct we do not

GC: Is there a storm drain outfall at tudor beach?

TA: yes there is quite a few. We also had some issues with people draining pools in town. We are looking into our by-laws and expanding the language on this issue.

GC: Swampscott is looking to change their air traffic pattern closer to nahant/causeway and they are sending a letter to the FAA. We should take a look at this.

TA: We are already following the RNAV 22 L study. We will look further into the letter that Swampscott is sending

JA:

-We are encouraging people to go online and fill out the open space survey. The compost area will be closed this week due to the Wall That Heals event parking. Metal/white goods/tv/computer recycling last Saturday of each month from 8am-12pm behind the DPW. Fees may apply cash only no check. Parking stickers now available at nahant.org all taxes must be paid and a completed/up to date census. The assessors office is looking for a seasonal employee, job posting at nahant.org. applications available at the town hall or contact Sheila Hambleton at shambleton@nahant.org. Open seat on the Council on Aging, go to nahant.org for description of duties, send letters of interest to ktaylor@nahant.org. Scott Grieves will be retiring after 12 years being a call fire fighter with the town.

TA: Scott retired July 1st and we thank him for his volunteer service. He will remain on as our dog officer.

Sharon Hawkes (librarian): Summer music series has begun with Chris James. Lisa Haley will play on July 15th. The series are outdoors or online depending on the weather. The series will close on July 22nd. Our childrens librarian began July 12th. Summer reading program has 51 participants. Reading program ends July 31st. Super book sale will be July 31st from 9am-4pm outside the town hall and library.

3. New Business

- a. Approve BOS meeting minutes

MC: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes from May 6, 2021.

GC: Second

Roll call vote:

GC: yes

MC: yes

JA: yes

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GC: Second

Roll call vote:

GC: yes

MC: yes

JA: yes

b. Approve Nahant Fire Chief Appointment

MC: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the appointment of Austin Antrim as the Nahant Fire Chief effective July 23, 2021.

GC: second

TA: We experimented with a working chief for the last few years due to the budget and at the past town meeting we re authorized a full time chief position that passed unanimously. We advertised the position and had about 8 applicants. Not one candidate gave off the passion that Austin possesses. He also has all the qualifications necessary and passion for the town and department. Austin will be sworn in on July 23, 2021.

MC: The town is lucky to have Austin. Thanks him for stepping up and I support the appointment.

Austin Antrim: Very excited for the challenge and thanked everyone.

Roll call vote;

GC:yes

MC: yes

JA: abstained

c. Approve Event Request

MC: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Nahant Womens Club Holiday Fair on Saturday November 21, 2021 from 9am-3pm at the Nahant Town Hall.

GC: second

Roll call vote:

MC: yes

GC: yes

JA: yes

d. S.W.I.M presentation on Anti-Idling in MA.

Wendy Worham (SWIM): We are concerned over the dangers to health and environment in the town with cars idling over 5 minutes. Read Massachusetts Anti-Idling Law MGL Chapter 90 section 16A Regulation 310 CMR 7.11. S.W.I.M. would like to propose a program of community education to raise awareness and suggest no idling signs be placed in hot spots around Nahant.

Tess Bauta (S.W.I.M): S.W.I.M. hosts a variety of programs each year in town and this year a way we would like to get the message out about no idling is to have a contest to create a banner for 4th-6th graders to create a banner to be posted on flash road playground.

4. Ongoing Business

a. JA: We are hoping to make an appointment to the Board of Assessors and this will be continued to July 28, 2021

b. JA: We are continuing our Comcast hearing on the Comcast Contract renewal to July 28, 2021.

TA: Asked Town Counsel if the Board needs to take a vote to continue the hearing?

Dan Skrip (Town Counsel): Yes they should take a vote to continue the hearing.

Motion:

JA: made a motion to continue the discussion on the Board of Assessors appointment

MC: second

Roll call vote:

MC: yes

GC: yes

JA: yes

Motion:

JA: Do we have a motion to continue the hearing on the Comcast Contract renewal?

MC: So moved

GC: second

Discussion:

Dan Skrip: The Comcast Representative will be at the next meeting to answer any questions regarding service and the public access channel.

Roll call vote:

MC: yes

GC: yes

JA: yes

5. Preserving East Point

JA: We are still trying to find common ground with Northeastern

6. Town Administrators Report

TA: We welcomed the Wall That Heals to town yesterday and it was an amazing reception. We had over a 100 motorcycles, a dozen jeeps, law enforcement from surrounding communities and state, fire departments, coast guard boats in the channel, emergency management, American legion and volunteers. Today we had volunteers construct the wall starting at 8am. We have free parking available. Saturday at 6pm there will be a speaking event at the veterans park.

We are going through the process of hiring an assistant accountant and have a few interviews coming up.

Our new website is getting its finishing touches and will be live soon. On Friday July 23 we will say good bye to Chief Dean Palumbo and swear in new Chief Austin Antrim. On Friday July 30th we will say goodbye to Chief Robert Dwyer and swear in Chief Timothy Furlong. Thank you to State Senator Crighton and State Rep Capano for securing us two earmarks in the state budget.

GC: Asked about doing meetings on Zoom and the plan

TA: The state passed legislation that extends our authority to conduct these meetings remotely until April 2022. It doesn't require us to do them remote but allows us to. It is a committee decision if they want to meet in person or not. We are trying to schedule a zoom meeting with all committee members soon to train them on the new website portion of posting a public meeting.

7. Citizens Forum

Vi Patek: Asked about changing the location and the date of upcoming 4th of July fireworks. We should have a crosswalk at Marjoram Park.

TA: Along with our sign audit we are looking into bus stops, crosswalks and sidewalks to improve safety. When we put in any new crosswalks they have to be ADA compatible.

8. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion:

JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to enter into executive session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation – Northeastern University Marine Science Center, 430 Nahant Road, Nahant, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. I do declare having an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the negotiating body and we will not be returning to open session after executive session

GC: Second

Roll call vote

MC: yes

GC: yes

JA: yes

Meeting adjourned to executive session on July 14, 2021 at 7:38 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristin Taylor, Administrative Assistant on July 16, 2021.

Meeting minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the _____ day of

_____ 2021.