

**Town of Nahant
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 4, 2022 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)

1. Meeting Opening

JA: Opened the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:30pm

JA: read recent COVID statistics

2. Opening Comments

JA announced opening comments:

- a. Spring Boat Launching: Jocelyn Marine will be at the Wharf on May 14th to launch boats. Reservations should be made 1 week in advance by calling Jocelyn at 978-462-9717. Owners can launch earlier if the boat is accessible
- b. 2022 Resident Parking Sticker available for purchase at nahant.org. Stickers are \$10 each. All outstanding bills must be paid to the town and a census must be completed.
- c. Compost area open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9am-3pm. 2022 Residents sticker required. Visit the public works department page at nahant.org for accepted material.
- d. Curbside leaf puck up will be offered on the following Mondays: May 9th and May 23rd. Leaves must be in biodegradable bags only. No plastic bags. Leaves must be at your curbside by 7AM.
- e. Recycling for metal/white goods/tv/computers is the last Saturday of each month from 8:00am-12:00pm behind the DPW Garage on Flash Rd. 2022 Resident sticker required. Certain fees may apply. Visit the public works department page at nahant.org for accepted material.
- f. Town Owned Land Study Committee-Vacancy-Send letters of interest to ktaylor@nahant.org

3. National Grid Public Hearing

- a. Public hearing on a petition from National Grid, North Andover, MA 01845 requesting permission to excavate the public highways and to run underground electric conduits, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary for the transmission of electricity, said underground conduits to be located substantially in accordance with the plan herewith marked: Ocean St. Nahant, MA 01908. Due notice was given to the abutters and notice published in a local newspaper, The Lynn Daily Item.

Motion

MC: "I move that the Board of Selectmen open the National Grid Public Hearing"

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: GC: yes MC: yes JA: yes

Motion:

MC: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the petition submitted by National Grid to excavate the public highways and to run and maintain underground electric conduits, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary for the transmission of electricity, said underground conduits to be located substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked: Ocean St. Nahant, MA 01908. Abutters of #4, #5 and #7 Ocean St. were given due notice of this hearing via certified mail and the hearing notice was published in a local newspaper, the Daily Item."

GC: Seconded the motion

National Grid Representative: Abdel Wahed: I am here on behalf of the resident/customer at 7 Ocean ST. who is requesting to have their service be placed underground. A pole is fairly in front of their property. Roughly 5 feet of conduit will be installed, a 1 3 inch conduit from the existing pole to their property.

Esther Johnson (resident 5 Ocean St.): Asked if it would be possible to move the overhead wires that go to her house underground and if it would be possible to move the pole that is front of her house.

National Grid Representative: You would start with work order request and work with an engineer to see if it is possible. Removing a pole is possible but it is not easy.

Esther Johnson: What are the benefits of putting the wires underground?

National Grid Representative: People like to put their services underground for aesthetic purposes. If a hurricane comes and knocks down a pole and you lose power, even if you have services underground you would still lose power.

Roll call vote: GC: yes MC: yes JA: yes

Motion:

MC: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to close the National Grid Public Hearing"

GC: Seconded the motion

Roll call vote: GC: yes MC: yes JA: yes

4. New Business

a. Vote on Clean Water Trust Borrowing

Motion:

TA: Read the Vote on Clean Water Trust Borrowing document. Document with full vote attached to these minutes

JA: So moved

GC: seconded the motion

Discussion with the TA and selectmen was had on the Clean Water Trust Borrowing and the background of the borrowing.

Roll call vote: GC: yes MC: yes JA: yes

5. Ongoing Business

a. 2022 Town Administrators Goals

Reviewed the 2022 goals for the Town Administrator

TA shared his screen to show the Goals. 4 different categories of goals, Budget/Finances, Communication, General Government Administration and Infrastructure and Climate Change preparation.

b. Approve Employment Contracts for NPD Chief, NFD Chief and DPW Superintendent

Motion:

JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Employment Contract for Nahant Police Chief Timothy Furlong as presented with a term date of June 30, 2024."

GC: Seconded the motion

Roll call vote: GC: yes MC: yes JA: yes

Motion:

GC: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Employment Contract for Nahant Fire Chief Austin Antrim as presented with a term date of June 30, 2024."

MC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: GC: yes MC: yes JA: abstained

Motion:

JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Employment Contract for Nahant Department of Public Works Superintendent Zachary Taylor as presented with a term of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025."

MC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: GC: yes MC: yes JA: abstained

6. Preserving East Point

7. Town Administrators Report

TA: There will be two upcoming town meeting info sessions for town meeting- There will be no fireworks on the 4th of July but we will be doing them on the 9th of July.

8. Citizens Forum

Diane Monteith 20E Seabreeze Lane: Asked for a progress report on the Green Communities Grant and an update on any other projects scheduled and the school roof solar project.

9. Adjourn

Motion:

JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn to executive session

- a.** In accordance with MGL chapter 30A, section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy as to impending litigation against HUD regarding 9 Little Nahant Road; and
- b.** In accordance with MGL chapter 30A, section 21(a)(6) to consider the value of 9 Little Nahant Road if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body and will not return to an open meeting and I do declare that an open meeting would have a detrimental effect."

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: GC: yes MC: yes JA: abstained

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:16pm on Wednesday May 4, 2022

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Administrative Assistant Kristin Taylor on August 2, 2022

Meeting Minutes Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the _7th_ day of _____ September_2022

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