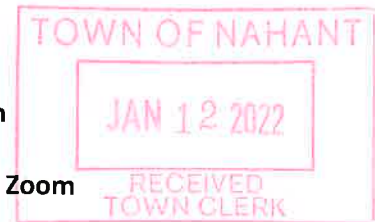


**Town of Nahant  
Joint Meeting  
Board of Selectmen and Board of Health  
Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday September 8, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom  
Joshua A. Antrim, Chairman  
Eugene Canty, Vice Chairman  
Mark P. Cullinan, Recording Secretary  
Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator**



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

**Meeting Opening:**

**JA:** Opened the Joint Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health at 6:01pm on September 8, 2021 via Zoom

**a. Coronavirus Update with Health Nurse Deborah Murphy and Health Officer John Coulon**

**Deb Murphy:** COVID case data from 8/25/21-9/8/21 381 residents tested with 19 positive cases. Total positive cases since the beginning is now 297. August 2020 we had 3 positive cases, August 2021 we had 27.

September 2020 we had 3 positive cases, September 2021 we have 10 so far.

We received our Flu Vaccines and will be scheduling a flu clinic soon.

Vaccination Rate	%
One dose	85% of population
Fully Vaccinated	79% of population
12-15yr olds	76% of age group vaccinated

**TA:** Reminding residents/public that even if you are vaccinated and you live with someone under 12, someone with a weakened immune system, or underlying health issues you should act as though you are not vaccinated b/c you can carry and transmit it to them. It doesn't mean the vaccine is not effective. The town currently does not have a mask mandate in place outside of the school, the COA and the library, but if numbers continue to rise we may put it in place.

**John Coulon:** The State Dept. of Public Health increased the risk level in a number of communities including Nahant and Metro Boston to moderate for the West Nile Virus. We had a mosquito sample test positive for WNV. The state and regional mosquito control commission are keeping an eye on the different types of mosquitos. There have been 11 counties that have had mosquitos test positive for WNV and it is not uncommon this time of year. Eliminate standing water in areas to help stop mosquito population

**2. Opening Comments**

**JA:**

- Compost area is open on Wed&Sat from 9am-3pm. 2021 Nahant resident sticker required.
- Recycling for white goods/tv/computers last Saturday of each month behind DPW. Fees may apply, check only no cash.

- September 11<sup>th</sup> ceremony at the Nahant Fire Station at 10:00am
- S.W.I.M annual autumn beach clean-up from 11am-2pm. Meet at lowlands
- Demakes family YMCA road race September 25<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-10:30am. Meet at Lowlands parking lot
- Trash bills due September 20<sup>th</sup>

### **3. New Business**

#### **a. Vote to change BOS schedule**

**MC:** I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to change their meeting schedule to the fall/winter/spring schedule beginning in October to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month unless posted otherwise **GC:** second

**Roll call vote:**

**MC:** yes

**GC:** yes

**JA:** yes

#### **b. Approve Board of Selectmen meeting minutes**

**MC:** I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes from 7/14/21 and 7/28/21.

**GC:** second

**Roll call:**

**MC:** yes

**GC:** yes

**JA:** yes

#### **c. Approve appointment of assistant to the inspectors**

**GC:** I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the appointment of Kathryn Sherber as the assistant to the inspectors effective August 30, 2021

**MC:** second

**Discussion:** Kathryn also known as KK has taken over Kim Campo's position.

**Roll call:**

**MC:** yes

**GC:** yes

**JA:** yes

#### **d. Approve appointment of Nahant Full Time Fire Fighter**

**GC:** I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the appointment of Douglas Cronin as a Full Time Fire Fighter with the Nahant Fire Department

**JA:** second

**Discussion:**

**TA:** We interviewed four candidates and Doug really stood out. He has been a call fireman and has done a great job.

**Roll call:**

**MC:** abstained

**JA:** yes

**GC:** yes

**e. Vote to approve Nahants Single Precinct Authorization**

**GC:** Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 54, § 6 the Board of Selectmen wish that Nahant, MA stay a single precinct and hereby request the Secretary of the Commonwealth prepare a single precinct map on our behalf.

**MC:** second

**Discussion:**

**TA:** This is a standard procedure after a census. We have always been one precinct and this vote maintains that.

**Roll call**

**GC:** yes

**MC:** yes

**JA:** yes

**f. Vote to buy back cemetery plot**

**GC:** I move the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the requested buy back of the presented cemetery lot containing two cremation plots located in the Southeast Quadrant of the Greenlawn Cemetery, Nahant, MA for the original purchase price of \$750.00 that was previously sold to William DiCarlo.

**MC:** second

**Discussion:**

**JA:** The family would like to sell back the lots to the town

**MC:** The family can only sell them back for the price they purchased them for

**Roll call**

**GC:** yes

**MC:** yes

**JA:** yes

**g. Vote to schedule a special town meeting**

**GC:** I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to order a Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday September 27, 2021 in the Main Hall at The Nahant Town Hall, 334 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA beginning at 7:00pm.

**MC:** second

**Discussion:**

**JA:** This is a Special Town Mtg to approve additional funding for sewer repairs. The Bids for the sewer repairs came in higher than expected and beyond the funds that were previously approved to be borrowed. WE met with the Fin Com and we decided to not delay to regular Town Mtg and have a Special Town Mtg. We have a DEP consent to repair and want to avoid any more breaks which will add to costs.

**TA:** We try to avoid having a Special Town Mtg unless it is essential but given the circumstances it will be more cost effective and prevent us from violating required dates in the ACOP from DEP and lets us take advantage of the Bids we received. Even though the bids are higher than expected they all came from good companies. The town has taken every step possible to approach this issue in a cost effective way. We have studied the

issue and explored alternatives to explore the best option for the town. We procured engineers. When we went to the town in September 2020 for the last borrowing the economic factors that are in place today did not exist. This project coming in over budget isn't the town making a misstep but the condition of the current supply chain issues with material.

**MC:** Tony did you mention that we will be borrowing a low interest state approved loan?

**TA:** Yes. In September 2020 the Town authorized a 4.6 million dollar borrowing through the clean water revolving fund and it gives us a 2% interest rate on a 20 yr borrowing. If the town did it on our own it would have been a 3.5% interest rate. Once we got the bids for this project we reached back out to DEP and asked them if it was possible to increase our previous award from Sept. 2020 and they said it was. By going through this program it will save us around 500,000\$.

**Roll call vote**

**GC:** yes

**MC:** yes

**JA:** yes

#### **f. Special Town Meeting Warrant**

**Motion:**

**MC:** I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept and close the Special Town Meeting Warrant that is to be held on Monday September 27, 2021 at the Nahant Town Hall 334 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA and to send it to the Advisory and Finance Committee to begin taking positions with the understanding that ongoing review will occur by the BOS and modifications may occur at a later time.

**GC:** second

**Discussion:**

**JA:** The town doesn't just take a 3 million dollar loan. We submit invoices to the state as they come in and we get reimbursed.

**TA:** We currently have authorization for 4.6 million that was approved at town mtg 2020. We have 2.4 million left in the original borrowing from 2018. Plus this 3 million will bring us to 10 million. The price for the sewer main job is just over 8 million. Which will give us around 1.2 million above the projected/bid cost of the job. We have other items in the ACOP order that DEP is asking us to approve which is related to I/I issues and sewer stations in town.

It does not require and override. It is a borrowing article. If authorized by the town we will go through the low interest program. The payments on that debt is a debt shift that floats on top of your real estate bill.

**GC:** yes

**MC:** yes

**JA:** yes

**RE Motion:**

**MC:** I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant that is to be held on Monday September 27, 2021 at the Nahant Town Hall 334 Nahant Road, beginning at 7:00pm,

**GC:** second

**Discussion:**

**JA:** read Article 1 the only article on the warrant of the Special Town Meeting on 9/27/21

**Roll call vote:**

**GC:** yes

**MC:** yes

**JA:** yes

**RE:**

**Motion:**

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**GC:** second

**Discussion**

**JA:** the Advisory and Finance Committee are meeting tomorrow night to discuss and the warrant books will be sent to print and mailed out

**Roll call vote**

**GC:** yes

**MC:** yes

**JA:** yes

#### **4. Ongoing Business**

##### **a. RNAV Letter**

**TA:** Shared a letter being sent to MassPort about runway 22L which brings a flight path closer to Nahant. We are asking MassPort to come to a future BOS meeting to address residents and hear their concerns.

##### **b. Vote to Award the bid**

**Motion:**

**MC:** I move that the Nahant Board of Selectmen vote to approve that P. Gioioso and Sons Inc. receive the bid award for the Nahant Sewer Force Main Contract.

**GC:** second

**TA:** Can I suggest an amended version of that motion. We technically can't award the contract because we don't have the funds yet authorized. Can we amend the motion to make it a conditional award upon the authorization of funds for the project.

**MC:** I move that the Nahant Board of Selectmen vote to conditionally approve the contract to P. Gioioso and Sons Inc. for the bid award for the Nahant Sewer Force Main pending appropriation at the Special Town Meeting.

**GC:** second

**Discussion**

**TA:** We had 3 bids from 3 great contractors. All three contractors were qualified. P. Gioioso was the lowest bid at 8.8 million. Gioioso will also be doing other work on the Lynnway.

**Roll call vote:**

**GC:** yes

**MC:** yes

**JA:** yes

#### **5. Preserving East Point**

**Motion:**

**MC:** I move that the Board of Selectmen adopt and execute an order of intention to take conservation easement by eminent domain pursuant to chapter 80A declaring the towns intention to acquire easements on property owned by Northeastern University. The order of intention to take conservation easements by eminent domain dated September 8, 2021 and hereby estimate damages for said taking to be \$2,210,000 as indicated in the order of intention to take and to execute any and all other agreements and or documents related thereto and further to allow the Board of Selectmen chair to approve any minor non-substive changes to said order of intention to take prior to the recording thereof.

**GC:** second

**Discussion:**

**JA:** Read the letter being sent to Northeastern.

Roll call vote

**GC:** yes

**MC:** yes

**JA:** yes

**6. Town Administrators Report**

- Movie night this Friday behind the fire station. Thanked PTO who is providing concessions for sale and the Oceanview for donating the movie screen
- Our Bylaw prohibiting dogs on beaches ends September 30<sup>th</sup>. After Sept 30<sup>th</sup> you can bring your dog on the beach as long as it is leashed. Doggie beach allows dogs all year round unleashed.
- Spring Rd. Court is taking a little longer to be finished. The court has been paved and painted, the fence is put up, and thanks to S.W.I.M we will have some trees planted. We are waiting for the hoops to be delivered to finish
- Flash Road courts is under construction and moving quickly.
- Recycling barrels have been delivered. If you have not received one call the town hall. We are currently working on a list of people who want a second barrel and people requesting a smaller barrel. A second barrel will have a cost to it but a smaller barrel will not.

**7. Citizens Forum**

**Citizen** (no name announced)- Asked about the flash road courts about tennis and pickle ball lines.

**TA:** showed the graphic of what the courts will look like

**8. Adjourn to Executive Session:**

**Motion:**

**JA:** I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn to 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. And I do declare that it would be detrimental.

**MC:** second

**Roll call vote**

**GC:** yes

**MC:** yes

**JA:** yes

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:51pm on September 8, 2021.

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristin Taylor, Administrative Assistant on September 23, 2021.

Meeting minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the \_\_\_\_\_ 6th \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_October\_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

Meeting minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen via Zoom video.